Greetings,

Spring is upon us! Spring in the heartland is a lot like the ongoing Federal budget process. In the morning it is cool and cloudy and the forecast is bad, by noon it is sunny and all seems right with the world, and by night fall you can be shoveling snow with no real certainty in the forecast. We can apply the same principles to our business strategy that we apply to our clothing strategy: LAYERS or adaptability. When you leave the house in the morning you don’t know when and for how long you will need your hat and gloves, but you just know that you will need them. The same is true with the work we do. We don’t know exactly what work will come or when it will need to be done, but we do know that work will be coming and those that have positioned themselves for success will have a leg up. This makes the opportunities provided by SAME even more important. I encourage each of you to engage as much as possible.

On the subject of engagement, the nomination process for the 2013-2014 year will begin soon. If you wish to be more involved or try your hand at another activity within the post, please contact Bob Roumph and/or Mary Erwin, our Nomination Co-chairs. Contact information for Bob and Mary can be found at the Omaha Post’s web site.

The Student Mentoring Program’s annual competition will be held on April 11 at the Scott Conference Center on the University of Nebraska – Omaha Campus. I have been involved with this program from the beginning and it has gotten better each year. Gail Frame and the team have done another terrific job. I encourage you to come to the awards ceremony in the evening. You will get a chance to see all of the projects and meet many of the students. Who knows, you may even meet a future employee/colleague.

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I had the opportunity to attend the Student Post meeting at UNO in February. The Student Post has gained momentum, has a solid base to build from, and the current and incoming Presidents are excellent leaders. The students have many of the same questions everyone else has, basically what are the employment opportunities and what can they do to put themselves in a better position to be considered for these opportunities. We discussed the importance of making contacts and how active involvement in organizations like SAME can help in this regard. We also discussed how the student post could be more involved. It was suggested that having some of our monthly meetings at or near campus would help. In response to this suggestion, and since the Field Club is closed in January, we will start having our January meetings at the Scott Conference Center.

Just a reminder about our upcoming Industry Day that will be held in Omaha at the Embassy Suites Downtown on May 6-8. The planning committee has put together another exciting program. This is our Post’s primary fund raising event that supports our other programs such as scholarships, mentoring, etc. If you have not registered please do so.

Thank you again for the honor and opportunity of serving as President of the Omaha Post. I look forward to seeing you at future Omaha Post events.

John I. Remus, II, P.E.
Omaha Post President

Calendar of Events

April 11, 2013
SMP COMPETITION DAY
Thursday, April 11, 2013 at the Scott Conference Center
Presentations begin at 8:30 a.m.

April 18, 2013
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TOPIC
Introduction to Biomedical Engineering & Prosthetics
SPEAKER
Megan Krause, CPO, MSPO
LOCATION/TIME
Field Club, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
***NOTE: This is the 3rd Thursday. Our meeting date was changed so it wouldn’t conflict with the Student Mentoring Competition.***

May 6-8, 2013
OMAHA POST INDUSTRY DAY & GOLF OUTING
The golf outing will be held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Tiburon Golf Club. The cost of golf is $60 government / $90 non-government. Fees include: golf, cart, breakfast, and lunch.

This year’s Industry Day event will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 555 S. 10th Street, Omaha, Nebraska on May 7-8, 2013.

June 13, 2013
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TOPIC
RC-135 Mission Briefing (Electronic Surveillance over the Battlefield) and Tour
SPEAKER
USAF Speaker
LOCATION/TIME
Offutt AFB, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
***NOTE: This meeting will be held at Offutt AFB. You will need to be registered and provide your drivers license number to get on base.***

Mentors are needed for the Student Mentoring Program. Go to http://www.sameomaha.org to find out how you can get involved!
Welcome New Members

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Mr. Michael Wachal  
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Mr. Steve Arens  
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SAME Summer Engineering Camp Applications Due in March & April

By: Natasha Hartley

SAME Omaha Post is now accepting applications for SAME Summer Engineering Camps. The engineering camps are designed for High School students who excel in math, science and technical courses and are interested in pursuing engineering in college. These one-week camps are high energy, hands-on events for students from across the country and around the world. The camps are led by a professional staff of engineers from both private industry and the military services. There are four camps this year:

- U.S. Army Camp - Vicksburg, MI - June 16-22
- U.S. Marine Corps Camp - Camp Lejeune, NC - June 23-29
- U.S. Air Force Academy Camp - Colorado Springs, CO - June 27-July 3
- U.S. Navy Seabees Camp - Port Hueneme, CA - July 21-27

Applications for the U.S. Army Camp are due March 25. Applications for all other camps are due April 15.

The Omaha Post will select our top applicants and submit their names to our National organization for final selection. The Omaha Post can sponsor up to two campers. In sponsoring our selected campers, the Omaha Post will pay the camp registration fee ($550) and the camper is responsible for paying for transportation to the camp. Information on the camps can be found at http://www.sameomaha.org/Omaha_Post_Site/Committees_Scholarships.html. Applications should be submitted to Natasha Hartley, 2324 North 55th Street, Omaha, NE 68104, or natasha.hartley@woolpert.com. If you have additional questions, please call Natasha at 402.290.8457.

