A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of my primary goals as president of the Omaha Post is to return the Post to its standing as a “Distinguished Post.”

Because Omaha is a large Post, we must receive all five streamer awards offered by National to achieve this recognition. If our plans hold true for the remainder of the year, we should be in good standing to receive all five streamers which include:

- Membership
- Education and Training
- Outreach and Communication
- Relationships Recognition
- Readiness and Homeland Security

The present board has only been in office for three months, but has been very busy working toward this goal. Our primary annual fundraiser, the Industry Day/Golf Outing was held August 4-5, and was a major success. Thanks to all who participated.

In the past, we have struggled to meet the detailed requirements for the Readiness and Homeland Security streamer. This element requires investment of time and attention to organizational preparation. We have a great group working on this committee who have been meeting almost weekly to update our plan. The committee hopes to wrap up its work by the end of the year and we should be in good standing in this category.

Our Young Member Group continues to grow, with members becoming more active in the Post. The group has hosted several young member activities and is playing a key role in getting the student post up and running again.

With a great group of individuals on our board and committees, I am confident this year will be a success and that we will return to being a Distinguished Post. Of course, we are always looking for more good people to join our group of volunteers, so if you are interested in becoming involved, please contact me or any board member.

Mary Erwin
Omaha Post President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Christian New, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Lianne Lau, URS Corporation
Mark McNamara, USACE Omaha District
Curtis Miller, USACE Omaha District
CPT Robert Small, USACE Omaha District
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 8, 2009
General Membership Meeting
Luncheon @ 11:30 a.m.
   Topic: Key metrics to efficient administration and operations during trying financial times
Location: Hilton Hotel

Thursday, November 12, 2009
General Membership Meeting
Luncheon @ 11:30 a.m.
   Topic: Low Impact Development
Location: Hilton Hotel

Thursday, December 10, 2009
General Membership Meeting
Luncheon @ 11:30 a.m.
   Topic: TBD
Location: Hilton Hotel

Hilton Hotel is located at 1001 Cass Street

Gladys Doerr recognized at Omaha Post 2009 Industry Day

by Dave Packard

Congratulations and KUDOS to Gladys Doerr...pardon me...Admiral Gladys Doerr, who was recognized for significant contributions and her long-term commitment to the Omaha Post’s Student Mentoring Program (SMP) during Industry Day on August 4, 2009. Ms. Doerr was inducted into the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska after being nominated by Mike Baldino, SAME Fellow. Mike told the group that Gladys’ contribution was truly invaluable during the program’s developmental years.

Mike and Elwin Larson were charged by Roger Wozny, a past SAME National President, to develop a youth oriented mentoring program to showcase at the 1995 National Conference commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the society. Mike said “Gladys was with us every step from the initial research meetings through the initial kick off to the actual inaugural 94-95 competition and awards ceremony at the National Conference in Omaha. Fortunately for SMP, Gladys’ service never wavered over the next 15 years.”

Gladys also received the SAME Regional Vice President’s Award for her outstanding SMP contributions. SMP is a nationally recognized proactive effort by the Omaha Post to increase students’ and educators’ awareness of the opportunities available in the engineering and architectural professions. Gladys has donated countless hours in all aspects of the program throughout each year, as a member of the Steering Committee and as a volunteer during all SMP activities. Next time you see her, give her a salute!
VISIT FROM LTG VAN ANTWERP
by Roy Singleton

LTG Van Antwerp, SAME National President/USACE Chief of Engineers, toured The Peter Kiewit Institute on August 3, 2009. During his inspection he was invited to view the Student Mentoring Program Wall of Honor which commemorates each year of the SMP. Roy Singleton presented him with a copy of this year’s Awards Brochure, the Midlands Business Journal insert commemorating the SMP’s 15th year, and a copy of the Teacher’s end-of-year survey which included information on the SMP’s influence on student careers. The tour was conducted by Johnette Shockley, USACE R&D Center liaison at PKI, and Dr. Michael McGinnis, Executive Director of PKI. Other post members in the tour included Colonel David Press, Post President, and Curtis Miller, Distinguished Post Chair, and students working for the US Army Corps of Engineers who recently graduated from the program.
OMAHA POST ENJOYED A SUCCESSFUL INDUSTRY DAY AND GOLF OUTING

by Randy Graham

The Omaha Post held a successful Industry Day and Golf Outing August 4th and 5th. The event brought together over 200 attendees from across the nation. The conference event was held at the downtown Doubletree Hotel with the golf outing following the next day at Tiburon Golf Club.

