Greetings and salutations,

As 2011 draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Holiday season!

It’s hard to believe that we are wrapping up 2011. This was a busy and fruitful year for the Omaha Post. During the 60th Anniversary of National Engineers Week, we helped raise awareness about the contributions of engineering professionals with activities at the Strategic Air Command Museum, provided a sizeable donation to the Omaha North High Magnet School’s Engineering InvenTeam’s fundraising campaign, and supported proclamations declaring National Engineers Week in Nebraska. The 2011 Omaha Post Industry Day and Golf Outing was a huge success and well attended. And, our Student Mentoring Program has grown by leaps and bounds this year.

All of these activities and more including support for our scholarship program, securing interesting and engaging luncheon meeting speakers and offering industry spotlight presentations contributed to the growth and the strength of the Omaha Post this year.

I want to take a moment to thank our volunteers who are serving on the SAME Board of Directors and Committees, SAME Fellows, and those participating in our student mentoring program and serving in other capacities for the Omaha Post. Your investment in advancing the field of military engineering and helping to secure our nation is noteworthy. If you haven’t been as active in the Post as you’d like, there will be many opportunities where you can help support our organization’s activities in the year ahead.

Enjoy the holidays with family and friends. I wish you safe travels during this time of year and much continued success in 2012.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season!

Col. Robert J. Ruch
Omaha Post President
Calendary of Events

January 24, 2012
Student Mentoring Program Volunteer Social at Granite City (Westroads), 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

February 19-25, 2012

March 8, 2012
General Membership Meeting: “Ft. Riley Hospital” at Field Club, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April 12, 2012
SAME Omaha Post & NeSPE Joint Meeting: “TBD” at Field Club, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 7 - 9, 2012
SAME Omaha Post Industry Day and Golf Outing

June 14, 2012
General Membership Meeting: “STRATCOM Headquarters” at Field Club, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

July 12, 2012
General Membership Meeting: “Omaha Combined Sewer Overflow Project” at Field Club, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

E-WEEK BANQUET
By: Chris Langan
The 2012 Engineers Week Banquet will be Thursday, February 23, 2012 at Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland. Look for your invitation flier soon. The lead society for this year’s national E-Week is The American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the lead company is Battelle.

This year’s presentation will be by Jody Farhat from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and about the historic flood of 2011 was unprecedented in both magnitude and duration and has severely impacted many communities, homeowners, farmers and businesses in the Missouri River basin.

The Corps, which operates the six dams on the mainstem of the Missouri River, is committed to working with other agencies and stakeholders to best prepare the system for the 2012 runoff season and reduce flood risk throughout the basin. Basin citizens and their elected officials have legitimately called for the preeminence of flood control. The system is vulnerable and many repairs will not be completed prior to the start of the 2012 runoff season. As a result, the Corps will maintain a flexible posture through the fall and winter as the remaining flood water is evacuated from the system. In particular, if conditions throughout the winter indicate that 2012 will be another high runoff year, the Corps will begin early evacuation of water from the system to provide additional storage to the extent that weather and downstream conditions allow.

In addition, the Corps will communicate more broadly and frequently as the 2012 runoff season unfolds. The operation of the reservoir system must be based on good data, science and engineering, and with consideration of ongoing critical repairs. The recently released report of the independent external review panel provided recommendations to improve the operation of the reservoir system, some of which will be implemented and others that will require further analysis for possible future implementation, subject to available funding.

Additional information and a registration form for the banquet is posted on the SAME Omaha Post website: [www.sameomaha.org/Omaha_Post_Site/Misc_Pages/2012_E-Week.html](http://www.sameomaha.org/Omaha_Post_Site/Misc_Pages/2012_E-Week.html)

We hope to see you there!
With the announcement, McLaughlin said there is a need for construction at Butts Army Airfield to accommodate additional helicopters including UH-60 Black Hawks, Apaches and CH-47 Chinooks.

Fort Carson is currently home to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, which has 24 AH-64 Apache helicopters and already has an existing airfield.

With the pending increase to the population at Fort Carson, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District will be keeping on top of the construction requirements accompanying the CAB.

Among the pending projects are several facilities, and potentially, a runway expansion and construction of additional hangar space.

The Army has an investment commitment for $750 million in new standard facilities and amenities.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2013 and is expected to be completed by 2016 with soldiers beginning to arrive as early as 2013.

