A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a privilege to be the new President of the SAME Omaha Post, an absolutely outstanding and professional organization. I want to thank the volunteers who have led the Post during recent years. In reviewing the history of the Omaha Post I see an amazing record. It focuses on achieving the Society’s training and education goals, recognizes folks who made outstanding contributions to the Society and to national defense, and makes it fun. The work ethic displayed is amazing and I am honored to join and serve with so many Great Americans.

The Post leaders recently held a strategic planning session to chart our course for another successful year. We reviewed the Society’s Mission, Vision and Values, and identified Post strengths and weaknesses. Our action plan for the 2008-2009 program year focuses on:

- Growing memberships
- Increasing membership benefits
- Improving communications
- Broadening base of relationships
- Having FUN

My first duty as President was to preside over the SDVOSB Outreach Training and Industry Exchange Forum held in Omaha on June 24. By including this new event in our program year, we were able to focus on two of our strategic goals - increasing membership benefits and broadening our base of relationships. The conference was hosted by The Society of American Military Engineers Omaha Post, and the USACE Omaha District and Northwestern Division. It included presentations by the Small Business Administration, the Veteran Administration Procurement Technical Assistance Office, and USACE and other agency staff detailing upcoming opportunities. The event, which helped create partnerships and synergies between Service Disabled Veteran Owned small business concerns and other firms of all sizes, was so successful that we are planning on repeating it next year!

I’d like to thank all the volunteers who made the SDVOSB event so successful. These volunteers, and the firms they represent, provided a benefit for all members and to the service organizations that SAME serves. Let me make it clear to you that your exemplary service was noted. And appreciated.

For those who have not had an opportunity to serve the Omaha Post - we are actively looking for new volunteers. We need to grow leaders that can take the Post into the next decade. From simple tasks such as greeting luncheon attendees to larger responsibilities such as Treasurer - we need you.

Some of the highest benefits of belonging to an organization like SAME are the opportunities to grow your management and leadership skills, increase the number of contacts you network with, and to gain visibility for both you and your firm. Here is your opportunity to take advantage of those benefits! You do not have to be an engineer or in the military - you do have to have time management skills (to balance your day job and your volunteerism) and you do have to have the desire to have fun!

Keying off fun - have you made your reservation to attend the Missouri River/TEXOMA joint regional? Starting with golf on October 21, the event promises to provide opportunities to learn of upcoming work, to network with those from the public and private sides of our industry, and for training and education. The event will also host the SAME Fall Board meeting, and the Senior Executive Group gathering. We know the attendees will include many distinguished individuals - including the current Society President and many of the Service chiefs.

Further information on the Regional conference and on how to become a Post volunteer can be found on our website at www.sameomaha.org.

I look forward to renewing acquaintances at the Regional. And, if we are not already acquainted - please take the time to introduce yourself to me.

Colonel David Press
President, Omaha Post
Society of American Military Engineers
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 22 – 24, 2008
SAME Design/Build Workshop
Chicago, Illinois
For more information, visit www.same.org

October 21 – 23, 2008
Mo River/TEXOMA Regional Conference
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
Golf Outing at Tiburon Golf Club
9:00 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
3:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony
Icebreaker at Embassy Suites
6:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall

Wednesday, October 22, 2008
Technical Sessions at the Embassy Suites

Thursday, October 23, 2008
Technical Sessions at the Embassy Suites

Thursday, November 20, 2008
General Membership Meeting
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Program TBD
Location: Doubletree Hotel*

Thursday, December 18, 2008
Omaha Post Holiday Party
Drinks and Appetizers!!
Watch the Omaha Post website for more details.
Location: TBD

* Doubletree Hotel is located at 1616 Dodge Street

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Senior Executive Group and Fall Board Meeting Bring Top Decision-Makers to Missouri River/TEXOMA Joint Regional