The event was kicked off with a welcome by Mary Erwin, Post President, HDR Engineering. During the opening remarks period several presentations of awards and scholarships were made. Noteworthy was Gladys Doerr, HDR Engineering, receiving an Admiralship in the Nebraska Navy as well as the Regional Vice President Award, and Dan Owens, Lamp Rynearson Associates, receiving the Golden Eagle Award. The Doug Plack scholarships again went to Doug’s children. All these awards and scholarships are described in greater detail within this newsletter. These individuals are indeed outstanding citizens and well deserving of their recognition.

We had 40 exhibitors and more than 40 companies provided various sponsorships for both the conference and the golf outing. All sponsors and exhibitors are listed at the end of this newsletter.

The Keynote Speaker was Scott Mickle from LandDesign, Inc. His topic was on relationships and was very appropriate and informative to the consulting industry. The Program then followed with presentations from the Northwest Division (Dan Tosoni, Military Programs), Federal Aviation Administration (Joe Miniaci, Central Region Regional Administrator), Early Contractor Involvement (Michael Posovich, Omaha District Military Project Manager), National Park Service (Kathy Schneider, Midwest Region Chief of Construction Program Management), Omaha District (Eric Blechinger, Deputy District Engineer/Chief, Planning, Programs and Project Management), Kansas City District (Steven Iverson, Deputy District Commander for Project Management). Each of these presentations provided updates on the anticipated workload for each of these agencies. All presentations are posted in the Omaha Post website at http://www.sameomaha.org. The day ended with a reception within the exhibition area which was well attended.

The Golf Outing had over 100 participants ranging from “duffer” to well-schooled (i.e., apparently too much time on the course). The day was ideal and the course in great shape. Ayars and Ayars had a grill on the course and provided necessary nourishment as each cart passed by. Several pin prizes, team prizes and door prizes were awarded during the event lunch following the action. Bruce Little, HGL, organized this event.

The two days provided close interaction, learning and fun. Randy Graham, PBS&J, and Bruce Little, HGL, co-chaired the conference event with tremendous help from an experienced team. Many thanks go out to John Remus (Omaha District Chief, Hydrologic Engineering Branch) who organized the Program and to Dezso Linbrunner (Omaha District Environmental Project Manager) who organized the sponsorship and exhibitors for both the conference and golf. Cybil Boss, URS, and Christie Kampschneider, URS, both gave huge efforts in registration set-up and the many day to day necessities – including the manning of the registration desk – that make the event run smoothly. Justin Schillerberg, HDR Engineering, very professionally did the website layout. Dan Ludwig, Weston Solutions, took photos at the conference. Finally, Mary Erwin, HDR Engineering, Post president and former Chair of Industry Day, provided great mentorship and effort throughout and was a large reason for the overall success.
HDR|e2M Project Receives Secretary of Defense Environmental Award

The restoration program at the former Memphis depot, an HDR|e2M project, has been recognized as among the best in the Department of Defense by the Secretary of Defense, winning the 2009 Environmental Restoration award for outstanding work by an installation in DOD environmental programs.

HDR|e2M’s role on the project was remedial action contractor with responsibility for executing the design, including construction, operation, and maintenance of remedial systems. Key project components included using thermally enhanced soil vapor extraction, which effectively removed more than 15,000 pounds of contaminants from soils at the site. In addition to meeting established cleanup goals ahead of schedule, this process saved taxpayers more than $2.5 million.

Since 1998, 414 acres of the former Memphis depot have been found environmentally suitable for transfer and returned to productive community use. In 2008, the environmental restoration program made significant progress toward transferring the remaining 228 acres to community use.

The Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards program recognizes installations, teams and individuals each year for exceptional work in DOD programs. In addition to environmental restoration, projects are recognized for natural resources conservation, cultural resources management, environmental quality and pollution prevention.