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The 4th Infantry Division is currently the only Army division that does not have a combat aviation brigade. Adding an aviation brigade will aid Fort Carson Soldiers in their training.

McLaughlin said the training a combat aviation brigade can provide will be “extremely valuable” to Soldiers at Fort Carson.

Building a “Net Zero” Installation
A few weeks later, Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, announced that Fort Carson was designated as one of two Army “Net Zero” installations.

Fort Carson self-nominated to become a Net Zero installation in March to challenge its already robust energy, water and waste sustainability goals and to advance the resource-conscious posture of today’s Army. These efforts have been driven through the collaborative efforts of the post’s public works office and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team who together showed that building greener would save money on project cost as well as long-term facility maintenance and operations.

The categories considered for installation Net Zero status were energy, water and waste.

Six installations will aim for Net Zero in each category and Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Bliss, Texas will aim for overall Net Zero in all three categories.

Fort Carson is already host to a large solar array, which has helped reduce energy consumption.

With the construction of the combat aviation brigade buildings, the post has already committed to try to make the CAB campus Net Zero upon completion of the program.

The Net Zero energy designation will require Fort Carson to produce as much energy on site as it uses through conservation and efficiency efforts.

According to Hammack, the Army Net Zero approach is comprised of five interrelated steps: reduction, repurpose, recycling and composting, energy recovery and disposal. Each step is a link toward achieving the Net-Zero goal.

Operating as a Net Zero water installation includes efforts to conserve and repurpose water such as reusing water from showers and laundries, called gray water, for irrigation of lawns and trees. This will save money by reducing the amount of water that is treated and the cost of water for irrigation.

Additionally, Fort Carson will reduce, reuse and recover waste. Converting appropriate waste materials into usable resources will ultimately reduce and eliminate much of the need for costly landfill disposal.

“These Net Zero initiatives will help move the post to the next step for successful sustainability,” said Hal Alguire, Director for Public Works for Fort Carson. “We work with the Corps to build LEED certified facilities with the goal for energy efficiency and environmental friendliness and this will advance our efforts in educating the end-user to become more energy efficient and environmentally responsible.”

The Corps’ Role
In the last two years, construction of the Wilderness Road Complex has resulted in 14 new buildings, all designed to be eligible for LEED Gold status, featuring solar water heating systems, low-flow water fixtures and energy efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls as well as lighting controls.

The complex’s 140,000-square foot brigade and battalion headquarters building is designed to become the Army’s first LEED Platinum building with advanced lighting controls, a 480-megawatt photovoltaic array system and light-emitting diode exterior lighting.

“The Net Zero designation gives us a great opportunity as we build out the CAB site,” said Alguire, adding that plans for additional buildings include a control tower, aircraft hangar, barracks and operational facilities.

“That’s where the major construction dollars will be. We can actually look to getting those facilities closer to Net Zero — energy, water, waste — as we build at the airfield.”
To meet Net Zero goals, Alguire said central energy plants made up of either/or solar, wind, geothermal and biomass technologies would be built around Fort Carson to reduce the amount of energy purchased from outside utility companies.

The challenge for the DPW and the Army Corps of Engineers is funding these energy plants. “It’s still cheaper to use fossil fuels,” Alguire said.

Until the costs of alternative energies come down or the cost of fossil fuels rise, Fort Carson will continue to reduce its energy consumption through equipment upgrades and a change in culture that encourages people to decrease the energy they use, he said.

Designs for new facilities for the CAB were underway immediately. “Already having a larger team on site helps us keep up with the workload,” said Matt Ellis, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Resident Engineer for the restationing workload surge. “Construction for the CAB will begin in 2013 and, as with the Wilderness Road Complex we are targeting LEED Gold certification or higher for those facilities.”

Construction includes plans for barracks, a headquarters building, maintenance hangar and control tower.

“We won’t break ground until next spring at the earliest,” said John Offen, a resident engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “We now have projects scheduled through 2016 including roadwork, new buildings and intersection improvements.”
Student Mentoring Program

By: Elizabeth Hallgren

The Student Mentoring Program hosted the Student Workshop on October 15th. In addition to the information sessions the students participated in there was a photo trivia contest featuring engineering and architecture marvels from around the world. The team from Papillion La Vista High School won the trivia contest. Team PLV got more questions right than the teachers and mentors did when they tried to identify the same photos at the volunteer social last year.