By COL David C. Press, and Jeanne LeBron, F.SAME

October 21-23 of this year brings exciting opportunities to the attendees of the Missouri River/TEXOMA joint regional. With the Senior Executive Group (SEG) and the Fall Board Meeting being held in conjunction with the conference, attendees will be given unique opportunities to network and gain visibility with key decision makers from both the private and public side of the A/E/C industry. The Board will meet on the 21st, and will dismiss for the day immediately before the Ice Breaker. The SEG will meet on the 22nd, although the group will take a break during the lunch hour to meet with Fellows and Young Members. Gen Van Antwerp will kick off the SEG/YM/Fellows lunch, and will then invite attendees of this special lunch to network with SEG members in an “Eight-on-Eight table format”.

Shown below is a list of the 2008-2009 Board of Direction, followed by a list of current members of the SEG.

National Officers (4):
- President: RADM Wayne “Greg” Shear, P.E., CEC, USN
- 1st Vice President: LTG Robert L. Van Antwerp, P.E., F.SAME, USA
- Vice President and Chair, Academy of Fellows: RADM Robert Williams, P.E., F.SAME, USPHS
- Vice President: MG Robert Griffin, USA (Ret.), CH2M HILL
- Executive Director: Dr. Bob Wolff, P.E., F.SAME (Non-voting)
- Treasurer: Vincent Laino, Weston Solutions, Inc. (Non-voting)

Past President of the Society (1):
- Maj Gen Delwyn “Del” R. Eulberg, P.E., F.SAME, USAF

Regional Vice Presidents (15):
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- Lower Mississippi: Michael Rogers, US Army Corps of Engineers
- Middle Atlantic: Brig Gen Tim Byers, F.SAME, USAF
- Missouri River: COL Don Curtis, USA (Ret), HDR
- New England: Mr. Dick Waterman, EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc.
- North Atlantic: BG Todd Semonite, USA
- Northwest: CDR Rob Frazier, P.E., F.SAME, USN (Ret.), EIG Ltd.
- Ohio Valley: Ernie Drott, USACE
- Pacific: Col Bill Corson, USAF
- Rocky Mountain: Julie Timmons, Farnsworth Group
- South Atlantic: CAPT Michael Blount, P.E., CEC, USN
- South Central: Col Steve Hoarn, USAF
- Southwest: COL Janice Dombi, USA
- Texoma: Lt Col Clayton Perry, F.SAME, USAF (Ret.), Tetra Tech, Inc.

Mission Committee Chairs (8):
- College Outreach: Ben Matthews, Carter & Burgess
- Education and Training: Col Marvin Fisher, USAF (Ret.), PBSJ
- Engineering & Construction Camps: COL Ron Brown, USA (Ret.), Sundt Construction (Also Elected Director)
- Environmental: Cathy Knudsen, Test America, Inc
• International: LTC Michael Duffy, P.E., USA (Ret), CoMark Building Systems
• K-12 Outreach: Lt Col Mary Matthews Hains, P.E., F.SAME, USAF (Ret), AMEC
• Readiness & Homeland Security: LTC Robert Adamski, P.E., F.SAME, USA (Ret), Gannett Fleming Inc.
• Noncommissioned Officer: CMSgt Ken Miller, USAF (Ret.), Northrop Grumman
• Small Business: Mercedes Enrique, Custom Mechanical Systems
• Young Member: Maj Pat Miller, P.E., USAF (Also Elected Director)

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• Rick Cunningham. RA, F.SAME, PB
• Gene Hubbard, P.E., CFM, SES, NAVFAC
• Maj. Patrick Miller, P.E., USAF

2007-2010
• CAPT Paz Gomez, P.E., CEC, USN
• COL Richard Thompson, P.E., F.SAME, USA (Ret.), City of Hope
• LTC Neal Wright, P.E., F.SAME, USA (Ret), HSMM
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2008 - 2011
• RADM Gary A. Engle, P.E., CEC, USN (Ret), URS
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• Jeanne M. LeBron, F.SAME, TSP
• Matthew T. Wallace, Navstar