A Message from the Editor

The Omaha Post is currently accepting press releases, members in the news, job opportunities, etc., for our Winter 2009 newsletter. Please email your articles by November 2, 2009, to Christie Kampschneider at c_kampschneider@urscorp.com.
Woolpert selected to negotiate as a prime consultant for $250 million USGS contract

Woolpert announced today that the firm has been selected as one of the five prime consultants to begin negotiations for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Geospatial Product and Service II (GPSC II) five-year, $250 million contract.

As one of the prime consultants under negotiation for the contract, Woolpert will provide photogrammetric mapping to include topographic and orthophoto production; control and cadastral surveys; GIS services; multi-sensor digital aerial acquisition to include multi-spectral, hyper-spectral, LiDAR and Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (IFSAR); and many other forms of digital sensor acquisition technologies.

“There is a broad range of professional geospatial services that can be procured through this vehicle. Woolpert is proud to have assembled an accomplished, reputable team of firms that will be able to provide all of the services required under this contract,” says Jeff Lovin, CP, Woolpert vice president and director of photogrammetry and remote sensing.

USGS’s selection of Woolpert to negotiate as a prime consultant for this contract follows the selection of the firm in 2006 to provide comparable services on the first GPSC contract. The previous contract for $25 million was held by five prime consultants, including Woolpert.

“Woolpert is pleased to be re-selected by the USGS for the GPSC II contract. This will continue a working relationship with the agency that began in the 1990s and has allowed Woolpert the opportunity to work on many significant and unique projects throughout the United States and its territories,” says Lovin.
BUILD THEN DESIGN
by Emily Sumner

Although the title of this article does not seem rational, campers at the SAME/USAFA Engineering and Construction Camp learned a great deal from this concept. For one week, bright students attended an engineering camp at the Air Force Academy that turned out to be more than they expected. The purpose of the camp is to interest high school students in the engineering profession through hands-on activities, team building and learning from SAME mentors. The camp encompasses four main areas of engineering: construction methods, construction materials, hydraulics and environmental engineering.

Personally, I had been told ever since middle school that I should become an engineer solely because I enjoyed and excelled in math and science. My cookie cutter, ignorant belief about engineers was that they helped build roads and skyscrapers. Upon arriving at the Field Engineering and Readiness Laboratory on the Air Force Academy, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. During the week, I gained an experience much deeper than intended and most importantly I learned more about why engineering is a necessity to our lifestyle.

The amount of activities we were able to do in only a week’s time was phenomenal. Throughout the week a competition between different flight groups was played. The winning flight of the camp would have the annual bragging rights and a symbolic trophy. The main team competitions were the Engineering Reaction Course, The Water Treatment Activity, Volleyball Tournament, The Green Event, Catapult Event, Sprinkler Design, Quality of Shed Construction, and the Concrete Beam Design and Testing.

The Engineering Reaction Course was a relay of six activities that required effective team leadership and compromising skills. Some relay events included repairing a leaking water pipe with unordinary materials, building a raft of coolers to cross a reservoir, and building a tower.

For the Water Treatment activity my flight, Charlie, performed the best. In this event, we had to construct a filter apparatus to clean dirty water... very dirty water, and then measure its turbidity. Here, we learned the basic process of water treatment, recognized common contaminants regulated by the EPA, and learned how to interpret the results of our filtration.

One sunny afternoon we did The Green event, which allowed campers to evaluate a building according to LEED standards, and then suggest how to upgrade the building to higher energy efficiency. We also learned how purposeful the green roof system is and calculated the trash collected from our meals to figure how to recycle and generate 30% less waste.

Catapult Testing

The most dangerous but also exciting activity was the Catapult. This event required the most compromising of my flight because everyone had different ideas of how to construct it. In this event, we had to consider many “physics” concepts such as force, torque, thrust and mass. In testing, though, we realized many technical errors and learned better construction methods from our design.

In the Sprinkler Activity, we had to design, build and finally test an operational sprinkler system. Overall, we understood the concepts of volumetric flow rate, velocity, pressure, continuity and how quickly water evaporates in the high altitude after being sprayed.

Finally, the last event competed was the Concrete Beam. The first morning of camp, we designed, built and poured our flight’s concrete beam. In this event, we came to understand the compression and tension properties of concrete and steel and also practical methods for forming and pouring concrete. When we tested our concrete beams, we witnessed the various
cracks and evaluated the strength and failures of our beams.

