As the summer has come to an end, I am pleased to provide this summary of the great events the Post hosted this season and a glimpse of what is to come this fall.

On July 30, the SAME New Jersey Post hosted a Young Members networking event at the Mercer County Waterfront Park to watch the Trenton Thunder take on the Harrisburg Senators in a doubleheader Class AA baseball game. Guests enjoyed an all-you-can-eat buffet, two games, and fireworks. During the event, the Post presented checks to three of our scholarships recipients. Scholarship recipients Elizabeth Bocchino, studying Mechanical Engineering with minor in Environmental Science at Union College; Thomas Neubauer, studying Biomedical Engineering at Rutgers University, an Army ROTC Cadet and; Matthew Shatynski an Army ROTC Cadet, studying Chemical Engineering at Rutgers University were in attendance. The Post previously made scholarship presentations to the following students: David Behnke, studying Mechanical Engineering at Rutgers University; Denis Boyle, an Army ROTC Cadet studying Mechanical Engineering with concentration in Automotive Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology and; Russell Cotter, an Army ROTC Cadet studying Civil Engineering at Rutgers University.

Additionally, this summer the New Jersey Post sent two of high school students to SAME’s engineering camps. One student was sent to the U.S. Air Force Academy Camp June 26-July 2 in Colorado Springs, CO. The other student attended the U.S. Navy Seabees Camp July 19-25 in Port Hueneme, CA. These week-long camps include hands-on events for students and a portion of the fee is sponsored by the Post. The camps are led by professional engineers and Young Member mentors from SAME.

The New Jersey Post has many events upcoming this fall that I hope you will find relevant to your business:

- **November 19**, Federal Contracting Opportunities Program, Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott (registration is already open at www.regonline.com/fedconopps09)
- **December 3**, Awards & Recognition Luncheon and Post Membership Meeting, Amici Milano Restaurant, Trenton, NJ

On behalf of the New Jersey Post, I look forward to seeing you this fall!

Amy D’Alonzo-Basehoar
New Jersey Post President
NJ Post Supports our Troops!

New Jersey Post held its 13th annual Federal Contracting Opportunities program on 20 Nov 08 at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel with support from the NYC Post. This event attracts more than 250 members and industry professionals from New England through the Mid-Atlantic States and west. In conjunction with the program, the NJ Post also conducts a drive to accept donations of non-perishable items for distribution to our troops serving overseas. In addition to food and recreation items, our program also collects clean, gently loved Beanie Babies and stuffed animals for children in local hospitals and orphanages as well as shoes in good condition for children in Afghanistan. Cash donations are used for the purchase of international telephone calling cards and the cost of the postage for shipping the boxes (about $18 each) is underwritten by the NJ Post operating funds.

The NJ Post’s Support the Troops program, begun in fall 2003 by MAJ David Wong USAR and Susan Boone has been a cornerstone of the Post’s outreach and commitment to our military. Donated goods are collected, sorted, packaged by a team of volunteers on site. Care packages are prepared and mailed in accordance with USPS and U.S. Customs regulations and troop security protocols.

Since the program’s inception in 2003, 4,977 lbs. of items have been collected and shipped to forward operating units, USACE regional offices and others stationed throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay and the letters we have received from the field only reinforce the impact of this activity on the lives of individuals serving our country.

This activity was the best effort ever undertaken by the Post and the results are truly stunning:

- 91 boxes were packaged and mailed, each weighing about 20 lbs.
- 1,802.51 lbs. of items were collected sorted and sent by a team of 12 volunteers from various posts and Sustaining Member firms – this gives new meaning to the phrase “a ton of stuff”.
- 8 destinations in Afghanistan and Iraq received these items before the December holidays

This has been our most successful effort ever and we cannot overstate the importance of both the donors and the volunteers who committed themselves to this undertaking. This year we were fortunate to have BG Todd Semonite, Commander USACE North Atlantic Division and SAME NAR Regional Vice President at our event who was on hand to recognize the volunteers.
On June 4, 2009 24 foursomes accepted the challenge of iffy weather and a difficult Picatinny golf course to show their support for a worthy cause – encouraging young people to choose engineering education by raising money for scholarships. As the shotgun start time neared the clouds parted, the golfers teed off on time, the course played beautifully, and golfers enjoyed a fine round on a great course.