Stay connected

To stay up-to-date on current events, view or join discussions by members or meet SAME Omaha Post members, visit www.linkedin.com.
Student Mentoring Program

By: Gail Frame

We attempted to express our appreciation for our teachers, mentors, judges and other volunteers at Granite City in January. Almost 40 people attended and photos of the event are available on our Facebook site (www.facebook.com/samesmp).

We’re gearing up for Competition Day on Thursday, April 11, at the Scott Conference Center. There are almost 260 students on 27 SMP teams from ten middle schools and nine high schools. Presentations begin at 8:30 that morning; projects will be displayed at 6:00 pm and the award ceremony begins at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to all Competition Day events. Projects include a robot to deploy traffic cones, a micro-living apartment floor plan, school renovation and community service projects. Tom Sanders, Director of Professional Services at HDR, has agreed to be our keynote speaker at the Awards Ceremony.

If you know of a teacher or mentor who has considered participating in SMP, please encourage them to attend Competition Day. It’s an excellent opportunity to see the program in action and to get a taste for the kinds of projects teams develop.
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Member Spotlight: Ed Bishop

Position/Duties on the SAME Board? Co-chair of the Programs Committee. We are responsible for developing the monthly technical program.

“Day” job? Risk Management Consultant for HDR. In this role I help our project managers identify and manage risks so they can deliver successful projects – successful both for our clients and for HDR.

Personal Life: My wife, Shelley, and I live on a small acreage north of Council Bluffs. We are busy repairing fences and building shelters for two rescue donkeys we plan to adopt later this spring.

How did you become involved with SAME? I’ve been involved with SAME since the early 1990’s. My supervisor at the time was involved with a local Northern Virginia SAME post and recommended I attend. As the years went by, I participated with several different posts and saw that the posts with the best monthly programs were also the most active posts. I’m not sure if the programs were good because the post was active or the post was active because the programs were good. I volunteered to work on programs with Omaha SAME with the goal to present interesting topics every month.

What has been personally fulfilling/beneficial from your work with SAME? The best part of my work with SAME is the people I have met. It is always rewarding to make network connections, new friends, and to be able to make connections that lead to business success.

What project/task/endeavor have you been most excited/proud to work on in conjunction with SAME? I am mentoring a group of middle school students in Council Bluffs as part of the SAME Student Mentoring Program. They came up with a fantastic project and it is fun to see how they have developed through this process. There are some future leaders in this group.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? 5 years? 15 years with SAME? I hope we see more young engineers joining SAME. It is important for the growth of the organization and the career field.
Frontier-Arrowhead NASA Services Awarded IDIQ Contract

Frontier-Arrowhead NASA Services, a Joint Venture of Lenexa, KS-based Arrowhead Contracting, Inc. and Kansas City-based Frontier Services, Inc., has been awarded a multi-year indefinite delivery / indefinite quantity contract to manage and oversee construction operations at NASA Glenn Research Center facilities located in Ohio.

The contract performance period for the “Construction Management, Inspection, Surveying and Testing” (CMIST) contract runs from April 2013 through 2018, and has a value of approximately $34M. The contract will provide a wide range of construction management services at the 350-acre Lewis Field in Cleveland and 7,000-acre Plum Brook Station in Sandusky.

The CMIST contract will help assure there are safe, efficient, reliable and sustainable facilities and systems to support NASA’s various research and development missions.

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McAneny Joins HDR as New Federal Business Group Director

HDR welcomes Rear Admiral Douglas McAneny as the company’s Federal Business Group director. He will be based in HDR’s downtown Washington, D.C. office, and will be responsible for guiding and growing HDR’s Federal Government business practice across all HDR operating companies. He will serve on both the architecture and engineering company executive teams.

McAneny entered the Navy in May 1978 and qualified in submarines in May 1981. His most recent assignment was Commandant, National War College in Washington, D.C. He is a 1978 graduate of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln Naval Reserve Officers Training Unit, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. He also holds a master’s degree in economics from the University of Oklahoma.

“Under Doug’s leadership, we expect the Federal group to drive incredible results,” said Eric Keen, HDR Engineering, Inc. president. “We look forward to working with Doug and his team.”

Kleinfelder Selected for the SAME Seymour S. Greenfield Sustaining Member Award for 2012

Kleinfelder is pleased to announce being selected for the prestigious Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Seymour S. Greenfield Sustaining Member Award for 2012. This award is based on Kleinfelder’s nationwide support to SAME where we actively participate both on a national level and in 16 local Posts promoting Young Members participation, mentoring programs, and K-12 and college outreach. Kleinfelder’s SAME participants include one Fellow, nine current Post officers (including 4 current or past Post presidents), and active participation in SAME National committees including the Warrior Transition Task Force and the leadership of the 2013 JETC conference. We look forward to celebrating the receipt of this prestigious award with all of our SAME colleagues at the SAME JETC in San Diego, May 21-24.
In 2006, USA Environmental (USA) was awarded a task order under the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Huntsville Munitions Response Services (MRS) Worldwide Contract that gave capacity to South Atlantic Division (SAD) to perform community relations work in the vicinity of the Former Spencer Artillery Range and the Former Motlow Range in Tennessee; Former Camp Wheeler in Georgia; Camp Sibert in Alabama; and Pinecastle Jeep Range in Florida. This work involved presenting programs in Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) recognition and safety to local school children, emergency response personnel, and other groups desiring such training.