For me, the most obvious benefit I gained from the camp was the certainty that Civil and Environmental engineering is the field I would like to pursue in college. The week helped me to appreciate all types of engineers and the outstanding need for them in the present time. I am also very fortunate for the people that I met at the camp. My fellow flight members are great people whom I never would have met unless I came to the camp. We all connected to be the best of friends and I am still in contact with many of them. The mentors were not only fun enthusiastic people but real examples for campers to have an idea of what you can do with a degree in engineering. It was also wonderful to have an AFA cadet in each flight for campers to ask questions about potentially attending the Academy.

Flight Charlie Building the Concrete Beam

Foremost, I would like to thank the Omaha Post for sponsoring me. Without the opportunity and scholarship to attend this camp I would have never had the experience and met the inspiring people I did. My future plan is to pursue Civil and Environmental engineering and eventually join the US Public Health Service. The knowledge I gained through this camp enriched my understanding of the diversity of engineering. Build then Design may not be a realistic process for today’s engineers but campers learned from each others’ designs and then learned improvements in order to succeed. I can apply many of these lessons to develop future solutions and continue to strive for excellence in this country.
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
CURTIS MILLER

Position on the SAME Board? Duties of this position?
I am transitioning into the position of Distinguished Post coordinator. Duties include data gathering and preparation of streamer submission forms.

What’s your "day" job?
I am a hydraulic engineer in the US Army Corps of Engineers Hydrologic Engineering Branch. I create and evaluate hydraulic models of rivers, design hydraulic structures, and support planning studies. I am currently working on hydraulic modeling of the Intake Dam on the Lower Yellowstone River in order to evaluate a proposed fish passage/entrainment prevention project.

Personal Information
I have been married for 5 years. We have no children, but our two dogs and cat keep me busy. I enjoy hunting, fishing, camping, bicycling…basically anything outdoors. However, much of my “free” time is spent remodeling our 1920’s home.

How did you become involved with SAME?
Before I became a member, I was involved in the Student Mentoring Program. I’ve been mentoring at middle schools and high schools for the past 6 years. In 2007, I attended my first general membership meeting. I became involved in the Young Members group in 2008.

What has been personally fulfilling/beneficial from your work with SAME?
I consider the SMP one of the most fulfilling endeavors I’ve been involved with. The chance to introduce the world of engineering to young minds has been a great opportunity.

I’ve met a number of skilled professionals through SAME networking. Having always been on the government side of the house, it has been interesting to learn more about the private side.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? 5 years? 15 years with SAME?
Besides the SMP, I had the chance to learn about the Distinguished Post Streamers from Pat Engelbert and John Remus. Looking over the streamer submission forms gave me a broad view of all the great things the SAME Omaha Post does in a year’s time.

What are the goals you hope to accomplish during your time in your position on the board?
Over the next year, I hope to become more involved in the Young Members group and assist with organizing a stronger student’s post. As for 5 years out, I’d like to continue to become more involved and take on more responsibility for at least one of the many worthwhile projects conducted by the Post.

What are the goals you hope to accomplish during your time in your position on the board?
I would like to become more familiar with the wide range of endeavors taken on by the Omaha Post. It seems every time I attend a meeting, I learn of another SAME-sponsored project.

What benefits do you see for our community through SAME’s work?
I think the SMP is a great program for the young students in our community. The exposure to engineering, architecture, and science in a real-world setting provides them with a leg up when entering college and the work force.

What would you say to an individual thinking about joining SAME?
I would encourage individuals to consider SAME membership. Membership provides great networking opportunities and the chance to work on community-building, worthwhile projects.

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YOUNG MEMBERS NPS BUILDING SITE TOUR

by Cybil Boss

On July 9, 2009, the Young Members toured the Carl T. Curtis Midwest Regional Headquarters of the National Park Service; the first building in Nebraska to receive LEED® gold certification (2005). The building is located on the downtown Riverfront with spectacular views of the Missouri River. Here are some highlights from the tour:

• Detention ponds collect stormwater runoff from the roof and parking lots and release it slowly into the river to mimic natural run-off patterns.
• 12% of available parking is reserved for alternative fuel vehicles or carpools.
• The building uses 38% less water and 23% less energy per square foot than the previous Jackson Street location.
• Sensors turn lights off automatically in areas with no movement for a specified amount of time.
• 36% of building materials were manufactured/harvested locally and 17% within a 500-mile radius.
• Environmental monitoring stations are strategically located to sense changes in temperature and humidity and automatically adjust airflow accordingly.

