Greetings Pikes Peak Post Members,

Happy New Year to all! We have had an active holiday season with our post volunteers again taking action to support the community. Continuing our longstanding partnering with the Fort Carson Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC), our post provided gifts brightening Christmas for children of Fort Carson Wounded Warriors through the Angel Tree Program. We exceeded the contributions from last year, so a personal shout out to all who shared in making these special children smile on Christmas Day. In particular I want to thank Karen and Jim Barthel, MT2 LLC, sustaining members, whose company donated $500 supporting 25 children. A big shout out to Amanda Clark and Cindy Lincicome for leading the DMP and PPP effort.

Our Scholarship Committee has updated our 2014-2015 scholarship application form and criteria, posted it to the website, and are already processing new applications. This year’s SAME/AFA Engineering & Construction Camp 2014 is set for 26 June - 2 July 2014. We will again host record levels of campers, 96. As always, we will need plenty of support to make this camp another PPP success story. Reach out to Scott Prosuch or Mina McCollum to volunteer your services. The SAME PPP in concert with the Air Force Academy helped 35 local boy scouts earn their Architecture Merit Badge by sponsoring a successful merit badge class. Thanks to Dr. Jim Pocock and Scott Leister for carrying out a robust agenda to accomplish all the requirements in one half-day class.

Col Joseph Schwarz USAF (ret) represented PPP and the Rocky Mountain region at the SAME Small Business conference in Kansas City. He brought back invaluable information to our post members, which we will share in an upcoming newsletter or check it out on the web page.

We’re excited to have 20 new members who have joined the Pikes Peak Post and look forward to our orientation breakfast on 18 February to share with them more about our post and how they can make our post even stronger. A hail to LTC Ralph W. Radka who recently took the reins as Commander, 52d Engineer Battalion.

We are aggressively planning for 2014 SAME Engineer Dinner to Honor the USAFA Class of 2014 Entering Air Force Civil Engineering. We are honored to have Maj Gen Theresa Carter, USAF, The Air Force Civil Engineer, as our keynote speaker. The penciled in date is 11 April, pending the Generals schedule, so come join a reception, live entertainment and ceremonial this exciting event which includes dinner with USAFA cadets.

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Thanks to Dave Brewer and for your support to him as he worked tirelessly to develop our streamer submissions to SAME HQ. Many of our folks earned significant awards in 2013 which your can read more about in the newsletter.

Cheers,

George Suther
Captain, CEC, USN
Pikes Peak Post President

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**MARK YOUR CALENDERS**

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**UPCOMING LOCAL SAME EVENTS**

- **11 February**  
  Pikes Peak Monthly Chapter meeting at US Air Force Academy. Industry Briefs: AF Academy, AFCEC, Buckley, Fort Carson and USACE Omaha District

- **18 February**  
  Pikes Peak New Member Breakfast and Orientation (Location TBD)

- **11 March**  
  Pikes Peak Monthly Chapter meeting at Elkhorn Conference Center, Ft Carson (Location tentative)

- **13 March**  
  AIA Disaster Assistance Training Program: Building Evaluator Training at the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department (2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80910). More info at [https://aiacolorado.wufoo.com/forms/disaster-assistance-training/](https://aiacolorado.wufoo.com/forms/disaster-assistance-training/)

- **11 April**  
  USAFA Engineering Dinner for Engineering Graduating Class will be held at the Air Force Academy Falcon Club. The dinner will honor USAFA’s graduating cadets in the Civil Engineering field. Maj Gen Theresa Carter, USAF, The Air Force Civil Engineer is the invited keynote speaker.