Team Bryan Middle School won the door prize drawing at the workshop. On Monday, December 4th the team had a working lunch with pizza provided by the Post. The team is working with their teacher, Sue Hamilton and mentors Mathew Shurtliff and Mike Baldino. Although the team has not decided on the specific problem for their project they have narrowed it down to looking at oil spill clean up.

To assist in their research the team invited TransCanada to speak to the class about the safety issues surrounding the proposed pipeline. TransCanada sent two representatives to Bryan Middle School to teach the students about the safety measures utilized on oil pipelines. The kids were so impressed with what they learned that they decided to pursue a project related to oil spill clean up.

In January Gail Frame will be taking over as the Student Mentoring Program Administrator. One of her first tasks will be to recruit competition judges, room monitors, and volunteers. Please consider how you can assist with the competition this year. All program volunteers and post board members are invited to attend the Volunteer Social on January 24 from 4:30 to 6:30 at Granite City.
Holiday and Awards Event
By: Dave Packard

The Third Annual Omaha Post Holiday and Awards Event occurred on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at the Field Club of Omaha. This year, the event was changed to a luncheon venue and a group of approximately sixty members and guests gathered to honor and recognize the achievements of their own and celebrate the holiday season.

COL Robert Ruch, Omaha Post President, opened the event and introduced Dave Packard, Director for Awards and Recognition, who presented the program, announced 2011 nominees, and described all award and scholarship opportunities.

Jim Wathen, Vice President for Membership, EA Engineering, presented pins to members who had attained significant milestones in their membership in the Society. Chuck Paukert, SEH, received his 30 year pin; Dan Owens, Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, received a 15 year pin; Chuck Joyce, Cybil Boss, and Jim Wathen each received pins for 5 years of membership. The Society and Omaha Post appreciate the dedication and support of long-term members.

We took a moment recognize scholarships and awards presented during the past year including:

Scholarships awarded:
Freshman SMP ($1,000), Adam Crnkovich, Gross High School
Sophomore SMP ($1,000), Meagan Kurmel, UNO (Arch Eng)
Junior SMP ($2,000), Mikael Penaherrera, UNO (Arch Eng)
Senior SMP ($2,000), Luke Ritz, UNO (Civil Eng)
5th Year SMP ($2,000), Holly Brink, UNO (Arch Eng)

Doug Plack Golden Eagle Award:
Jimmy Brasch, P.E., USACE, Omaha District

Omaha Post President’s Award
Chris Langan, P.E., Lamp, Rynearson & Associates

The Omaha Post Public Sector Partnering Award was created in 2009 by Omaha Post President Mary Erwin for an individual employed in the public sector who has made significant contributions to both his/her job and to the Omaha Post over the past year. The 2011 recipient is Dave Packard, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Dave is a Military Program Manager who has served in multiple roles throughout 25 years in the Omaha Post including Readiness, Membership, E-Week, Distinguished Post, and Awards Committees.

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He has been a SMP mentor every year since 1998. The Omaha Post is poised to nominate nine firms and/or individuals to the National SAME Awards Program. In recognition of their achievements, the following nominations in the categories noted were received:

**Robert B. Flowers Small Business Member Award**
HydroGeoLogic Inc. has served the Corps of Engineers and DoD for the past 25 years. HGL was founded by Dr. Peter Huyakorn and Mr. Jack Robertson as a groundwater modeling firm in January 1987. They are a world-renowned groundwater modeling and optimization firm and a full-service provider of environmental, engineering, science, munitions, and construction services. They have been a Sustaining Member of the Omaha Post since 1994 and are a Sustaining Member in 12 SAME Posts.

**Seymour S. Greenfield Sustaining Member Award**
Leo A. Daly Co. holds 16 Post affiliations with 25 Sustaining Member representatives providing strong leadership within the Society, including avid support of National and Regional Conferences. They are a generous contributor to SAME scholarships and actively participate in the U.S. Air Force Academy Engineering Camp. Jay Kline accepting award on behalf of Leo A. Daly Co.

