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**Tuesday, June 24, 2008**

General Membership Meeting  
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. 
*Installation of New Officers Breakfast*

Special Reception  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 
*Meet the new Omaha Post President Colonel David C. Press*

**Location:** Doubletree Hotel*

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**Tuesday, June 24, 2008**

SDVOSB Outreach Training and Industry Exchange Forum Two  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
*Presentations by the Small Business Administration, the Veteran Administration Procurement Technical Assistance Office, and by USACE and other Agency staff detailing upcoming opportunities*

**Location:** Doubletree Hotel*

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**Thursday, July 24, 2008**

General Membership Meeting  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 
*Scott Hastings Air Force Reserve Command*

**Location:** Doubletree Hotel*

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**Tuesday, July 29 – Wednesday, July 30, 2008**

2nd Annual Post Small Business Conference  
(with participation by AFCEE and 311HSW/SB)  
*For more information, please visit: [http://www.same-satx.org/docs/sbw2008.html](http://www.same-satx.org/docs/sbw2008.html)*

**Location:** Marriott Northwest, San Antonio, TX

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**Thursday, August 28, 2008**

General Membership Meeting  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 
*Michael Conzett Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects*

**Location:** Doubletree Hotel*

*Doubletree Hotel is located at 1616 Dodge Street*
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SDVOSB OUTREACH TRAINING AND INDUSTRY EXCHANGE FORUM TWO

The Society of American Military Engineers Omaha Post, the USACE Omaha District and Northwest Division Regional Business Office present the SDVOSB Outreach Training and Industry Exchange Forum Two.

The event, scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 24th, will include presentations by the Small Business Administration, the Veteran Administration Procurement Technical Assistance Office, and by USACE and other Agency staff detailing upcoming opportunities. A limited amount of time will be available for SDVOSb firms to present a 3-minute presentation regarding their capabilities and capacities.

Registration will be available soon on the SAME Omaha Post website. www.sameomaha.org

Registration fees, including lunch:

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Please note:

The event will be held in conjunction with two other Post events:

- 7:30-9:00 a.m.  
  Installation of Omaha Post 2008-2009 Officers breakfast. Registration fee is $15/person.  
  and

- 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
  Special Invitation to meet the New Post President, COL David Press. Registration is limited to: attendees of the Forum, active federal government employees, and SAME Fellows and one guest. Registration Fee is $5/person.

STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM
JUDGES ORIENTATION SESSION

The SMP introduced a new procedure this year as a result of comments from our yearly surveys of all our volunteers. It is an Orientation session for our judges, which was held at The Peter Kiewit Institute April 10, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seventeen of the twenty judges were able to attend. The Orientation was lead by Chuck Paukert of SEH and Anne Peterson of HDR who briefed the judges on the survey concerns and offered helpful tips. An experienced panel of two teachers; Anna Sumner from Westside MS and Steve Hamersky from Gross HS, and one mentor, John Remus from USACE provided their points of view on “does and don’ts” from the students’ perspectives. All the material from the Orientation session has been posted to our web site, www.pki.nebraska.edu/simp under “Program Information” with the prefix “Evaluator”.

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STUDENT INITIATIVE MENTORING PROGRAM
2007 – 2008 SCHOOL YEAR

Over 350 students from metropolitan Omaha and Council Bluffs schools concluded six months of effort to participate in the day long 13th annual Engineering/Architectural Student Mentoring Program Competition and Awards at the Scott Conference Center on the UNO campus. The program is sponsored by the Society of American Military Engineers and The Peter Kiewit Institute.

A total of ten Junior High/Middle School and fourteen High School teams participated in the program giving written and oral presentations of their projects which varied from a “USA Swimming International Complex” to an “Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial”.

Our goal is to introduce pre-college students to “Real World” engineering/architectural concepts. This is accomplished through a six month program in which each team identifies a project, researches that project, writes a report and gives an oral presentation on the report. Each team is mentored by at least one professional from the many local Engineering and Architectural firms.

This year 59 professional architects, engineers, and scientists from 34 companies along with 27 teachers from 20 schools volunteered at least one hour per week for about 30 weeks to mentor High School and Middle School students on a wide range of projects chosen by the students. An additional 20 plus professionals volunteered at least two days of their time to evaluate the team reports and oral presentations.