- **14 April**  
  Pikes Peak Monthly Chapter meeting (Location tentative)

- **26 June – 2 July**  
  SAME/USAFA Engineering & Construction Camp 2014

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**SAME REGIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **20-23 May**  
  SAME Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo, Co-Hosted by SAME HQ and the Jacksonville Post; Orlando, FL

  **Frontier Post Chapter meetings on 4th Thursday of every month.** Contact Aaron Murray at 307-460-3249 or at aaron.murray@amec.com for details.
SAME Public Sector Memberships
For Uniformed and Civilian Members
Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard
and Public Health Service

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is now offering Career Memberships to those in uniform, and drastically reduced rates to civilians in the uniformed services. Membership in SAME provides opportunities to:

- network with leaders of the uniformed services and industry at national and local conferences and events;
- interact with members of all branches of the uniformed services to become better-educated on joint engineer operations;
- gain valuable training and receive professional development hours through SAME topic-specific workshops on LEED, design-build, project management, and construction and facility management; and
- receive discount registration fees for SAME events as well as events and certification programs offered by our strategic partners, including the Construction Management Association of America and the International Facility Management Association.

Rates Effective Jan. 1, 2010:

- Uniformed Service Members \( (\text{Active Duty, Participating Reserve and Guard, all ranks and ages}) \):
  - New Member rate: $60. One-time membership fee is valid for the duration of uniformed service
  - Current Members: No further payment required for duration of service in uniform

- Uniformed Service Civilians \( (\text{applies to all age groups for duration of employment with the uniformed services}) \):
  - 3-year rate: $45
  - 5-year rate: $60

Public Agency Memberships remain at the current rates. Beginning in 2010, public agencies that support SAME will be eligible to compete for the annual Public Agency Award regardless of whether the agency is an SAME Public Agency Member.

Take advantage of this special offer and join SAME today.
CSU-Pueblo Adjunct Professor Opportunity!
Construction Management Program in Colorado Springs

CSU-Pueblo is extending its Construction Management program to Colorado Springs! The Construction Management program is expanding to offer a convenient degree completion program for community college transfer students, military members, and other non-traditional students in the Colorado Springs area. The program will feature condensed 8 week courses offered in the evening hours. The courses will run out of CSU-Pueblo’s new Tower Location in Colorado Springs at 2864 South Circle Drive, which is conveniently adjacent to I-25 (Exit 138).

CSU-Pueblo is committed to helping the Colorado Springs area meet the national and local need for construction managers by providing course work that is flexible and affordable. Our intent is to extend CSU-Pueblo’s top notch Construction Management program to develop skilled managers for local industry.

To help us expand the program we’re looking for experienced construction, engineering, science, and business professionals to teach the following courses.

- Surveying 1 and 2
- Civil Drafting 1
- Construction Management
- Statics and Structures
- Construction Materials and Methods
- Concrete and Asphalt Materials
- Wood Structural Systems
- Soils in Construction
- Concrete and Steel Structures
- Building Cost Estimating
- Heavy/Highway Cost Estimating
- Construction Planning and Scheduling
- Mechanical and Electrical Systems
- Construction Law
- Construction Safety
- Construction Accounting and Finance
- Principles of Physics 1 w/lab
- Principles of Chemistry w/lab
- Earth Science w/lab (geology)
- Principles of Management
- Principles of Financial Accounting
- Business Communications
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Ethics in Business

CSU-Pueblo’s adjunct professor qualification minimums include a Master’s degree and work experience in a related field. Preferred qualifications include previous college level teaching experience and/or a PhD.

The application process is simple. To get started on the path to becoming an adjunct professor just forward a resume and unofficial transcripts from all higher education institutions to Jon Ullmann, Colorado Springs Program Manager, CSU-Pueblo at jon.ullmann@colostate-pueblo.edu. If you want more information or have questions feel free to e-mail or give Jon a call at 719-442-2264.

2014-2015 Scholarship Committee Update

The Pikes Peak Post Scholarship committee is currently updating our 2014-2015 scholarship application. We anticipate to post the application in the next couple of weeks. We are actively reaching out to local high schools to determine appropriate contacts to notify once the application process is open. Please check the Scholarship page or contact Chuck Weiss for further details.