SMP REQUEST FOR HELP

by Roy Singleton

The Peter Kiewit Institute at UNO, PKI, and the Society of American Military Engineers, SAME, are looking for schools and volunteers to assist TEAMS (Teachers, Engineers and Architects, as Mentors, for Students) in a Real World Program which introduces Secondary School Students to careers in engineering and architecture.

Teachers are needed to sponsor the student teams and 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 to be a resource 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.

To join the TEAMS, respond to the Program Administrator at (402) 554-2098 or check us out at www.pki.nebraska.edu/simp
SAME ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CAMP AT USAFA
by Lianne Lau

The SAME Engineering and Construction Camp at USAFA was held on June 26-July 2. Mountains, AFA, smart high school kids, and engineering, what more could one want?

The 60 carefully selected students spent a week building 16-ft concrete beams, sheds, catapults, filtration systems and participating in engineering related activities and tours. They were divided into ‘flights’ of ten students and competed at the various events to earn points. It was a hands-on experience with real world application. Remember the first time you learned about rebar and how it gives tension strength to concrete? Now think of the confusion had you been handed a plastic sheet, forms, 15-ft long rebar and told that the concrete truck was coming in one hour.

“Build then Design” is the motto that runs the entire camp. As a high school student, they have the luxury of being able to make mistakes within building and then learn by design how it works (without paying the consequences). The concept shone through when they had to build a water filtration system. Given little instruction, the students went to work with an arsenal of miscellaneous materials. Six foot tall wooden structures rose up that contained gravity filtration systems of successions of grates, socks, T-shirts, activated charcoal, all held together with duct tape with a bin, hopeful of collection, at the end. Hopeful at most, for as was quickly learned, it takes a certain order of filtration sizes to prevent backflow of the ‘waste’ and becoming covered in slimy, wetness.

The best part was watching the kids bond through similarities that most likely draw them apart from classmates at school. Enjoying angles, friction, mechanics, momentum, framing, shingling and solving problems gave common ground for friendship, solving construction problems, and working well together. Foxtrot, the flight I had the opportunity to mentor, had ten fairly quiet students. When first given directions, they floundered for a project manager and organization. Then, as soon as paper and pencil came out, all ten students were gathered around doing calculations. They also did not work well around loud, large groups but excelled at an activity that required getting all their members across an obstacle course, in complete silence.

Through the activities of the week, the tours, and the bonding, I know that they are more excited and informed about the path they want to take after high school. Thanks for letting me be a part of such a great experience!

Go Foxtrot!!
DAN OWENS, GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD RECIPIENT

by Dave Packard

Dan Owens, Vice President, Lamp Rynearson and Associates, was presented the 2009 Golden Eagle Award by Mr. Bill Stutz, S&A Environmental Consultants, LLC. Dan has been married twenty years and is the father of eight children. He was recognized for many achievements, including active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard, activities in support of his church and children’s sports, and involvement in many community organizations including Kiwanis and Boy Scouts of Mid America Council. He is the President Elect of the State Board of the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers and has participated as a judge and mentor in the SAME Omaha Post Student Mentoring Program.

Each year at Industry Day, Mr. Stutz presents a Golden Eagle award in honor of Doug Plack, the Omaha District’s former Chief of Military Programs who was killed in 2006. The award criteria mirrors Doug’s aspects on life including:

- Dedication to God and country
- Dedication to the engineering profession (not necessarily required to be an engineer)
- Dedication to and love of family
- Strong support of community programs (church, civic functions, neighborhood activities, etc.)
- Support of youth programs (coaching Little League, etc.)
- Willingness to respond to those in need (hurricane recovery, food bank, etc.)
- Well-known in the engineering community either locally or nationally

Congratulations Dan!