The Keynote Speaker was NASA Astronaut and Nebraska native Clayton C. Anderson. He gave a very inspirational talk on perseverance and preparation and an emotional discussion of the impact on his Nebraska upbringing praising his mother and father. Astronaut Anderson also gave mementoes to each student of the winning teams as well as posed with them in their award photo. He was presented a framed photo from his last Keynote presentation at the 2001 Awards Ceremony showing him and his mother talking to several of the students. Alice Anderson died on December 12, 2007 about one month after Clayton returned from his five months at the International Space Station. The Center videoed the event and we plan to post it to our web site. There were around 550 attendees including students, parents, teachers, and mentors at the event.

Two seniors participating in the program each received $1,000 scholarships:
Jared Kreher, Daniel J Gross High
Evan Hilgemann, Millard West High
The overall winners of the Omaha Post President’s Award of Honor from the Jr. High/Middle School and High School Divisions each received $1,000 and a Chrystal Plaque:

McMillan Magnet Team 1: “Robo-Cop Security”

Daniel J. Gross High: “Sheltering Tree Residential Development”

The Winners of the Junior High/Middle School Division Awards of Distinction each receiving $250 and a Chrystal Plaque:

McMillan Magnet Team 2: “Simple Slug Shoot”  
Sponsored by Olive Branch Integrated Outdoor Design

LaVista Jr. High: “Remaking the LVJH Cafeteria”  
Sponsored by Short Elliott Hendrickson

Westside Middle: “OI CSO”  
Sponsored by The Schemmer Associates

Beveridge Middle: “Going GREEN at School”  
Sponsored by Kelly Klosure Systems

Bennington Jr. High: “Tim Ohrt Park Revitalization”  
Sponsored by Woolpert Inc.

The Winners of the High School Division Awards of Distinction each received $250 and a Chrystal Plaque:

Papillion LaVista High: “Pedestrian Cross Walk”  
Sponsored by HDR Inc.

Bennington High: “Wetland and Outdoor Classroom”  
Sponsored by DLR Group

Omaha North High Team 2: “USA Swimming International Complex”  
Sponsored by URS Corporation

Omaha North High Team 1: “Omaha on Track”  
Sponsored by Lamp Rynearson & Associates

Abraham Lincoln High: “Green House Implementation”  
Sponsored by Leo A. Daly Company

In addition schools received Silver and Gold Level Recognition for five different categories. More information may be found at: http://myweb.unomaha.edu/~rsingleton/.
Position on the SAME Board?
I’m not currently on the SAME Board. I’m doing this as a favor to Christie Kampschneider (communications) while the new board members take their positions.

What’s your "day" job?
I’m semi-retired. I retired from the Omaha District Corps of Engineers after 30+ years of service in 2006. I currently work part time with the Omaha Office of URS. Some of my duties include review of deliverables, and assisting in proposal preparation for new potential work.

Personal Information
I’m married with two step children, Justin and Brenda. They are both married and live in the Omaha area. We have four grandchildren (2 boys and 2 girls) ages 1 to 4. Brenda, and her husband Rusty are expecting their third child, and it’s going to be a boy (they have two girls). The new addition to the family is due in early July. In October they will be moving to Hawaii (sounds like grandma will be taking a vacation).

How did you become involved with SAME?
About 20 some years ago, I supported the SAME regional conference as publicity chairman. What an exciting challenge. I really learned a lot from that experience. The conference was a huge success with close to 1000 participants.

What has been personally fulfilling/beneficial from your work with SAME?
Being a judge in the annual SIMP competition was very rewarding. To see the young talents come together and the sophistication of some of the projects was really amazing. Good job Roy and SIMP supporters.

What project/task/endeavor have you been most excited/pride to work on in conjunction with SAME?
Although I’ve not been on the front line, I have over the years supported the SAME Industry Day. That is quite an undertaking – some would say somewhat thankless. But there are those out there, myself included, which recognize what a huge undertaking this is each year. Thanks.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? 5 years? 15 years with SAME?
I think the Omaha Post has some fine programs, and I look forward to participating in them (especially the golf outing). Five years out is about as far as my personal vision takes me regarding active SAME participation. The semi in semi-retired is going to fade out. I’m glad to see the Air Force getting more involved and strongly encourage their participation. The post should make a point to nurture that relationship.