Appointed Directors (Non-Voting):
• Mr. Bruce D’Agostino, Executive Director, Construction Management Association of America (May07 – Oct08)
• Lt Col Tom Mitchell, USAF (Ret.), 2nd Chair, International Facility Management Association (May08 – Oct 09)

Current list of the Senior Executive Group:
• RADM Richard Barror, Ph.D., P.E., Chief Engineer, US Public Health Service
• RADM Dale G. Gabel, Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics and Chief Engineer U.S. Coast Guard
• RADM Greg Shear, P.E., CEC, Chief of Civil Engineers and Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
• LTG Robert L. VanAntwerp, P.E., F.SAME, Chief of Engineers and Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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• Ms. Mercedes Enrique, Chair, SAME Small Business Council President & CEO, Custom Mechanical Systems
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OMAHA POST AND REGIONAL CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS PERFORM COMMUNITY WORK AT BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

In conjunction with the Mo River/TEXOMA Regional Conference scheduled for October 21-23, 2008, members of the conference planning committee and the Omaha Post sponsored a project to give back to the community that utilized their engineering and construction skills!

Members of the Omaha Post, along with family members, volunteered a Saturday morning to refurbish the outdoor education area directly behind the Brook Valley School. Due to vandalism and underutilization, the area had become overgrown and students were unable to use it. The project included clearing out and refurbishing a walking path that extends down a slope through a small stand of trees to a reading area, and continues around coming up at the far end. New benches were constructed for the reading area, and stairs were constructed on both ends of the path.

The mission of Brook Valley is to provide unique and creative individual education programs for students with severe special needs in eastern Nebraska and southwest Iowa. These students have a variety of needs including developmental and language delays, autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing difficulties, emotional regulation, and behavioral problems. The students benefit from a low student to staff ratio.

Brook Valley School began in 1996 and is located at 6960 South 110th Street, LaVista, Nebraska. Brook Valley is sponsored by Education Service Unit #3 and local School Districts contract with Brook Valley to provide special education services on an individual basis to their students. Tuition received from the Districts provides for individualized education programs for each student and is used entirely to cover education expenses.
Conti Federal Services awarded Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Range Residue Removal Task Order

Conti Federal Services, Inc. was awarded on June 26, 2008 a $1,083,652 cost-plus-fixed-fee task order for Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Range Residue Removal at Oklahoma, Yukon and Blair Lakes Bombing and Gunnery Ranges within the Pacific Alaska Range Complex, Eielson AFB, Alaska. Conti will execute this work with the assistance of its team member, EOD Technology, Inc. of Lenoir City, Tennessee. The work is expected to be completed by October 31, 2008. Conti performs construction and environmental services nationwide from its headquarters in South Plainfield, New Jersey. The task order is being performed under Conti’s Worldwide Environmental Restoration Contract (WERC) with the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (FA8903-04-D-8684).

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Teachers, Engineers, and Architects, as Mentors, for Pre-college Students in Need of Schools and Teachers to Assist

The Peter Kiewit Institute UNO and the Society of American Military Engineers are looking for schools and mentors to assist TEAMS of students in a Real World Program which introduces pre-college students from local area Middle and High Schools to careers in engineering and architecture. Teachers may be from any curriculum, but a background in math or science is recommended. Engineers, Architects, or scientists willing to Mentor about an hour each week from September through April are needed for the Student teams. Benefits: Teachers access engineering and architectural industry resources; Professionals may qualify for up to 30 Professional Development Hours; Students solve real world problems with real world professionals.

Join the TEAMS (Teachers, Engineers, and Architects, as Mentors, for pre-college Students) respond to the Program Administrator at (402) 554-2098. Additional information on the Student Mentoring Program may be obtained at, http://www.pki.nebraska.edu/simp.
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
ANNE PETERSON

Position on the SAME Board?
Vice President for Student Mentoring

What's your "day" job? I am a landscape architect with 32 years of experience - 29 years with HDR. I’ve worked on a variety of projects involving site design, streetscapes, wetlands, bridge aesthetics, park and recreational projects, federal projects and landscape design.