General Membership Meetings

by Dan Ludwig

August 27, 2009 - Contractors on the Battlefield

The SAME Omaha Post held its monthly membership meeting on August 27 at the Hilton Hotel in Omaha. The presenter for the educational program was David E. Ott, P.E., Vice President – Field Operations, Major Federal Projects for AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc. Mr. Ott’s presentation, “Contractors on the Battlefield”, was a review of valuable lessons that contractors have learned while supporting DoD in Iraq and Afghanistan. He presented studies and provided suggestions on how DoD, Host Nations, and contractors can effectively work together under challenging circumstances. Mr. Ott emphasized the importance of cultural awareness and maximizing the use of host nation resources.
**September 10, 2009 – Repair & Renovation Contracts – A Better Way**

September’s membership meeting was the first held on the second Tuesday of the month which is the Post’s new meeting day. The presenter was Mike Coberley, FMP, with KBR Government & Infrastructure. Mr. Coberley’s presentation covered the Job Order Contracting (JOC) procurement vehicle. For facility managers faced with the daunting task of doing more with less, the traditional procurement methods don’t provide the facility planner with the quick response and budget control required, whereas the JOC does.

**SAME Leadership Workshop**

*by Chris Langan and Gary Krupa*

The Omaha Post was represented at the SAME Fall 2009 Post Leaders Workshop by Gary Krupa, Omaha Post First Vice President and Christopher Langan, Omaha Post Engineer Roundtable Representative. Through numerous sessions, the workshop presented General Van Antwerp’s strategic focus and how to carryout the four major areas of focus.

The first area of focus involves SAME being a leader in sustainability. Lawyers and law makers are setting numerous sustainability requirements without really knowing how to reach these requirements. SAME has a unique opportunity with our mix of government and private industry membership to be a leader in helping to set and attain sustainability goals. As a result of different sustainable practices working in different areas, each SAME post should look for ways to partake in this movement at the local, state or regional level.

Another focus area for SAME is diversity. A diverse membership across age groups and cultures is vital to the engineering profession and SAME. This can be done by reaching out, interacting with and supporting various engineering organizations and also by giving members from various age groups increased responsibility and leadership roles.

The third area of focus presented and discussed was building our K-12 outreach. Getting kids involved early in engineering will help propel the engineering profession into the future. Some of the areas that SAME is doing this currently are through construction camps for high school children and various post level activities. Areas that are currently being explored and developed are having posts work with the Boy Scouts on setting up an event to assist scouts in obtaining the engineering merit badge. Also SAME is looking at establishing a similar program through the Girl Scouts. Posts were encouraged to use a West Point Bridge computer-based competition to further involve kids with engineering.

The final area of focus and one that was discussed in detail was building the Society to last; a key to this is getting more involvement from the government sector as members. Greater and more active government membership will generate more involvement by the private sector through the access to these government members thereby ensuring the government/private sector relationship SAME was built on. A proposed way to encourage this government involvement and membership is for SAME to drop the membership dues by government employees. As this represents a pretty radical change, SAME national is soliciting comments on this proposal.

Other sessions at the workshop included Readiness, CLAS and Post Operations, Financing, and Communication. Through all of these sessions, the main message was that SAME national is there to help the posts; they have staff and resources to assist in numerous ways from Post website to membership pins. So if your committee or group is having trouble or would like assistance, let SAME national know - they are there to help us!
2009 SAME AWARDS – CALL FOR NOMINEES

The Omaha Post Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the 2009 SAME Awards Program. Deadlines are approaching for awards in several categories as noted below. The Omaha Post has received many significant awards in recent years, most notably the Walter O. Bachus Gold Medal, bestowed on our very own Roger Wozny in 2006. There are MANY members who have made significant contributions to the Omaha Post for years and have yet to be recognized. Please take a moment to consider your fellow members and, more importantly, take the action to make a difference for those who have done the same. You’ll be glad you did.

Please note that there are a few NEW award categories (Public Agency Plaque, NCO Medal, ROTC Award of Merit, Toulmin Medal) and there are Uniformed Service Awards, which are not shown in the list below. The deadlines for submission of most nomination packages are January 31, but the submission for student awards is the end of February and Merit awards and the President’s Medal can be given anytime.

Additional information regarding the awards program is available by contacting David Packard, Director for Awards and Recognition at 402-996-3822 or e-mail david.a.packard@usace.army.mil or see the SAME website.

ACADEMY OF FELLOWS MENTORING AWARD

Eligibility Criteria: Candidate must be an active SAME member and Fellow.

