WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please welcome our newest individual members:
Mr. Kevin Harmon, Mr. Keith Kenney, Mr. Steve Shattuck,
CAPT Stan Wiles, Mr. Joe Rector and Mr. Grant Rish!
April 9, 2015

To: Membership, Pensacola SAME Post

As we enter spring on the gulf coast I find it hard to believe that we are already one quarter of the year down. The Pensacola post leaders are looking forward to a busy spring and summer. As you will read later in the newsletter, we are focusing our efforts on building a strong program that focuses on education, networking, and business opportunities. We are looking for volunteers to serve on this new program committee. This is an opportunity for post members to have a direct impact on the types of events and speakers we offer during the year. A position on the committee should only take an hour or two a month but the return for your time can be very impactful. Please consider helping out in this important area.

In May, the post will be holding elections for our board positions. Our election cycle recently changed from the January time frame to May to better align our post with the majority of posts in SAME. Nominations for Directors and Vice President positions will be accepted until May 4, 2015. Shortly thereafter, the post will send out a proposed slate of officers to be voted upon at the May 21, 2015 post meeting. New officers will be inducted at our June meeting. There are a number of positions that will need to be filled so please consider serving in a capacity you feel suited for.

This week I had the pleasure of attending a meeting with the University of West Florida Student Chapter. Our student chapter essentially took a year off but is now back and looking forward to interacting with the post membership. There will be a host of events scheduled that will allow you to meet and mentor our student chapter. Keep your eyes open for announcements and if you are interested in mentoring or if your company would like to provide intern opportunities, please let me know.

At the expense of sounding like a broken record, this is your post. I want to stress that everything we do is for the benefit of our members. I realize that there is little time for us to do everything we want in a day so it is important that our post provide you greater value than competing activities. For that to happen, we need to know what is important to our members. In February, we asked our members to provide us some feedback by way of a survey. We have the results and will be incorporating them into our post operations. You will find a breakdown of the responses later in the newsletter. If you missed the opportunity to complete the survey, I still welcome your comments.

That will do it for now. As always, please feel free to call, email, write, or visit me in person to discuss any items you feel are important to the post. Have a great spring and be safe out there.

Bob Sidoti, Post President
UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20-21 — TISP Critical Infrastructure Symposium, Linthicum, MD. [http://www.tisp.org/index.cfm]

April 23 — Monthly Luncheon, Guest Speaker: CDR Jeff Deviney, NAVFAC Public Works Department Pensacola. Cost is $15/person. To register: [http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=5qbehpkab&oeidk=a07eas2svuv076a635e]

May 7 — CSI Gulf Coast Jubilee, Pensacola Bay Center. Courses from 12-4PM with the 11th Annual Pensacola CSI Product and Trade Show from 3-7PM. Schoel Consulting Engineering will present on 3D Laser Scanning, Earth Tech will present on Foundation Improvement Techniques, Bill Johnson with ECUA will give an update on upcoming projects and Lee Smith with FDOT will present on the new signalization techniques on Traffic Lights. We are offering 4 PDH's for FREE! For more information, contact Mr. David Reaves at david.reaves@terracon.com.


2014 POST AWARDS

Post President, Mr. Bob Sidoti, presented the following Post Awards at the February Luncheon. Congratulations to our winners!

President’s Award
Naval Air Station Pensacola

A/E/C Achievement Award
Bullock Tice Associates

Member of the Year Award
Ms. Yvonne Lee

Mentoring Award
Mr. Wes Hamill
(Charlie Bailey accepting)

Young Member Award
LTJG Kristi Gordon
2015 POST PROGRAM SCHEDULE

On Friday, March 27, 2015, the Post Board of Directors held a strategic planning meeting with the goal of developing program for the year that:

- Gives back to sustaining members through sharing of business opportunities,
- Provides Professional Development Hours to membership, and
- Provides networking opportunities for young members and transitioning servicemembers.

The Board determined that the way to meet these goals was to adopt SAME HQ’s annual program themes to guide monthly meeting topics and to establish a Program Committee, made up of Post Members, to coordinate guest speakers/field trips for the following program themes:

- January/February – Environmental & Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)
- March/April – Energy
- May/June – Infrastructure
- July/August – Project Acquisition & Climate Change Resiliency
- September – Asset Management & International Support
- October – Annual Golf Tourney/Small Business Breakfast
- November/December – Design/Construction & Joint Engineer Operations

Some of the proposed topics and field trip ideas discussed included:

- NASP Cultural/Natural Resources Tour
- Tour of USS Independence
- COL Moore/Eglin PPP
- NASP Master Plan
- Airport Authority
- IHMC Robotics (partnership for February E-week)
- Emergency Preparedness
- REPO/Gulf Power
- 3-mile bridge project
- USACE presentation on New Orleans levee failures during Hurricane Katrina