Financial Committee Update

Steve Howell advises that The Pikes Peak Post enters 2014 in the best financial shape in recent years. The Pikes Peak Post Board will be looking for ways to increase scholarship funds, mentoring, and young member events for 2014 and beyond. Thanks to all of you for making our post financially very successful!
**Pikes Peak Post Award (PPP) Winners for 2013**

Each year, SAME presents awards to individuals and organizations from the uniformed services and the private sector in recognition of achievement in support of the engineering profession, the nation’s national security objectives and the SAME Strategic Plan, which promotes recognition for the internal and external accomplishments of SAME members.

Please congratulate your fellow post members and supporting organizations listed below for their selfless contributions. It is only through the dedicated service of our members that the Pikes Peak Post fulfills its mission and objectives.

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Air Force Academy & Cheyenne Mountain News
AF Academy and Cheyenne Mountain Civil Engineers Answer the Call

Some of the flooding that ravaged Colorado in 2013 was "unprecedented." From 10 - 15 September 2013 the Boulder NWS Office issued 64 Flash Flood Warnings and 38 Flood Warnings. Areas within the storm’s epicenter received over 600% of average precipitation for September. On 19 September 2013, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper activated Colorado guard units to assist in this emergency...an event that many professionals even view as 500-year flood.

GS-12 Jeremy Milliman of the 721CES (Cheyenne Mountain AFS) and GS-12 Fred Brooks of the 10CES (USAFA) answered Colorado state's emergency call for assistance. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) desperately needed support for bridge inspections after floods struck the Westminster and Loveland areas. While both men work full-time as civil service engineers at active duty bases, they are also members of the 240th Civil Engineering Flight of the Colorado Air National Guard (COANG). Jeremy and Fred quickly traded-in their polo shirts for military Airmen Battle Uniforms (ABUs) and chest waders, Lt Col Jeremy Milliman and Maj Fred Brooks brought their unique credentials as certified bridge inspectors and led two COANG teams to inspect over 50 bridges along CDOT highway routes. The bridges experienced extreme flooding and needed to be inspected for damage and safety. The two teams combed the bridges with a “top-down” inspection process and evaluated everything from the roadway surface to the sub-structure and everything in between. The bridge decks, superstructure and substructure were evaluated for stress and impact damage from flowing debris. Water depth measurements were taken from the bridge deck to validate any change in the cross section of the waterway channel. These elevations were then charted and compared with plan sheets of previous inspections. In some circumstances, the waterway deposited multiple feet of soil reducing the cross sectional opening of the bridge structure and restricting the designed waterway. At other times the rapid currents of the waterway carried away multiple feet of soil and created scour areas (concentric voids) that reduced the structural support of the bridge pilings. The embankments approaching the bridges were also evaluated and quantities of riprap were calculated for expedient repairs to be accomplished via the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These detailed reports and photos were published (real-time) to CDOT officials who prioritized corrective actions and ultimately decided to open these critical bridges for vehicular traffic and begin the process of returning to normalcy.
On an interesting note, Brooks’ recounts, “some of the most spectacular findings were witnessing the sheer forces of moving water. For example, seeing cubic yards of drift packed and suspended under the bridge decks and suspended in midair. Then there were those audible warnings from rattle snakes that sought refuge from the rising waters – yikes!”

Milliman sums it up well in a Sep 19th, 2013 Defense Video & Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS) news article when he says, “For those of us that have bridge inspection experience, this is a great way for us to put our skills to use when the state really needs us. So, we're really happy to serve and help CDOT.” He goes on to say, “Obviously it's a tragic situation, but we're just really happy to serve. This is right up our alley, right in our lane.” Read more and view more photos at http://www.dvidshub.net/news/113949/colorado-air-national-guard-civil-engineers-assist-with-bridge-inspection-after-area-floods#.Utl2nWB3uM9.

