During the holidays it is easy to get caught up in the “what-when-where and how” of the season and lose track of the “why”. I am not just talking about the designated holidays that appear on our calendars, or the related religious celebrations. Those days and celebrations are very important. Rather, I am talking about why it is important to gather with family, friends, and colleagues, why it is important to take stock of where we are and where we are going. To that end, I would like to take a few minutes to reflect on some of the more notable accomplishments of the Omaha Post over the last year.

Our student initiatives are very strong and getting stronger. Our Student Mentoring Program Team delivered an excellent program for the 2011-2012 academic year, and has expanded the interest in the program beyond the Omaha metro area. Our Student Post at the University of Nebraska – Omaha continues to grow, and our scholarship committee is working to expand the exposure of this program in order to encourage the best and brightest apply for our scholarships and camp sponsorships. This investment in young people will provide the basis for continued advancement of our professions that will in turn strengthen our society.

The post continues to provide exceptional service to our members. The programs in 2012 were both timely and informative. Attendance at monthly meetings remained strong and overall membership has grown. Last May the Post hosted yet another highly successful Industry Day. This event provides our members an excellent opportunity to develop relationships that have been and will continue to be critical to our nation’s infrastructure needs.

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Calendar of Events

January 10, 2013
General Membership Meeting: “LEED Design of the TD Ameritrade Headquarters Building” at Scott Conference Center, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

February 17-23, 2013

Welcome New Members

Col. Richard L. Waxman, USAF (Retired)
All Native Group

Mr. Dave Lenss
Kraus-Anderson Construction Company

Mr. James M. Rea, P.E.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mr. Dave Ciaccio
Patti Banks Associates dba Vireo

Mr. Shon Anderson
FourFront Design, Inc.

Mrs. Judy E. Terwilliger
Onccore Construct, LLC

Mr. Mehmet Y. Ulutas
T.Y. Lin International

Mr. Jack Choynowski
Earth Resources Technology, Inc.

Ms. Jennifer Harlan
Earth Resources Technology, Inc.

Ms. Maya Werner
Earth Resources Technology, Inc.

Mr. Steve Heyde
Argus Consulting, Inc.

Mr. Scott Nall
Argus Consulting, Inc.

... Message from the President continued

I could go on, but I think that it is safe to say 2012 has been a very good year for the Omaha Post. This success that can only be attributed to the dedication and hard work of the individual and sustaining members that make up our Post is and will continue to be the basis for our strength.

Finally, as we head into a new and somewhat uncertain year, there is one thing that I feel we can all be certain about. With or without a “Fiscal Cliff”, the economy will be tight. Agility and the ability to leverage resources will become ever more important, making active participation in SAME activities even more valuable.

I am extremely grateful for all of the hard work that each of you has done and continue to do for the Omaha Post. Please have an enjoyable and safe holiday season and a very Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming monthly meetings.

John I. Remus, II, P.E.
Omaha Post President
Annual Student Mentoring Workshop

By: Gail Frame

The annual SMP Workshop was held in October at PKI with 110 students attending. The Workshop is intended to give the students a taste of the skills they need to utilize throughout the program. Sessions were offered in model building, team building, presentation skills, sustainable design, 3D modeling software, technical writing and codes and estimating. Our thanks to the SAME members who volunteered to teach sessions: Bill Glismann, HGM Associates, Inc.; Dave Packard, USACE; Kenneth Hahn, Kenneth Hahn Architects; Doug Shapland, U.S. Air Force; Anne Peterson, HDR; Stuart Shell, RDG Planning & Design; and Chris Langan, Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, Inc.

We are still hoping to find a couple of volunteers to assist teams this year. Please email SAMEsmp@gmail.com if you can help with any of the following needs:

- Nathan Hale still needs a second mentor. They are working on two projects – a fitness trail and a solar shade for their student commons.
- Omaha Central is seeking a subject matter expert to help them design a waterfall between two sheets of plastic. This could be as simple as reviewing their plan and making suggestions.
- Bennington High is seeking a subject matter expert to help their team with building codes for their community center remodel project.

For those of you who support the SMP program, whether it be as a mentor, judge, workshop instructor or other volunteer, please join us at the annual Volunteer Social scheduled for January 17th at Granite City at Westroads Mall. This is an opportunity for us to recognize all of those who make the program possible.