The Post is looking for members to join the Program Committee to help further develop the annual program. If you are interested in contributing to this initiative, please contact Mr. Bob Sidoti at bsidoti@stoaarchitects.com or contact the Post email at pensacola.post@gmail.com.
Earlier this year, the Post sponsored a survey requesting members to provide feedback on ways we could improve our programs and remain relevant to our base. We thank everyone who responded and provided comments. The summary of the results is as follows:

Q1: How many Pensacola Post events have you attended during the last 12 months?
40% answered “1-4”, 20% answered “5-8”, and 25% answered “9-12”. Based on the comments received, the Wahoos game, Ice Flyers game, Habitat Build day and the golf tournament were big hits.

Q2: What day of the weeks is best for a Post luncheon?
65% responded that Thursday remained the best day for our monthly meetings.

Q3: On a scale of 1 to 5 (1= not at all, 5= definitely), does the meeting location or venue affect your decision to attend Post events?
Nearly 39% responded with a “4”, meaning the venue has a determinable impact on event attendance.

Q4: Please rank your preference for venue location. Options included Downtown, Northeast, Northwest, Southwest Pensacola or “no preference”.
The answers were well balanced here although the greatest preference was to Downtown Pensacola.

Q5: On a scale of 1 to 5 (1= not at all, 5= definitely), does the availability of Professional Development Hours (PDHs) affect your decision to attend Post events?
Nearly 28% responded with “4”, 33% responded with “5” while another 28% responded with a “1”.

Q6: Please select all topics that you would be interested in hearing about at Post Luncheons: Public Policy, Federal Programs, New Technology, Local Interest, Infrastructure and Environmental.
The majority of the responses were Federal Programs, New Technology, Local Interest and Infrastructure. Specific comments requested more focus on federal small business opportunities, local and regional federal MILCON and Special Project forecasts, local engineering firm profiles, design best practices and military engineering (Seabees, REDHORSE, Army combat engineers) programs.

Q7: Please select the types of Post events you would most likely attend: Community Service, STEM outreach, Networking, Sporting, Fundraising, and Educational.
Educational, Community Service and Networking events had the most responses followed closely by STEM Outreach. Sporting and Fundraising events were the least popular.

Q8: What is your preferred method of receiving Post news: Email, Newsletter, Website, Facebook?
Email had an overwhelming majority of the responses.

Q9: Is the level of communication from the Post: Too little, Just right, Too much?
Nearly 89% responded “Just right”.

Q10: What other feedback or suggestions would you like to provide to help us with planning future Post programs?
We received some great comments to this question:
  - Provide info on Post streamers and how to support the Post in acquiring them
  - Educate members, especially our A/E/C community how they can better support the Post
  - Spend more time on discussing work opportunities, particularly in the private sector
  - Provide more advance notice of events and more field trips
  - Target programs towards attracting enlisted service members
  - More uniformed officers giving presentations
  - Occasional government speakers

Again, thanks to all who participated and provided feedback. Your opinions really do matter! If you did not get a chance to participate in the survey but have some ideas or comments you’d like to share, please send them to the Post email address: pensacola.post@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you and continuing to improve our service to our members!
Society of American Military Engineers
2015 Current College Student $1,000 Scholarship Application

Mail completed scholarship application to:
Wes Hamill, Public Works Department Whiting Field, 7183 Langley St. B1416 Milton, FL 32570
or
e-mail a .pdf copy of this application and required essay to wesley.hamill@navy.mil

Application deadline is April 16, 2015.

Last Name:   First Name:   MI:

Mailing Address:
City:        State:        Zip:
Home Phone:

University Attending:
GPA (list scale): Major:
Year (ie. Freshman, Sophomore):
Semester of Anticipated Graduation:

Please list any leadership positions, extracurricular activities, honors, volunteer work or awards you may have received within the last two years. Use additional sheet if necessary.

On a separate sheet of paper, discuss the role that engineers can serve to improve the lives of people in Northwest Florida. Essays shall be limited to 1 page, double spaced, 12 point font.

I hereby declare that I meet all minimal eligibility requirements to be considered for this scholarship. The information provided on this scholarship application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize and request the release of academic information to scholarship review committee members. I understand that this information will be used for the purposes of determining eligibility for the stated scholarship.

Signature:    Date:

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or
email a .pdf copy of this application and required essay to wesley.hamill@navy.mil

Application deadline is April 16, 2015.

Last Name: ____________________________ First Name: ____________________________ MI:

Mailing Address:
City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip: ____________________________

Home Phone: ____________________________

High School: ____________________________
GPA (list scale): ____________________________ ACT/SAT score: ____________________________

University planning to attend:

Anticipated major or course of study:

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