**J. W. Morris Award**
Weston Solutions delivers integrated environmental, sustainability, property redevelopment, energy, and construction solutions by 1,800 employees at 60 offices worldwide. Weston supports SAME at all levels and is currently involved in several Corps of Engineers projects for the Omaha District including Missouri River levee repair, nationwide fuels projects, and Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) projects. John Popelka accepting award on behalf of Weston Solutions.

**Student Leadership Medal**
Jessica Branigan is a senior at the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) majoring in Civil Engineering. She is an emerging leader who has played a key role in the re-establishment of the UNO SAME Student Chapter and will continue to participate as she pursues advanced studies at UNO. She helped update the Student Chapter Constitution and worked with UNO Student Government to have SAME officially recognized as a student organization. Cybil Boss accepting award on behalf of Jessica Brannigan.
Technology Advancement Medal

Stacey Heusel, P.E., Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, led an emergency response effort specifically related to storm and sanitary sewer systems at Eppley Airfield to battle the Missouri River Flood in the summer of 2011. Mr. Heusel led a team inspecting over 10 miles of sewer systems using robotic cameras, evaluating the video inspections for infiltration, and setting up a repair regimen using trenchless technology. The application of this technology, using urethane injection, was applied to over 50 locations at an average cost of $3,000, a significant savings over the traditional repair methods which had averaged $100,000 each. Infrastructure assets protected included the main runway, parallel taxiways, and a large corporate hangar and ramp.

Young Member Medal

Cybil Boss, P.E., URS Corporation served as the Director of Young Members and College Outreach from 2008 through 2011. She was the Co-Chair of the Omaha Post Industry Day Committee in 2010 and 2011. Cybil assisted in revitalization of the SAME Student Chapter at UNO. She was recipient of the 2010 Omaha Post President’s Award and participated as a judge in the Omaha Post SMP Student Competition in 2009 and 2010

Jay Kline, Leo A. Daly Company, was the Co-Chair of the Omaha Post Programs Committee in 2010 and 2011 and assisted in revitalization of the SAME Student Chapter at UNO. Jay regularly supports and attends Young Member functions bringing professionalism and infectious energy to the program.

Christie Murray, URS Corporation, served as Vice President for Programs and Industry Day and was responsible for the Omaha Post newsletter from 2000 through 2009. She served on the Missouri River Regional Conference Planning Committee in 2003 and has served on the Industry Day and Golf Outing Planning Committee from 2004 through 2010 (she is the current Co-Chair). Christie was the Director of Communications for the Omaha Post from 2008 through 2010, was a Room Monitor at the SMP Competition from 2006 through 2010, and regularly supports and attends Young Member functions and UNO Student Chapter activities.

Each nominee or representative received a certificate from Post President COL Robert Ruch and a Missouri River Region coin from RVP Jeanne LeBron. They were encouraged to complete the nomination process and offered support, if needed, from Omaha Post leadership. All nominations will be forwarded to National at the appropriate time (January/February 2010) for consideration at that level. Congratulations and best of luck to ALL!

We continue to receive many positive comments on this event and we look forward to a similar event next December. If you have suggestions or comments, please provide them to Dave Packard at (402) 996-3822 or david.a.packard@usace.army.mil.
Member Spotlight: Michael Siedschlag

SAME Board Position:
No board position currently, just help where I can!

What I do (for my “day” job):
Program manager for the FERM business group at HDR. Developing business opportunities for HDR in the business sectors of; Federal, Environmental, and Natural Resource Management.

Personal Life:
Married, with 3 Daughters and 5 grandchildren (all 3 and under!!). I like any outdoor activity, sports, hunting. My wife says I have way too many hobbies! I enjoy flying but don’t seem to have as much time to fly as I used to. I have an appointment by the Nebraska Governor to sit on the Power Review Board (PRB). I chair that board. Three of Nebraska’s Utilities joined the SPP for their Region Transmission organization and I became a regulator on the SPP Regional State Committee by virtue of my role on the PRB. That has been a very interesting and challenging role over the past 2 years as the electric industry struggles with the cost and need to build new transmission lines, and develop methodologies to pay for lines that have regional and national benefits. I’m very proud to represent Nebraska interests in this extremely important national issue.

How did you become involved with SAME? ? I started working with SAME in 1976 as part of the NSPE and SAME joint e-week efforts. I became a member of SAME in 1979 and have served on various committees over the years. I lead strategic planning, and was one of the original members of the committee that developed the “Student Mentoring” competition.