If you have ever entertained the idea of mentoring but weren’t really sure it would work for you, consider putting April 11, our Competition Day, on your calendar. We’ll be at the Scott Conference Center starting at 8:30 am. You’ll be able to see teams present the projects they’ve worked on all year and talk with their mentors. We hope to see you there!
Fourth Annual Omaha Post Holiday and Awards Event

By: Dave Packard

The Fourth Annual Omaha Post Holiday and Awards Event occurred on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at the Field Club of Omaha. This year’s luncheon group of approximately fifty members and guests gathered to honor and recognize the achievements of their own and celebrate the holiday season.

John Remus, Omaha Post President, opened the event and introduced Dave Packard, Director for Awards and Recognition, who presented the program, announced 2012 award winners and National award nominees, and described all award and scholarship opportunities.

Morgan Sykes, Membership Committee Chair, Leo A. Daly Company, presented pins to members who had attained significant milestones in their membership in the Society. Twelve members were recognized for 25 years of membership, including: Gary Eddy, P.E.; C. Dale Jacobson, P.E.; John Remus II, P.E.; Ronald Hughbanks, FSAME; COL Robert Ruch, USA; Ed Conrath, P.E.; Ronald Geary, P.E.; W.L. Larry Jacobsen, FSAME; LTC Gary Krupa, P.E., USA; John LaRandeau; Clifford Thompson; and John Whisler, Jr., P.E., USA. In addition, two members were recognized for 50 years of membership, including COL Ferd Anderson, Jr, P.E., USA and Charles Johnson, P.E. 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), David Johansen, Bennington High School
• Sophomore SMP ($1,000), Adam Cmnkovich, MCC (Pre-Engineering)
• Junior SMP ($2,000), Meagan Kurmel, UNO (Arch Eng)
• Senior SMP ($2,000), Mikael Penaherrera, UNO (Arch Eng)
• 5th Year SMP ($2,000), Luke Ritz, UNO (Civ Eng)

Doug Plack Golden Eagle Award:
• Jeanne LeBron

Omaha Post President’s Awards
• Elizabeth Hallgren
• Bob Roumph, USACE, Omaha District (Retired)

The Omaha Post Public Sector Partnering Award was created in 2009 by (then) 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. This award is intended to demonstrate one of the key SAME Values, “Public Service: Recognize the critical contribution that public servants make in supporting the economic and environmental needs of the nation.”

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The 2012 recipient of the Omaha Post Public Sector Partnering Award is **Dezso Linbrunner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District**. Dezso is an Environmental Project Manager who has served in multiple roles in support of the Omaha Post’s annual Industry Day resulting in improved relationships with private sector Sustaining Members. Dezso’s actions are exemplary of the SAME Mission, “To promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public- and private-sector engineers and related professionals, and by developing future engineers through outreach and mentoring.” Congratulations Dezso and thanks for your support!

The emphasis of this year’s awards program returned to the Post with recognition of four individuals who had made substantial contributions to the **Omaha Post Student Mentoring Program**. Their actions are also exemplary of the SAME Mission, “To promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public- and private-sector engineers and related professionals, and by developing future engineers through outreach and mentoring.” Of course, the focus in this case is on the last item, but the program would not succeed without the healthy relationship that exists among SAME’s members.

**Mike Baldino, P.E. Emeritus, FSAME, Baldino Enterprises, LLC.** was recognized as a Founder of the Student Mentoring Program. His leadership and vision resulted in the development of a strong mentoring alliance between those in engineering and architecture professions and Omaha area middle and high schools, which has continued to mature over the past 19 years. Amazingly, Mike has also participated as a judge and mentor and continues to sit on the SMP Advisory Committee. The man walks the walk! Congratulations to Mike Baldino and thank you for your continued commitment to a great program!

**Richard Lewis, R.A., USACE, Omaha District (Retired),** was recognized for 16 years of continuous service as a Mentor in SMP. Rich has effectively led 300+ students through the process of problem identification, team-building, development of solutions, and presentation. Mentors are given a maximum of 30 hours of continuing education credits each year, but we know it takes many more than that to achieve success in this program. Although Rich is retired from the Corps of Engineers, he continues to participate in the program for the joy it brings!