Personal Information. I am a former Air Force brat. My father retired as a Colonel in 1972, after having participated as a pilot in WWII, and was also involved in Korea and Vietnam. Our family ended back in Dubuque, Iowa after all our travels. I attended Iowa State to study landscape architecture. I am now blessed with two college-aged children. Stephanie, 24, is a graduate student in Architecture at UNL and a long-time participant in the SAME Student Mentoring program. Joel, 21, is a senior in Architectural Engineering at UNO and participated in SAME SMP in middle school. My hobbies/interests are gardening (never found a flower shop or nursery I can pass up), almost all sports, and puzzles (word and jigsaw). I am also on the Omaha Public Arts Commission.

How did you become involved with SAME? I found out about SAME through my daughter’s participation in the SMP in middle school at St. Pius/St. Leo. After that, I became a mentor for Marian HS and also got involved on the SMP Steering committee.

What has been personally fulfilling/beneficial from your work with SAME? I absolutely love working with both high school and middle school students. The SAME SMP is an excellent vehicle in providing the engineering/architecture experience to students. I’ve seen its influence in my own family just by the studies my children have chosen.

What project/task/endeavor have you been most excited/proud to work on in conjunction with SAME? My years as an SAME SMP mentor have been most rewarding to me. I’ve had a chance to see some of my mentored students enter the professional fields of engineering and architecture.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? 5 years? 15 years with SAME? I am looking forward to helping the Student Mentoring Program continue to grow and improve. I would like to attend more SAME Luncheons and get to know more members beyond the SMP participants.

What are the goals you hope to accomplish during your time in your position on the board? My goal for the SMP is to keep up its high standards and get even more schools involved. We are always reviewing the program to keep it up to date, and that includes adding criteria about sustainability to the projects this year. Another goal is to share more information about SAME member’s work, projects, and accomplishments with the program participants.

What benefits do you see for our community through SAME’s work? Speaking from my experience, I’ve already seen the excellent results from our mentoring program when following up with past participants. I think we can further benefit the community by following up with our SMP participants as they enter into college and their career fields.

What would you say to an individual thinking about joining SAME? An SAME membership is an invitation to not only make professional connections, but to also expand your awareness of other professions because of our members’ diversity. It is also an opportunity to give back to the local and national community.

Any other info you wish to share. One of the reasons you may have become an engineer, architect or other problem solving type professional is because you enjoy a challenge. I challenge you to become a mentor in the SAME Student Mentoring Program. Observing and guiding students toward their project’s solutions is very satisfying. As they say, “it’s not the destination, it’s the journey”.

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TSP ANNOUNCES NEW ASSOCIATE

Omaha, Nebraska – TSP, a regional architecture, engineering and construction management services firm, recently promoted Jeanne LeBron to Associate.

Jeanne LeBron, CPSM, joined TSP in November 2007 and serves as Chief Marketing Officer. Jeanne brings years of marketing management experience to the firm, including knowledge gained from working at architectural and engineering firms during the last twelve years. She is a graduate of Bellevue University with a BS in Global Management, as well as a graduate from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Omaha program. Jeanne leads the strategic business development and marketing for the firm.

She is an active participant in the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the Society of Marketing Professional Services (SMPS).

THE SCHEMMER ASSOCIATES INC. INTRODUCES NEW ASSOCIATES

Omaha, Nebraska - The Schemmer Associates Inc. (Schemmer) introduces its newest associates in the company – Kevin Flecky, AIA, manager of the Facilities Division’s architectural department, and Todd Cochran, P.E., Roadway Engineer in the Transportation Division’s Lincoln office.

Kevin Flecky joined the firm in 2007. He is an architect registered in five states, and he has served as project manager on a variety of projects throughout the Midwest in a career spanning 25 years.