What has been personally fulfilling/beneficial from your work with SAME? The growth in the Student Mentoring Program and the quality of the student projects that have been developed over the years. The friendships I have made over the years in SAME are very special to me, and it something I hope our younger members can develop over their careers.

What project/task/endeavor have you been most excited/proud to work on in conjunction with SAME? The Student Mentoring Program.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? 5 years? 15 years with SAME? The SAME Omaha Post was a very strong organization in the 80’s and 90’s and I would like to see the monthly meeting attendance return to those days. It is the combination of having quality attendance by COE staff, along with the engineering community that makes the meetings and organization grow! If COE people don’t participate then the consulting, contractors, and suppliers don’t see the value, and attendance spirals down. We have seen that downward trend in the past 10 years, but I see it turning around and the next 5 years look very exciting for the organization!

What benefits do you see for our community through SAME’s work? I think it is all about our young professionals and the kids in the Mentoring program. We need to support our young peoples grow in our profession and get more Kids interested in technical jobs so our country can complete in the 21st century!

What would you say to an individual thinking about joining SAME? DO IT, and get involved!

Any other info you wish to share. SAME is a great partnership in the engineering community and is an organization I’m proud to be part of.
SAME Board Position: Fellows Coordinator. The Fellows Coordinator acts as a link between the Omaha Post and the Academy of Fellows, an organization within SAME consisting of members who have been recognized for their lifelong contributions to the Society, the Post, and their community.

What I do (for my “day” job): I am a Senior Project Manager with Mangi Environmental Group. In this position I lead the preparation of environmental impact analyses for proposed federal actions. Federal clients I have worked with include USACE (Omaha District), US Army, US Navy, US Coast Guard, Department of Energy, and Department of Homeland Security. I am currently working on two mining projects in New Mexico, a CO2 injection project in Montana, a fish passage project in Omaha District, and a bridge replacement in Alaska.

Personal Life: I am married with three grown children and one 15-month-old granddaughter. The granddaughter lives in Portland and I had the opportunity over the holidays to be with her and be more than just a face on Skype. What a delight to experience the openness of her love and her impressive capacity for learning and experiencing new things at that age. I have made it clear to Mangi Environmental that I am very willing and anxious to increase our marketing activity in the Portland area, and so far that has paid off with a recent contract in USACE’s Walla Walla District and a Navy opportunity at Whidbey Island.

How did you become involved with SAME? I first joined SAME as an environmental planner at Strategic Air Command Headquarters in 1983. Our monthly meetings were held at the Officers Club at Offutt and it was not uncommon to have 200 people attend the monthly meeting.

What has been personally fulfilling/beneficial from your work with SAME? I have most enjoyed and benefitted from networking with others who are in the military or who perform contract work for them. I have developed many friendships and received many business opportunities through these relationships.

What project/task/endeavor have you been most excited/proud to work on in conjunction with SAME? I was the Fundraising Chairman for the 75th Anniversary National Meeting held here in Omaha. Not only was this a highly successful meeting here, but I also raised $82,000 through fundraising, including a promotion where we gave away a car to a meeting attendee.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? 5 years? 15 years with SAME? I look forward to helping the Fellows become a stronger factor in the vitality and future success of the Omaha Post. We have recently initiated a program that encourages Fellows to become mentors to Post committees and I will be actively promoting the growth of that program. In this program I have volunteered as a mentor to the Young Members and College Outreach Committee and I am anxious to help Cybil Boss with the activities of this important committee.

What are the goals you hope to accomplish during your time in your position on the board? The Omaha Post Fellows are a valuable source of knowledge and experience that can be a tremendous asset for the growth and sustainability of the Post. While in this position, I hope to help create opportunities for more involvement by Fellows in Post activities.

What benefits do you see for our community through SAME’s work? I am impressed with the Post’s efforts to reach out to young people in particular in an effort to promote the fields of science and engineering. The Student Mentoring Program has been a huge success and has affected many young people’s lives and careers. It would be very interesting to me if we were able to find a way to reach out to early participants in the Student Mentoring Program and spotlight their evolving careers in the same way that we spotlight Sustaining Member firms.