What benefits do you see for our community through SAME’s work?
I’ve not thought of SAME and the Omaha Post as a community oriented organization per say. I’ve thought of it as more of a professional society focused on developing relationships between the private industry and the military. But on further thought, some of the investments we have made through mentoring and sponsorship of young engineers, scientists, and technicians has long and far reaching effects in making our communities better.

What would you say to an individual thinking about joining SAME?
Do it. You will develop professional and personal relationships which will last a life time.

Any other info you wish to share.
Keep up the good work, and thanks for the opportunity to share some of my thoughts.
LEBRON NAMED FELLOW OF SAME

Jeanne LeBron, Chief Marketing Director of TSP, has been installed as a Fellow in the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). She received the honor after meeting rigorous selection criteria as well as receiving endorsements from leaders from within both the public and private communities. This high honor is bestowed on only an elite three percent of SAME’s membership, and is even more of an honor for a female without a military background. (The Academy includes 706 Fellows, of which approximately 55% are active or retired military, and 94% are male.)

SAME established the Academy of Fellows as a forum to recognize SAME members who have so distinguished themselves as to be nominated and selected to the prestigious Academy. Nominees to the Academy must meet certain standards and each nominee is carefully considered by the reviewing committee and referred to the SAME Board of Direction for approval.

For the past 11 years, LeBron has been an active member of various SAME Posts and has served in many key local, regional, and national positions. She was the Omaha Post President in 2006-2007. During her term, the Omaha Post was designated a Distinguished Post. She was the recipient of the Missouri River regional, “2003 President’s Award of Excellence”, the 2002 Omaha Post President’s Award for Excellence, and two Region RVP Medals. LeBron served as a Program Track Chair for the 2007 SAME National Convention. Her performance was so outstanding that the 2008 National Convention Program Team asked her to serve in the same capacity at the 2008 SAME National Convention. She did not hesitate in accepting a second year in this demanding position.

LeBron continues to serve The Society at a high level, as she is currently a Co-Chair for the Missouri River/Texoma Joint Regional to be held in Omaha during October of 2008, and was newly installed as an 2008-2011 elected director on SAME’s Board of Direction.
Adam McIntyre is the recipient of the Society of American Military Engineers 2007 Student Certificate of Achievement which is awarded annually to individuals who contribute to the success of Student Chapters or mentoring programs of the Society based on:

1. Active participation in a SAME student chapter or SAME student mentoring program,
2. Planning and execution of professional development activities associated with architecture, engineering, construction, environment, and related disciplines under the auspices of SAME,
3. Participation in community service activities.

Adam has managed to meet all the criteria in addition to his educational commitments. He has actively participated in the UNO SAME Student Chapter over the past three years. He is the current President of the UNO SAME Student Post and has coordinated with the UNO Chapter of ASCE to improve attendance at both groups’ meetings. He is an active member of the Omaha Post SAME, attending Board and monthly Post many activities that bring together students and Meetings, and assists in the SAME Student Initiative Mentoring Program. He has planned and conducted industry professionals and has coordinated multiple field trips to regional sites of significant prominence to engineering disciplines. He has actively promoted participation in service activities through coordinated efforts with the UNO Society of Women Engineers.

In the past three years, Adam has planned and conducted professional development activities associated with architecture, engineering, construction, environment, and related disciplines under the auspices of SAME. Activities have included:

- Coordinating monthly luncheon meetings for students featuring industry professionals as guest speakers,
- Planning and implementing site visits for SAME student members to various engineering and architectural firms in Omaha,
- Suggested and helped establish a year-end field trip to a regional site of significant prominence to engineering.

Adam is a senior at UNO majoring in Civil Engineering. Congratulations to Adam McIntyre on a very commendable achievement.
**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
Steven Houser, T N & Associates, Inc.
Megan Kari, PE, Bay West, Inc.
Austin Yates, HWS
James Harding, Jr.

**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!

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