Buckley AFB News

460th CES wins AFSPC awards

The 460th Civil Engineer Squadron team members won several awards in the Air Force Space Command 2013 Civil Engineer Annual Awards Competition. The civil engineer squadron competes against five other AFSPC bases, in addition to other geographically-separated units for the awards each year. The Team Buckley individual award winners are:

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Congratulations to the winners, and good luck as they compete at the Air Force level.

Fort Carson News

LTC Ralph W. Radka Assumes Command of 52d Engineer Battalion

LTC Danielle Ngo passed the 52d Engineer Battalion guidon to LTC Ralph W. Radka, the new battalion commander, on January 24, 2014 during a ceremony at the Fort Carson Special Events Center. LTC Radka comes to the 52d Engineer Battalion from Fort Bliss where he was the Deputy Commanding Officer for 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, TX. He was previously the Brigade Engineer and Brigade Executive Officer.

LTC Ngo has commanded Fort Carson’s 52d EN BN since January 12, 2012. During her time leading the unit, the battalion provided forces to major operations in forward deployed areas as well as local disaster assistance. LTC Ngo deployed five engineer units with construction, route clearance and security force missions to Kuwait, Bahrain and Afghanistan. In addition, here in Colorado Springs, the unit provided critical engineer assets in fighting the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest Wildfires and in support of flood relief efforts following the Colorado floods of 2013. LTC Ngo’s next assignment will be as the Military Assistant to the Chairman of the NATO Military Committee.


A homecoming ceremony for approximately 50 Fort Carson Soldiers with the 4th Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion and 150 Soldiers with 4th Engineer Battalion, 555th Engineer Brigade was held at the Special Events Center on post on December 13, 2013.

Approximately 180 HHBN Soldiers are due to redeploy through January as part of a phased reduction of troops in Afghanistan and deployed to Afghanistan as the RC-South Headquarters in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in June. The 4th Infantry Division Headquarters, which is currently responsible for Regional Command-South in south-
ern Afghanistan, is adjusting its size to meet the new conditions for the train, advise and assist mission. Afghan National Security Forces assumed the lead in security operations earlier this year. Forty HHBN Soldiers returned in November.

The 4th Eng. Bn. deployed to Regional Command (RC)-South in June conducting general engineering, route clearance and Afghan National Army Development in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During their deployment, they cleared more than 30,000 kilometers (18,650 miles) of theater controlled and regionally controlled routes. The battalion conducted more than 300 key leader engagements with Afghan National Army engineer units, completed more than 65 construction projects and supported 17 directed operations in support of maneuver elements in the RC-South.

Peterson AFB News
21st CES Airmen Awarded for Flood Response, Mission Restoration, Saving Millions of Dollars
Excerpts from an article by Staff Sgt. J. Aaron Breeden, 21st Space Wing Public Affairs

September 2013 rains brought a 500-year flood to Colorado Springs, and according to NOAA making September the wettest one month period in 119 years of data collection. The floods left several thousand cubic yards of earth and debris and tons of rock at the front door of Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. Fifteen Airmen from the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron were recognized for their efforts clearing that debris receiving the Air Force achievement medal.

MSgt Tim Ebbens  SSgt Dane Ryan  SrA Jaime Hurani
TSgt Troy Parlin  SSgt Matthew Cincotta  SrA Chris Russ
TSgt Jorge Rivera  SSgt James McConnell  SrA Clinton Phillips
SSgt Peter Frankland  SrA Sam Ackerman  SrA Thomas Meyer
SSgt Andy Bixler  SrA Jacob Winters  A1C Joshua Potter

MSgt Timothy Ebbens, 21st CES heavy repair superintendent, was the Peterson team lead for this undertaking. “Four of us from 21st CES initially responded to CMAFS on 13 Sept,” Ebbens said. “We responded to make an assessment at around 0900.” “When we arrived it was still raining heavily so visibility was minimal. As we drove up the hill to the north portal the road was washing out along the edge,” Ebbens said. “When we reached the portal it was amazing to see how much damage nature can produce.” “After the initial assessment my first goal was to try and prevent further damage to the only road we had to get vehicles up and down to remove debris from the portal,” he said. Within hours, Ebbens said all of their equipment was working its way up the mountain to begin the laborious task of digging out.