What would you say to an individual thinking about joining SAME? I have often thought and told others that in my opinion there is no other professional organization that I have come across here in Omaha that is as active as SAME’s Omaha Post, or that has the greatest potential to contribute to a member’s professional career. Certainly the opportunity for expanding technical knowledge is there with monthly programs and a first-class monthly publication. But, there are also enormous opportunities for serving the larger community and building lifelong professional relationships.

Any other info you wish to share? Maybe it is fitting in a Fellows spotlight that I share my most memorable moment in SAME. In my case, that would be my Fellows induction ceremony at Faneuil Hall in Boston. Faneuil Hall is a very symbolic structure for the birth of American Independence and it was a very touching and emotional event for me to become recognized in this way by an organization that also symbolizes our freedom and strength, the Society of American Military Engineers.
HDR has announced new leadership in three key executive management positions. HDR, Inc. Chairman and CEO Richard R. Bell, who led the company’s employee ownership buyback in 1996, is retiring at year-end after 37 years with HDR. Bell will continue to serve on HDR’s board of directors.

George A. Little succeeded Bell as chairman, CEO, and president effective December 13, 2011. Little has been president of HDR Engineering, Inc., the firm’s largest operating company, since 1997, and is vice chair of the company’s board of directors. “I am very proud of everything HDR has accomplished, and in my mind I have done my job,” Bell said. “Now it is time for the next generation of leadership and I have the utmost confidence in George and his team.”

Eric Keen will become the next president of HDR Engineering, Inc. Keen has been with HDR since 1993 and has been executive vice president of the transportation business group since 2004, directing more than 2,000 transportation professionals in the engineering company’s largest business group. “Working closely with Eric for the last 16 years has given me the opportunity to see him lead during a period of tremendous growth,” Little said. HDR’s transportation group is ranked No. 8 in the nation by Engineering News-Record magazine.

Doug Wignall will become the president of HDR Architecture, Inc. Wignall has been with HDR since 1991, and has been a senior vice president leading the architecture company’s healthcare practice. Wignall succeeds Merle S. Bachman, who started working for HDR in 1974 and is retiring at the end of the year after serving as president since 2003. “Doug and his team have produced unprecedented results, with HDR ranked the No. 1 ranked healthcare architecture practice for eight consecutive years by Modern Healthcare magazine,” Little said.

Stacy (James) Heusel has been promoted to Project Manager for Lamp, Rynearson & Associates. Heusel, a project engineer with Lamp Rynearson’s Transportation Group, has over thirteen years of experience in geotechnical engineering, materials engineering, pavement design and construction engineering, as well as experience in airfield pavement design, drainage design, specifications, and field work. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Heusel is a member representative of SAME (Society of American Military Engineers), and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Airport Consultants Council.
Lamp Rynearson Employees Designated Professional Engineers

Three employees of Lamp, Rynearson & Associates recently received designations as professional civil engineers.

Caleb Beasley, P.E., is a design engineer for Lamp Rynearson’s roadway and airfield projects. Beasley is a member representative of SAME (Society of American Military Engineers) and a member of ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers). He has both master’s and bachelor’s degrees in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska.

Mark Torczon, P.E., is a construction engineer for Lamp Rynearson’s Construction Administration team, whose expertise includes construction observation, construction administration, and project design. Torczon received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering with an environmental emphasis from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Joe Flaxbeard, P.E., a project engineer for Lamp Rynearson’s Design Group, has experience including construction administration, cost estimating, pavement design, sewer design, and drainage studies. Flaxbeard is a co-chair for the ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) Nebraska Younger Member Group, and received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
Lamp Rynearson Receives ACEC Nebraska Pride Award

The Public Relations Committee of the American Council of Engineering Companies/Nebraska (ACEC/N) has announced the winner of its 3rd Annual Public Relations Awards Competition (PRIDE) Award.

Altering its corporate logo with eye-catching, seasonal modifications, Lamp, Rynearson & Associates has captured the top ACEC (American Council of Engineering Companies) Nebraska PRIDE Award, an award specific to those within the engineering consulting industry who market their firm’s services. Lamp Rynearson submitted 9 customized logos used in the firm’s email signature blocks, each focused on a holiday such as the Fourth of July or a pastime such as the fall football season. Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, a civil engineering consulting firm, is headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska with an office in Fort Collins, Colorado.
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