**Robert Roumph, P.E., FSAME, USACE, Omaha District (Retired),** was recognized for 14 years of service as a Judge in SMP. He has reviewed over 70 projects and provided feedback to something on the order of 2,500 students in that period of time. Responsible review is critical to identification of award winners and validates the solutions presented by students. Bob has been a great asset to the program and is deserving of this expression of appreciation.

**... Fourth Annual Omaha Post Holiday and Awards Event continued**

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Bill Glismann, P.E., HGM Associates, Inc., received an award his contributions as a Workshop Instructor for the past 9 years. As SMP matured, it became evident that participants would benefit from the development of skill sets beyond the basic problem solution process. The workshops allow students to explore skills that support their solution (code compliance, cost estimating, sustainable design) and presentation (writing, computer drafting, model building, public speaking, writing, team building). In addition to his role as a Workshop Instructor, Bill also served as SMP Committee Chair for 10 years, and has participated as a Judge and Mentor. The Omaha Post is proud of Bill and grateful for his support to SMP.

The Omaha Post is poised to nominate four firms and/or individuals to the National SAME Awards Program in 2013. In recognition of their achievements, the following nominations in the categories noted were received:

**Seymour S. Greenfield Sustaining Member Award**
Two Omaha Post Sustaining Member firms have expressed their intent to self-nominate for the Seymour S. Greenfield Sustaining Member Award this year.

- **Klienfelder** is an employee-owned architecture, engineering, and science consulting firm providing solutions to meet our world’s complex infrastructure and natural resource challenges. Working as a team, Klienfelder’s bright people will deliver the right solutions.

- **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.

**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.

**Young Member Medal**
- **Cybil Boss, P.E., URS Corporation** served as the Director of Young Members and College Outreach from 2008 through 2012. She was the Co-Chair of the Omaha Post Industry Day Committee in 2010 and 2012. 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.

Nominees were encouraged to complete the nomination process and were offered support, if needed, from Omaha Post leadership. All nominations will be forwarded to National at the appropriate time (end of January 2013) 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.
Over the last decade, Coastal has successfully completed environmentally sensitive remediation, design/build and construction projects nationwide. Coastal: our work today will make our planet a safer, greener, better place tomorrow.
Hacker Received 2012 SAME Industry Small Business Advocate Award

Jackie Hacker, HDR’s Small Business Program director, was selected by the Society of American Military Engineers to receive the 2012 SAME Industry Small Business Advocate Award. The award was presented during the 2012 SAME Small Business Conference in Grapevine, Texas, December 10-12 during an awards luncheon on Wednesday, December 12.

The award is presented to an individual who has been an outstanding spokesperson and advocate for small business with the Small Business Administration, Department of Defense agencies and other groups, and for outstanding contributions to SAME small business conferences, training sessions and forums.

Hacker, who is based in HDR’s Kansas City, Missouri office, works with small businesses in the federal, state and local government small business programs. Prior to joining HDR, Hacker founded Jackie Hacker & Associates, LLC, which provided federal business development services to small and large businesses. In this role she served as the small business liaison officer for a major defense contractor and oversaw a highly decorated small business program, including seven Department of Defense Nunn Perry Awards.

She previously received the 2011 Regional Vice Presidents Medal and 2008 Presidential Award for Small Business Advocate of the Year, both from the Society of American Military Engineers.
Anita Larson, PMP, F. SAME, Joins CDM Smith as USACE Client Service Manager

CDM Smith is pleased to announce that Anita Larson has joined the firm as a Client Service Manager in Denver, Colorado. Her efforts will be focused on maintaining and building CDM Smith’s USACE program across the US. In this role she is responsible for leading projects, initiating sales and marketing efforts, and proves staff mentorship.

Ms. Larson is currently the Omaha Post 2013 Industry Day Programs Chair and Program Co-chair for the SAME Rocky Mountain 2013 Regional Conference to be held in Denver next summer. She is also coordinating a PMP Exam Preparation Course being held in the spring of 2013; the class is being sponsored by the Pikes Peak, Denver Metro, and Frontier SAME Posts. Ms. Larson is a SAME Fellow.

