MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

The SAME Small Business Conference

I had a great time attending the small business conference earlier this month in Pittsburgh. The conference is always a wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends and make new ones. I always learn something new about the relationship between the Corps of Engineers and the A/E/C community.

For those who’ve never been to a SAME Small Business Conference before – 2018 is your chance. The conference is once again going to be held here in New Orleans from October 31st to November 2nd. It’ll be a great chance to show off our unique Louisiana and New Orleans culture, our SAME Post, and each of our organizations and businesses. In preparation for this event, we’ll set up a small business conference committee – please let me or Troy Jeanfreau know if you're interested in serving on this committee.

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COL Mike Clancy

HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION

We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm’s experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let’s continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.
LOUISIANA POST MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017
SOCIAL – 11:30 A.M.
POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: JEFFERSON ORLEANS SOUTH
2536 EDENBORN AVE.
METAIRIE, LA 70002

GUEST SPEAKER: MG RICHARD G. KAISER, COMMANDER, MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION, PRESIDENT, MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

TOPIC: UPDATE ON USACE ACTIVITIES

MENU: SALAD, BAKED FISH W/ SHRIMP STUFFING, RICE PILAF PETIT POIS PEAS, DESSERT, ICED TEA & COFFEE

COST: $30.00 MEMBERS; $35.00 NON-MEMBERS; $5.00 STUDENTS

RESERVATIONS: FOR RESERVATIONS VIA E-MAIL:
RICHARD.C.ENTWISLE@USACE.ARMY.MIL
YOU MAY ALSO CALL RICHARD AT (504) 862-1377

OR MAIL PAYMENT TO: SAME, LOUISIANA POST
5321 TOBY LANE
KENNER, LA 70065-2345

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th

THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH

DON’T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.
Maj. Gen. Richard G. Kaiser assumed command of the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Sept. 7, 2017. He also serves as president of the Mississippi River Commission.

Kaiser serves as the senior military officer in the division, headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi, responsible for water resources engineering solutions in a 370,000-square-mile area, extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and encompassing portions of 12 states. The mission of the division is to serve the Mississippi Valley region by managing the watersheds and developing collaborative engineering solutions that will reduce risks through the reduction of flood damage potential, maintain and enhance navigation, and protect, restore and enhance environmental ecosystems; while being prepared to respond to regional and national emergencies. The division’s work is carried out by district offices located in St. Paul, Minnesota; Rock Island, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Memphis, Tennessee; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and New Orleans, La.

Prior to coming to MVD, Kaiser served as commanding general of the Combined Security Transition Command and deputy chief of staff for Security Assistance, Headquarters, Resolute Support, Afghanistan.

Other previous assignments include commander of the USACE Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, Cincinnati, Ohio; deputy chief of staff (operations), Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in England; chief of staff for the 82nd Airborne Division, and commander of the 20th Engineer Brigade at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Operation New Dawn, Iraq; director of operations, 18th Airborne Corps (Rear Det.) at Fort Bragg; commander, Special Troops Battalion – 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light) at Fort Drum, New York, and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan; senior engineer observer/controller for the Combat Maneuver Training Center, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army in Germany; assistant division engineer (later operations officer) for the 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; aide-de-camp to commanding general for the Engineer Officer Advanced Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; commander, Alpha Company, 27th Engineer Battalion at Fort Bragg, and Joint Task Force-180, Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti; assistant engineer plans officer for the 20th Engineer Brigade at Fort Bragg; platoon leader and executive officer for Bravo and Charlie Companies of the 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and during Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia.

Kaiser, a native of Racine, Wisconsin, is a registered professional engineer in Missouri. He graduated from Marquette University in 1987, where he was commissioned into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Marquette University, a master’s degree in engineering management from the University of Missouri - Rolla, and a master’s degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College. His military education includes Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the British Army Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.
Since 1879, the seven-member presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission has developed and matured plans for the general improvement of the Mississippi River from the Head of Passes to the Headwaters. The Mississippi River Commission brings critical engineering representation to the drainage basin, which impacts 41% of the United States and includes 1.25 million square miles, over 250 tributaries, 31 states and two Canadian provinces.