Nomination Criteria: The nomination will be evaluated based in the following criteria:

1) Advocate - Arrange for the mentee to participate in high-visibility activities within your organization and in SAME-sponsored events.

2) Advisor - Communicate the formal and informal realities of career progression; recommend beneficial training; review mentee’s professional development plan if he/she has one.

3) Communicator - Establish an environment for open interaction with young members; act as a sounding board for ideas and career concerns.

4) Coach - Teach managerial and technical skills; recommend specific behaviors for success; encourage Young Members to take leadership roles in SAME.

5) Sponsor - Take Young Member to SAME meetings and introduce to colleagues; connect Young Members with educational and employment opportunities. Excellence in educating, mentoring and motivating students in architecture, engineering and related disciplines, and partnering with the local SAME Post to allow Post members to mentor student members.

BLISS MEDAL

Eligibility Criteria: Professor of architecture, engineering, construction or related field who is a SAME member prior to nomination.

Nomination Criteria: Excellence in educating, mentoring and motivating students in architecture, engineering and related disciplines, and partnering with the local SAME Post to allow Post members to mentor student members.

GOETHALS MEDAL

Eligibility Criteria: Registered engineer who was a member of SAME prior to nomination.

Nomination Criteria: Eminent and notable contributions in engineering, design, or construction in the past five years.

WALTER O. BACHUS GOLD MEDAL

Eligibility Criteria: A member of The Society for at least ten years.

Nomination Criteria: Outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of the Society mission over one’s entire period of membership in the Society.

JW MORRIS AWARD

Eligibility Criteria: A company must have at least two or more Post sustaining memberships in each of the previous five years.

Nomination Criteria: The company appoints individuals to sustaining member representative positions for each Post affiliation:

- Company representatives take on leadership positions at the Post, Region and National level, including Board of Direction, standing committees and conference planning committees;
- Company supports Young Member participation in Society activities and mentoring programs;
- Company supports K-12, College Outreach and community service activities;
- The number of Posts supporting the nomination with validation of the company’s participation during the past year (in the form of attached letters of support).
- The company advertises in SAME publications (The Military Engineer, SAME News and the Print Version of the Directory of Member Companies & Public Agencies).
• The company exhibited and sponsored activities/events at SAME National and Region Conferences.

**President’s Medal**

Eligibility Criteria: Any person who was a member of the Society in the President’s year in office.

Nomination Criteria: Outstanding leadership and accomplishment in support of the Society’s strategic plan during the President’s year of office. Normally, one medal will be given to an RVP, one to a National Committee Chair and one to a member who the President desires to recognize with this high honor.

**Public Agency Plaque**

Eligibility Criteria: Any federal, state, or local public agency that has maintained its membership for three or more years is eligible for the award. For federal agencies, the award is intended for a field organization, not the entire agency.

Nomination Criteria:
• Extent to which the public agency appoints individuals to public agency representative positions for each Post affiliation;
• Extent to which the public agency participates in procurement opportunity briefings;
• Extent to which public agency representatives take on leadership positions at the Post level, including Board of Direction and standing/ad hoc committees;
• Extent to which public agency supports Young Member participation in Society activities and mentoring programs;
• Extent to which public agency supports K-12, College Outreach and community service activities;
• Extent to which the public agency participates in Small Business programs sponsored by The Society or federal agencies.

**Regional Award (RVP Medal)**

Eligibility Criteria: SAME member prior to nomination.

Nomination Criteria: Individuals who have made significant contributions within the Region or local Post in the past year or for longer durations.

**Robert B. Flowers Small Business Member Award**

Eligibility Criteria: A company that has at least one Post Sustaining Membership in the past three years and is a Small Business in at least one NAICS category as of the date of nomination.

Nomination Criteria:
• Extent to which the company appoints individuals to sustaining member representative positions for each Post affiliation;
• Extent to which company SM representatives take on leadership positions at the Post level, including Board of Direction and committees;
• Extent to which the company supports K-12, College Outreach and community service activities;
• Extent to which the company participates in Small Business programs sponsored by The Society or public agencies;
• Extent to which the company exhibits and sponsors at SAME region and national conferences.
• Extent to which company supported Young Member participation in Society activities and mentoring programs.

**Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Medal**

Eligibility Criteria: Any Active, Reserve, National Guard or Retired Noncommissioned Officer who has been a member of The Society for at least one year prior to nomination.

Nomination Criteria: (1) Outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of the Society Mission over the last calendar year. (2) Outstanding leadership and contributions to military engineering over the past five years.

**ROTC Award of Merit**

Eligibility Criteria: Outstanding junior and senior architecture, engineering and related majors in an ABET accredited school. Students must be in ROTC. Five-year students, be in their fourth or fifth year.

Nomination Criteria: Five-year students must be in their fourth or fifth year. They must be in the top 25% of their engineering class and in the top 25% of their ROTC class. A maximum of 20 medals per service may be given. See Cdt. Cmd. Reg. 672-5-1 for Army; CNETINST 1533.12ACH-1 for Navy; and AFROTC 900-6 for Air Force.

**Student Leadership Medal**

Eligibility Criteria: Any SAME Student Member, who is a registered student at an academic institution at the time of nomination.

Nomination Criteria: The following criteria will be used in judging nominations for excellence in the current academic year:
1) Leadership in a SAME Student Chapter or SAME student mentoring program
2) Leadership in organizing and conducting professional development activities under the auspices of The Society of American Military Engineers
3) Leadership in community service

**STUDENT CERTIFICATE**

**Eligibility Criteria:** Any member of The Society, Student Chapter, Sustaining Member Company, or Public Agency group as stated in the criteria.

**Nomination Criteria:** Certificates of Achievement will be awarded annually to individuals and organizations contributing to the success of Student Chapters or mentoring programs of The Society based on the following criteria:

1) Actively participate in a SAME student chapter or SAME student mentoring program.
2) Plan and conduct professional development activities associated with architecture, engineering, construction, environment and related disciplines under the auspices of SAME.
3) Participate in community service activities.

**SVERDRUP MEDAL**

**Eligibility Criteria:** Uniformed Members of SAME who have not passed his/her 36th birthday in the year for which nominated and who was a member of SAME prior to nomination.

**Nomination Criteria:** The following criteria will be used in judging nominations:

1) Outstanding contributions to engineering, design, construction, research & development, or planning for the past three years.
2) Demonstrated leadership in managing projects or organizations.
3) Receipt of awards or other recognition for professionalism, leadership and/or community service.

**TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT MEDAL**

**Eligibility Criteria:** A member of SAME during the year for which nominated

**Nomination Criteria:** Initiative in advancement of existing engineering and related technology for the past three years; demonstrated acceptance and application of technology by users; demonstrated communication skills in technology advancement; effective use of team work; and cost savings and effectiveness of the technology.

**TUDOR MEDAL**

**Eligibility Criteria:** Civilian member of SAME who have not passed his/her 36th birthday in the year for which nominated and who was a member of SAME prior to nomination.

**Nomination Criteria:**

- Outstanding contributions to engineering, design, construction, research & development, or planning for the past three.
- Demonstrated leadership in managing projects or organizations
- Receipt of awards or other recognition for professionalism, leadership and/or community service

**TOULMAN MEDAL**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Regular Member: All authors of an individual article in The Military Engineer must be a member of SAME prior to publication of the article. In the case of multiple authors of an article, the lead author of the winning article will be awarded the Toulmin Medal.

Young Member: The lead or sole author of an article in The Military Engineer who has not passed his/her 36th birthday in the year in which the article was published and was a member of SAME prior to publication of the article. If multiple authors, all other authors must be a member of SAME prior to publication of the article but need not be Young Members.

**Nomination Criteria:**

- Contribute to the knowledge of the science of military engineering or national security and/or
- Publicize and preserve the accomplishments of engineers in our nation's wars, contingency operations and responses to natural disasters.

**URBAHN MEDAL**

**Eligibility Criteria:** A Registered Architect who was a member of SAME prior to nomination

**Nomination Criteria:** Eminent and notable contribution in the field of architecture in the past five years.

**YOUNG MEMBER MEDAL**

**Eligibility Criteria:** Any member of The Society who has been a member for the past five years and has not passed his/her 36th birthday in the year for which nominated

**Nomination Criteria:** Outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of the Society Mission over ones entire period of membership in the Society.
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