Todd Cochran joined the firm in 1997. A registered engineer in the State of Nebraska, he has been lead designer on a number of urban road design projects.
HDR’s Federal Group Names New Western Region Federal Director

Wally Hise has joined HDR’s Federal Program as the Western Region Federal director. Hise will lead HDR’s efforts in the West with a focus on developing and implementing strategies for emerging markets, new business opportunities, and key clients and contracts.

A professional engineer, Hise has more than 23 years of engineering, marketing, management and business development experience. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil and environmental engineering and has completed graduate studies in business with emphasis in marketing, management and organizational development. He is based in the Salt Lake City office.

Before joining HDR, Hise served as the vice president of Sales & Account Management for The Shaw Group for four years. He currently serves on several advisory boards for both marketing and technical professional organizations.

15 YEARS!

The Student Mentoring Program is 15 years old this year and we want to do it up BIG. Anyone who has photos, videos, reminiscences, etc they would like to share, please contact the Program Administrator.

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2008-2009 Omaha Post Officers

Officers for the 2008-2009 Omaha Post Board were sworn in during our General Membership luncheon on June 26, 2008. Mr. Don Curtis, SAME Regional Vice President, officiated the ceremony. Below is a listing of the 2008-2009 officers:

**President:**
COL David C. Press, USACE

**1st Vice President:**
Mary Erwin, HDR

**Secretary:**
Kimberly Collins, USACE

**Treasurer:**
Paula Wells, Gonzalez

**Vice President for Membership:**
John Remus, USACE

**Vice President for Industry Day:**
Bert Matya, USACE

**Vice President for Student Mentoring:**
Anne Peterson, HDR

**Director for Young Members:**
Andrew Barry, USACE

**Director for Communications:**
Christie Kampschneider, URS

**Director for Readiness and Awards:**
Dave Packard, USACE

**Past President:**
Bill Glismann, HGM

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**HDR’s Work to House Global Hawk Featured in The Military Engineer**

An article in the November/December issue of The Military Engineer, a publication of the Society of Military Engineers, features HDR’s work to design a two-bay hangar at Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

Beale AFB has been associated with some of the most interesting aircraft in the U.S. Air Force inventory. The list includes the U-2, the SR-71 and now, the latest addition to the Beale inventory — the RQ-4 — also known as the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle.

The Global Hawk is an increasingly important element in the U.S. war against terror. With an ability to fly for more than 30 hours, the unmanned aerial vehicle sends high-resolution imagery in near real-time to ground-based support troops. The pilot less aircraft has demonstrated its value in missions over Afghanistan and Iraq since its initial deployment in 2001.

When Beale AFB was picked as the U.S. operational home for the Global Hawk, HDR set to work to design a two-bay hangar to support the mission. The arrival of this new mission at the northern California base prompted a need for a new two-bay hangar dedicated to support the operational mission of the Global Hawk.
To make the best use of this new facility in an environment of rapidly shifting military missions and priorities, HDR was asked to design hangar space that would be flexible enough to house other types of aircraft, including some with wingspans even greater than the 128 feet of the second generation model of the Global Hawk.

The biggest challenge for HDR was to find a way to accommodate the 400-foot frontage of the two-bay hangar along an apron that sloped four feet, yet keep the project within tight budget limitations. HDR designed a solution that placed the administrative and maintenance facilities between the two bays so each could be built on level ground, reducing the budget by $3 million by eliminating the need to repave the apron.

The result is 23,000 square feet of hangar space separated by 12,000 square feet of administrative and maintenance facilities built within budget restrictions. With simple modifications, each hangar bay can be modified to accommodate a variety of aircraft.

The article features a shared byline between two HDR employees. The co-authors are Rick Andrew, senior project manager and Jeff Labenz-Hough, Federal program marketing manager, both with HDR’s San Antonio office.