USA’s commitment to promote 3Rs awareness resulted in USA being able to provide community education outreach to over 13,200 elementary, middle and high school students and over 1,900 individuals at community organizations over the course of the task order. “The program includes a video and PowerPoint presentation with a question/answer session where the adults or children demonstrate what they have learned in the program” explained Sarah Gambino, Manager of Marketing and Communications for USA. “We also give out handouts that are consistent with the DENIX UXO Safety Program which includes a range of bookmarks, bracelets, stickers, tattoos, magnets, dog tags, highlights, and coloring books to reinforce the 3Rs (Recognize, Retreat, & Report) Safety Message.”

After giving the presentations to various audiences, USA recognized that the training materials might be more effective if they were updated with a more modern look and tone. USACE agreed that updated materials would improve effectiveness of safety education and provided additional funding for the update. As a result, USA and web development subcontractor, GSL Solutions (GSL) collaborated to modernize the program so students and adults could relate to and absorb the material better. USA tasked GSL to create an online hub page that includes the new animated character for SAD, Roxie the fox and worked with GSL to develop video games for younger and older children, an interactive book for tablet devices, and a new safety video for community education presentations. All these items can be found via USACE Savannah’s website at the following link: http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/UXO/.

USA’s task order ended December 2012 but USACE as well as USA remain optimistic about finding new ways to educate and promote 3Rs awareness.
LeBron Joins Altus as VP

Altus Architectural Studios, Inc. has named Jeanne LeBron, F.SAME, Vice President of Business Development. LeBron will identify and pursue business development opportunities, write responses to RFP’s/RFQ’s, market the firm’s capacities, and help principals maintain and enhance their position as design leaders through publication, advertising, public appearances, and outreach to others in the field. She is the Regional Vice President for the Society of American Military Engineers, and is the founder of Society for Marketing Professional Services Nebraska Chapter. A graduate of Bellevue University, and of Leadership Omaha, she brings two decades of marketing and business development experience to the firm.

URS Corporation Announces Jeff Cornell, PhD as Senior Remediation Engineer

Dr. Jeff Cornell, PhD has joined URS Corporation as a Senior Remediation Engineer in the Omaha office. Cornell is a retired Lt. Col from the U.S. Air Force with over 26 years of experience in DoD and private sector remediation projects and program management. During his Air Force career, Dr. Cornell served as Chief of the Technology Transfer Division; Program Manager of the Environmental Construction, Munitions Response, and Technologies Program for SAF; and Installation Restoration Program Manager at McConnell and Andrews AFBs.

URS Corporation is a fully integrated engineering, construction and technical services organization with the capabilities to support every stage of the project life cycle. Through a network of offices in nearly 50 countries, URS provides services to a broad range of clients, including U.S. federal government agencies, national governments of other countries, state and local government agencies in the United States and internationally, and private sector clients worldwide.
ACEC Nebraska Engineering Excellence Award Presented to URS

The Omaha office of URS Corporation is the recipient of a 2013 Engineering Excellence Honor Award in the Environmental category from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Nebraska. The award recognizes the Omaha team’s work on the “ACC 4 Base Performance-Based Remediation” project for the Air Force Civil Engineer Center.

Key URS program/project team personnel include Denny Jorgenson (Program Manager), Krista Schnepf (Project Manager), Jon Ritterling (Project Manager), John Heinicke (Project Manager), Robert Mallisee (Project Manager), and numerous other technical staff from the Omaha office.

URS’ performance on this project exceeded Air Force expectations by providing a greater than 35 percent project cost savings and a life cycle cost reduction of 65 percent. URS compressed the cleanup schedule from the typical 10 to 20 years to six years, all while protecting human health and the environment, eliminating future liability to the Air Force, and minimizing impact on the military mission.

The ACEC awards celebrate engineers who seek innovative solutions and create sustainable outcomes. Projects are judged on criteria such as the original application of new or existing techniques; future value to the engineering profession; social, economic, and sustainable design; complexity; and exceeding the needs of the owner or client. Projects that are winners at state level competitions are eligible for ACEC’s national competition.

SAME Sustaining Members are welcome to submit job opportunity advertisements for inclusion in the SAME Omaha Post quarterly newsletter. We require that your advertisement not exceed business card size and that you submit it in the form of an image (jpg, tif, etc.) or pdf. Please e-mail your advertisement to Gina.Raven@hdrinc.com.

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