Golfers and guests then retired to Picatinny’s newly refurbished banquet facilities for social hour and a delicious post-golf meal. During dinner the golfers and guests were treated to standup comedy by the incomparable Mike Scarano, who kept the crowd entertained with his musings and clever observations. Skill and scoring prizes were awarded following dinner. In a surprisingly close contest, low net was captured by the team led by Gene Urbanik. The program then got down to business, with Retired Col. John Booth awarding scholarship checks to two deserving students, following an inspiring speech on the importance of encouraging the education of young people to become engineers by NY District Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Ken McDonald. Thanks once again to all the golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and Lt. Col. McDonald for his inspiring words.
Annual NY/NJ Post Harbor Inspection

This year the annual Harbor Tour, a joint meeting of the New Jersey Post and the New York City Post of SAME took place on June 19th. This event is always one of the most well attended of the year, and this year proved no exception.

The tour began with an 8:30AM departure from the Corps of Engineers facility located in the Caven Point area of Jersey City with all the New Jersey Post attendees. Upon leaving the dock, the boat headed across the lower New York Harbor to Battery Point when the New York City Post participants boarded.

From the Battery, the boat USS Hayward made its way up the East river passing under the storied Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Williamsburg Bridges. Upon making its way up the river to the United Nations, the boat turned around and headed down river. While travelling the East River, we passed many projects along the waterfront, including major efforts to rebuild the Brooklyn waterfront.

We then travelled past Governor’s Island, the former Coast Guard station, and passed along side the Queen Mary docked in Brooklyn. We were able to view the refueling of this magnificent ship as we passed.

The tour then headed up the Hudson River, passing the lower New York financial district and the recently refurbished and reopened Intrepid Air and Space Museum. It is always very impressive to see this aircraft carrier and collection of aircraft from the water side.

After travelling up the river further, we turned around to return to the battery, allowed the New York Post participants to leave the boat, and headed back to Jersey City to the Corps facility.

An interesting and informative day was enjoyed by all who attended, and it is certain that this event will be well attended next year.
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HELP US SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Bring items to Newark Airport Marriott on 19 Nov 09

SAME NJ Post has undertaken an effort to send care packages of frequently-requested items to enlisted, commissioned, and reserve troops presently serving in units stationed in Afghanistan, Iraq and Guantanamo Bay. Last year 1,802 lbs. of items were donated during the program and delivered successfully. We prepared and shipped more than 90 boxes averaging 20lbs. each!

Our goal is to send shipments to multiple destinations immediately after our program so they arrive near the December holidays. Please join me in collecting items from the list below and bringing them to the meeting on Thursday, November 19th at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel. When you arrive at the hotel, drive around to the back. We will have volunteers to assist you with your donations. Items will be collected at registration.

We also forward letters of encouragement written to the troops. This is a perfect project for children in your local schools and religious centers and brings heartfelt support to those serving us.

**Items being accepted**

- AT&T International Pre-Paid Telephone Calling Cards. Available at any Target store

- Non-perishable pre-packaged foods. Fruit bars, granola bars, cookies, non-melting candy (M&M’s), powdered drink mixes, coffee, tea, instant creamer, sugar, hot sauce, ketchup, mustard, liquid flavor ice pops, chewing gum, beef jerky, peanuts, pretzels, potato chips, dried fruit snacks, trail mix, raisins, pop tarts, cereal, peanut butter, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, shelf stable milk. Leftover Halloween candy

- Family type magazines. Sports Illustrated, National Geographic, Time, Entertainment Weekly, crossword puzzles. (Please remove or cut out mailing addresses), paperback books, card games, board games (Risk, Uno, checkers, chess), playing cards.

- Personal Hygiene + Basic First Aid Items. Instant hand sanitizers, soap, mouthwash, toothpaste, hand lotion, toothbrushes, soft toilet paper, deodorant, Chapstick, non-aerosol shaving cream, shampoo, wet wipes, sunscreen, razors, feminine hygiene items and feminine products. Band Aids, Advil, cortisone cream, Neosporin.

- Linen. Single (twin) bed sheets that can fit on a cot and pillows, pillow cases. Blankets will be accepted for those serving in Afghanistan.

- Supplies. AA and AAA batteries, writing paper, pencils, small pencil sharpeners, pens, telephone calling cards, Patriotic stickers and emblems. New, unused Christmas and Hanukkah cards.

- Beanie Babies, Soccer Balls and Shoes, Infant clothing and Supplies. New or clean gently used items are accepted to give to children in area hospitals and orphanages. Powdered milk, diapers.

**Items not being accepted**

- Weapons
- Potentially hazardous materials (e.g., mace, aerosol cans, lighter fluid)
- Pornographic materials
- Pork products
- Perishable items (fresh fruit & veggies)
- Chocolate candy that melts
The New Jersey Post is soliciting for a volunteer to serve as Post Secretary. Responsibilities include correspondence and record keeping for the Post. If you or someone you know would be interesting in serving the Post in this capacity, or any other, please email abasehoar@cape-inc.com for more information. The support of you and your company will be greatly appreciated and recognized by the Post. Thank you for your consideration.

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