Andrew Schroeder Attends SAME/Seabees Engineering Camp

This summer I was given the opportunity to attend the week long SAME/Seabees Engineering Camp in Port Hueneme, California. There, I participated in engineering activities, spoke with people familiar with the field, and competed in plenty of competitions, all while having a great time with kids from all over the world.

Although we spent most of our time working on competitions, we also had time for numerous other activities such as playing ultimate frisbee, touring local engineering firms, visiting the beach, and even holding a camp Olympics. The competitions included building a Popsicle bridge, designing and testing concrete beams, and racing cardboard boats we designed and built ourselves. My personal favorite was the cardboard boat race which my group won, of course.

For this competition, each group was given some cardboard, plastic wrap, utility knives, and duct tape and were told to build a boat which would be raced across a pool. I really enjoyed building it because it was fun to see everyone’s design ideas come together. Because we had designed our boat to use folds instead of cuts, it kept water out more effectively so it still was able to stay afloat when everyone else’s had fallen apart. Everyone had a great time doing it and it gave me some great experience working with a team to help solve a problem.

In all, the trip was a great chance for me to gain some experience in group engineering projects, learn about the different types of engineering, and gain friends around the world who I still talk to almost daily. So, in conclusion, I’d like to thank the Omaha SAME Post for giving me the opportunity to attend this engineering camp and gain the great experiences that I did.
DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY

Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska – With clear blue skies overhead and the sun reflecting beautifully off its windows, members of the Air Force Weather Agency officially dedicated their new $30-million headquarters building during a ribbon cutting ceremony here August 22, 2008.

In attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony was Sen. Ben Nelson and representatives from the offices of Sen. Chuck Hagel and Rep. Lee Terry.

"I'm proud that the agency is headquartered right here at Offutt, in our home state of Nebraska," Sen. Nelson said. "Air Force weather has a long and storied history ... and I can't think of a better place to house this talented crew."

The new 188,000 square foot facility will help the agency consume between 50 and 60 percent less energy compared to a typical office building of its size. This includes improving environmental efficiency of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment, improving recycling capabilities and employing the latest energy efficiency practices to conserve electricity.

The new building was built as a military construction project for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District by the Kiewit Building Group.

Omaha Post President and Commander of the Omaha District USACE, COL David C. Press, helps cut the ribbon for new AFWA.
NEW ORLEANS WORK FEATURED IN CURRENT ISSUE OF THE MILITARY ENGINEER

The cover story and photo of the July/August 2008 issue of The Military Engineer, a publication of the Society of Military Engineers, features HDR’s work developing the program management systems to help the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rebuild and complete the hurricane and storm damage risk reduction system in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The impact of the 2005 storms will be felt for many years and HDR is involved in ongoing work to build a new Hurricane Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System for the New Orleans area.

The article features a shared byline between two HDR employees and the USACE director of Task Force Hope, the entity established in the aftermath of the hurricanes to focus exclusively on building the Hurricane Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System. The HDR co-authors are Duane Gapinski, vice president and director of the east region Federal programs with HDR’s Charlotte, N.C. office, and Ed Bishop, director of project delivery for the Environmental and Resource Management business group with HDR’s Omaha office. Karen Durham Aguilera is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ director of Task Force Hope.

Gapinski and Bishop both joined HDR in the fall of 2006 and spent most of their first year with the company working from New Orleans to coordinate the preparation of a detailed cost estimate and risk assessment for Task Force Hope. The article recounts the work involved in this effort.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The Omaha Post is currently accepting press releases, members in the news, job opportunities, etc. for our winter 2008 newsletter. Please email your articles by December 1, 2008, to Christie Kampschneider at c_kampschneider@urscorp.com.

DOUG PLACK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Please help us remember Doug and continue his legacy of mentoring, assisting, and participating. Please donate to the Doug Plack Memorial scholarship by sending your check, made payable to SAME-Omaha Post, to Box 24804, Omaha, NE 68124. Please note on the memo line that the check is for the Plack Scholarship Fund. Thank you to those who have donated so far!