Fortunately, the 21st CES Airmen also had a great deal of help from their partners at Fort Carson. “Our unit worked great together with the engineers from Fort Carson,” Ebbens said. “At one point there were about 15 Airmen from the 21st CES and 30 Soldiers from Fort Carson.” “(The Soldiers) provided some larger equipment to move the silt and dirt,” he added. “The Airmen provided dump trucks to haul the debris to a safe zone about a mile down the hill.” Ebbens said within 48 hours the joint forces were able to clear one lane into the north portal and four days later an accessible two-lane road was cleared.

“In total the combined forces of the Air Force and Army were able to remove 7,000 cubic yards of debris and place 800 tons of rocks for erosion control, preventing millions of dollars for road replacement,” Ebbens said. “The best part of working with the Airmen for CE is they take pride in everything they do and are enthusiastic after working long hours,” Ebbens said. “This event was an awesome opportunity. See video of their efforts at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2m_SBxkljkU.

Schriever AFB News
50 CES Airman Makes Difference with Red Cross
by Staff Sgt. Robert Cloys, 50th Space Wing Public Affairs

It was 11 PM on December 4th when SSgt Katie Benoit, 50th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management NCO in charge, received a call requesting her assistance with a woman whose home was on fire. As a part of the American Red Cross’ Disaster Assistance Team, Benoit volunteers one week a month during the night taking calls for support if there are fires or other home catastrophes. The call was the first Benoit had received since signing up to volunteer several months before, she was humbled to help.
“A divorced mother who was renting a home didn’t have renter’s insurance and was strapped for cash,” said Benoit. “We have funding with the Red Cross where we can get them a hotel room for a few days, food vouchers and clothing vouchers. We’re also there for support. We have grief counselors we can offer them or just offer a shoulder they can cry on.” Since the call was her first, Benoit wasn’t quite sure what to expect, but was extremely pleased with how smooth the process was.

“Any time I drive up on a scene, the house could potentially still be on fire, but the firefighter knew exactly who I was when I got there and greeted me by name,” said Benoit. “I felt like I was part of the action, it was interesting. The firefighter led me in, gave me a brief on where the fire started, how she was doing and some of her backstory.”

Benoit said she is always trying to find ways to make an impact through volunteering in the community. “I always look and try to find something that has meaning to me,” she said. “You see the Red Cross in so many ways. They touch so many people. I like the fact that I see firsthand the impact I have.”

After filling out a registration application through the Red Cross website, Benoit was able to find the right fit during an interview with the lead volunteer coordinator. “They tried to fit me with something that fit my personality, lifestyle and work schedule,” she said. “There was some online training I had to do as well.”

Her volunteer effort supports Benoit in her military duties as well as the emergency management NCO in charge at Schriever. The opportunity is give and take as she is also able to apply military knowledge and experience in her volunteer work.

The group of volunteers at the Red Cross is a large, diverse group, said Benoit. “You don’t have to have any experience to volunteer with the Red Cross, you just have to have the want and desire,” she said. “That’s what the volunteer coordinator is there for. They fit you with something that you would be good at. If you have computer skills, maybe you could do some behind the scenes paperwork. If you’re good with people, maybe you could teach some training classes. They have so many different ways for you to help and volunteer.”

According to the Red Cross website, volunteers constitute 94 percent of the total workforce who carry out their humanitarian work. The Red Cross is a huge presence in this community and is constantly trying to evolve.” For more information on volunteer opportunities with the Red Cross, visit http://www.redcross.org/support/volunteer

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**SMALL BUSINESS CORNER**

**SAME Small Business Conference Recap**

The SAME 2013 Small Business Conference, with 1,500 attendees, was a great success! Conference presentations are available at http://www.same.org/index.php/component/content/article/901.