HDR Acquires DKS Consulting Engineers

HDR has acquired the business of DKS Consulting Engineers, based in Spring Hill, Queensland. Financial terms of the asset purchase agreement were not disclosed. Going forward, DKS Consulting Engineers will do business as HDR|DKS.

“We see Australia as a long-term market for HDR,” said Eric Keen, HDR Engineering, Inc. president. “We support many clients in resource development and public infrastructure, and DKS gives us a strong Queensland presence that we can build upon.”

“DKS has an outstanding reputation with their clients,” said David Bell, HDR’s managing director of Australian operations. “Their highway design practice is considered one of the best in Queensland. We couldn’t be more pleased they decided to join HDR.”

“Everyone at DKS is very excited about the additional strength HDR brings to our client base,” said Mark Dykman, senior partner at DKS Consulting Engineers. “We’re also excited about the personal and professional growth opportunities HDR makes possible.”
Harry Kleiser Joins TerranearPMC as President

Harry R. Kleiser, P.E., has joined TerranearPMC, LLC (TPMC) as President. He is welcomed by CEO, Ken Fillman and Chairman of the Board, Amar M. Raval. Mr. Kleiser started his career with the U.S. Army Environmental Command, was an Officer and Director of Federal Programs at Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., and last held the title of Executive Vice President serving as Client Development Director of Federal Programs within ARCADIS-U.S., Inc., a $3B corporation offering environmental, infrastructure, water, and PM/CM consulting services. He also headed the International DOD Program account for the ARCADIS global company. Mr. Kleiser will be based in Baltimore, MD and open a new office there for TPMC. Mr. Kleiser has a strong history and track record leading federal programs, business development, large contracts, and projects for U.S. government clients including the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, DLA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Environmental Command, National Guard Bureau, and other U.S. federal agencies. He also offers strong depth & experience in strategic planning, services diversification, private-public partnerships, and mergers and acquisitions. In addition to his role as President, he will also be a member of the Board of Directors for the firm. His immediate focus will be on client and project oversight, business development, and diversification as TPMC graduates from a Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) to a Small Business in the summer of 2013.

TPMC’s Chairman, Amar Raval said, “We consider it a great opportunity to bring someone of Harry’s caliber into the company to help us take the next steps in our growth and diversification.” Harry explained the reason for the move to TPMC, saying: “Amar Raval and Ken Fillman have built a strong and ethical company with an outstanding client focused culture. I am honored to be offered the opportunity to join such a solid and well-respected team. For over 20 years, they have constantly delivered to their clients, expanding services in HTRW, remediation, military munitions, radioactive waste management and, more recently, energy. This is a great base to build on and a terrific management team to work with. I am very excited about our future together!”
Bay West Awarded Additional Work at Eglin AFB, FL, Expands to Permanent Office

Bay West, Inc., an environmental services and munitions response company, announced that it has been awarded additional federal munitions work at Eglin Air Force Base for the US Army Corps of Engineers and, as a result, has opened a permanent office in the nearby town of Niceville, Florida.

Bay West has been performing work at Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field since 2007 under contracts with the Omaha District Corps of Engineers, conducting legacy munitions debris burial pit investigations and removal actions. With the award of a fourth long-term task order, Bay West has decided to open a permanent office and continue to offer services to our Army, Air Force, and other federal customers in the southeastern US. The office will be staffed with project managers, site supervisors, scientists, and environmental/UXO technicians.

Bay West Awarded HTRW and Munitions ERMA Contract by US Army Environmental Command

Bay West, Inc., an environmental services and munitions response company, announced that it has been awarded a Small Business IDIQ Environmental Remediation Multiple Award (ERMA) Contract. Bay West is one of nine small businesses that will compete for a $240M total contract pool to perform environmental investigations, remediation, and munitions response activities at sites throughout the US and territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Bay West is headquartered in St. Paul, MN with 13 offices nationwide (CA, FL, MI, MN, MT, NC, NE, OH, TX, and WA), is comprised of scientists, engineers, geologists, and technicians who believe in making the world a better place today and tomorrow. The privately held 38-year-old environmental and industrial services company has a history of success with delivering solutions to customers while keeping health and safety at the forefront of business practices.