USACE, NAVFAC and the AIR FORCE were all approved to attend the Conference. Representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA), General Services Administration (GSA) and the Veterans Administration (VA) also attended. Leaders from each agency shared their knowledge of upcoming business opportunities and provided tips on competing for contracts with their agencies.

Col Joseph Schwarz USAF (ret), SAME Fellow and Past PPP President, attended as a representative for the Rocky Mountain region. He commented “It was a great opportunity to network with others. You could look for future business opportunities, or interact with prospective employers. It was also a great place to make new contacts and learn about some capabilities that you may not have been aware of previously. And it was nice that the conference was so close to Colorado as well. As it will be in Kansas City again next year, I would recommend to those along the Front Range to start planning now to attend in 2014.”
2014 SAME Engineer Dinner to Honor the U.S. Air Force Academy
Class of 2014 Entering Air Force Civil Engineering
April 11, 2014 -- 1700 hours
U.S. Air Force Academy Falcon Club
Building 3120 Academy Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Invest in the future of engineering by sponsoring the 2014 U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Dinner.

This unique event features Keynote Speaker Maj Gen Theresa Carter, USAF, The Air Force Civil Engineer, a reception, live entertainment and ceremonial dinner with cadets.

Sponsorship packages vary from large to small, fitting every marketing budget.

SAME Posts Support Warriors Angel Tree

Since early November 2014 the SAME Pikes Peak Post and Denver Metro Post have partnered with the Fort Carson Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC) collecting gifts for the children of the Fort Carson Warrior Transition Battalion through our Angel Tree program. Through the generous donations of our members, we brightened Christmas morning for nearly 100 children this year! The Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC) provides tailored integrated support services to the Fort Carson Warriors in Transition (WT) and their families. SFAC’s purpose is to equip and aid the Warriors in making life changing decisions as they transition either back to duty or to civilian life. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our Wounded Warrior’s children! A special shout out to Amanda Clark and Cindy Lincicome for spearheading local SAME posts support!

SAME/ AFA Engineering & Construction Camp 2014

The dates are set for this year’s camp at the AFA: 26 June – 2 July 2014. We will again host record levels of campers, 96. With that many kids, we will need plenty of support.

• **Applicants.** If you have or know a HS student 9-11th grade, on an engineering tracking, please ask them to send in an application. The camp site is www.same-camps.org
• **Mentors.** With 10 Flights of 12 campers, we need 20 YM mentors to lead the Flights. As a SM firm, please consider sending a YM to the camp. YMs should be engineers or related background and have a 8 day window to support the camp.
• **Support.** Plan to come out and visit the camp during the week and support this great program and our future engineers.
• Construction Lead – need 1-2 construction foreman and or carpenters to lead the Shed construction event
• Graduation Book – looking for a firm to assemble and publish our camp graduation book

Thanks for everyone’s continuing support. Contact Scott Prosuch at (719)337.0346 or email to sprosuch@earthlink.net with questions or to volunteer.
SAME PPP Helps Scouts Earn Architecture Merit Badges

SAME’s Pikes Peak Post (PPP) is becoming very well known within the local Boy Scout District. After sponsoring a successful Engineering merit badge class last October, two Architects from the same SAME post decided to offer Architecture merit badge. With the encouragement of J.J. TANG (SAME’s Chair, Architectural Practice Committee) and other national SAME members, Dr. Jim Pocock, Architect and Civil Engineering professor at the Air Force Academy (AFA) and Mr. Scott Leister, HQ AFSPC Command Architect set out a robust agenda to accomplish all the requirements in a single half-day class. To improve the flavor of the training, they attended the Engineering class and interviewed other SAME members, like Capt George Suther, Chief Engineer NORAD and USNORTHCOM, our SAME PPP President and fellow Architect.

Thanks to a well-timed Business merit badge weekend and great advertising by the Local Boy Scout District, the event was sold out within two weeks. Thirty-five scouts plus parents and scoutmasters attended the December 2013 event. The class was held below one of the most famous building in the US, the Air Force Academy Chapel, and began with some classroom comparisons between Architects and Boy Scouts. It seems they share the same beliefs in conservation, consideration of the outdoors, respect for fire and sustainability. Next, Jeremiah Johnston from North Star Surfaces, showed scouts examples from his company’s unique reusable products like paper stone and used glass terrazzo.

The highlight of the class was a guided tour through the AFA Chapel (with an Architectural/Structural focus), and the AFA’s new $40M MILCON, Center for Character and Leadership Development (CCLD), currently under construction. In between tours were discussions on campus planning and design consistency (a.k.a. International Style), and elements of a green roofs. The class ended in a chaotic frenzy with a hands-on drafting session, as scouts tried to measure and identify mechanical, electrical, structural, communications, security and fire components within our classroom.

Jim and Scott plan to teach the Architecture merit badge class again in the future; the world needs more Architects. They are both registered merit badge counselors with the local BSA District.
SAME ENLISTED CORNER

Hello, I am Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt) Tamara Olson. I am the Enlisted Civil Engineer Functional Manager for Air Force Space Command. I am grateful for the opportunity to discuss Air Force Enlisted Engineer topics and issues. In light of the current fiscal environment, our Civil Engineer community is grappling with the effects of dwindling dollars in all functional areas, but this also includes the topic of training. Reduced funding impacts the ability to send our Airman to formalized training and our Civil Engineer squadrons must develop alternative methods and include Home Station Training (HST) as part of our regular operations. HST is specifically targeted to build our expeditionary combat support skills, but it works concurrently with a robust On the Job Training (OJT) program. Not only do HST and OJT programs build our enlisted skill sets, they also enhance the teamwork environment and greatly increase the interaction between military, civilian, and contracted work forces. CMSgt Jerry Lewis, our HQ Air Force Chief of Enlisted Matters, Office of The Civil Engineer aptly states: “As our CE squadrons transform to mitigate the impacts of constrained resources and address future requirements, we must focus on Home Station Training to maintain our installation support and expeditionary combat support capabilities.” I couldn’t agree more and I look forward to paving the way to improving our local OJT programs and partnering opportunities with contracted venues to ensure our Air Force Civil Engineers Lead the Way!

SAME is the premier professional engineering association in the United States that connects public sector and private industry professionals in the architecture, engineering, construction, and environmental and facility management fields to strengthen our nation’s security.

The executive committee for the SAME Pikes Peak Post invites on a monthly basis new members to a “Meet and Greet” to better acquaint members with the SAME Pikes Peak Post. Board members will be available to answer questions regarding the post as well to get a chance to get to know you and your firm. Joining SAME is one of the most beneficial ways to stay engaged and active in the military engineering community. Our membership is currently at 578 plus 106 Students totaling 684 members who are receiving the many benefits that come with joining the Pikes Peak Post. To get more information on how you too can join our award winning Post, please contact our membership chair Sandie Busby at sandie@pcdengineering.com.

All members can update their member profiles by visiting www.same.org/update. Keeping your member profile current ensures all post and committee communications reach you. As always, you can also contact the SAME HQ Membership Department for assistance with updates to your membership record.

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.

SAME Vision: To be a premier global engineering organization leading the professional and personal growth of all members in support of military readiness and development of solutions to national security challenges.

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SAME Sustaining Memberships offers the opportunity to network with industry leaders in the public sector and uniformed services. Learn about upcoming projects first-hand at numerous workshops and events, such as the annual Engineering Service Chiefs and Federal Programs Briefings. Interact with Young Members as they find their path in the A/E/C field.

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