President’s Corner

Greetings Portland Post Team!

At our last meeting, we were privileged to hear an outstanding overview of the $1.5B Vancouver Waterfront Development project by Mr. Rich Darland from PBS Engineering and Environmental. I found the discussion on the technical challenges he and his team have overcome fascinating, and we appreciate the great presentation.

Many thanks to Jason Kelly, Jennifer D’Avanzo, Mike Faha, and Todd Martinez for pulling together a phenomenal Fall Workshop on October 11th. Jason, Jennifer, and Mike gave an outstanding presentation on Successfully Integrating Landscape Architecture in an Infrastructure Project, using the Reed’s Crossing Project in Hillsboro as case study. They learned about challenges that the design team had to work through and discussed team integration and construction lessons learned with LAs and PEs. The ticket sales supported SAME Portland Post scholarship fund, a great cause we can all get behind! Keep an eye out for an announcement on the upcoming Spring Workshop as we firm up details on that event too.

On November 7th, we’ve got another great speaker lined up for our monthly luncheon, Mr. Eric Strickland from Portland District, US Army Corps of Engineers will be giving us an overview on the Portland Veterans Affairs Hospital project. We really look forward to that discussion and hope to see all of you back at the luncheon. Also, as a reminder, the Portland District is also hosting its 2018 Industry Day at Camp Withycombe on November 14th, which will give some additional details on upcoming contract opportunities with USACE.

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John D. Cunningham, P.E., PMP
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
President, SAME Portland Post

Next Post Event – SAME Luncheon Portland Veteran’s Hospital – Technical Challenges

Date:
Wednesday, Nov 7, 2018

Time:
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Cost:
Retired Members ($25.00) Public Agency Members ($25.00) Private Consultant-Sustaining Member ($30.00) Non-Member ($35.00) PREPAYMENT RQD

Location:
Sentinel Hotel, 614 S.W. 11th Avenue, 2nd floor

Event:
Eric Stricklin, US Army Corps of Engineers

RSVP By:
Oct 31, 2018 at SAME.PDX.RSVP@gmail.com, or call 503-643-8710 to confirm and prepay with credit card. Do Not respond to this email. To ensure your RSVP is received, please use: same.pdx.rsvp@gmail.com
Portland Veteran’s Hospital – Technical Challenges to the road to renovation

Guest Speaker: Eric Stricklin, US Army Corps of Engineers

Presentation:

The Portland Veteran’s Affairs Hospital co-located with OHSU is about to undergo a complete seismic retrofit and renovation, this project has been in development for over 6 years and is finally scheduled to move forward in 2019. Mr. Stricklin’s overview of the Portland VA Hospital project with his USACE team will include the overall scope and some technical considerations of the project. The Portland District Small Business Deputy will also attend to discuss opportunities and provide information on the upcoming Portland District Industry Day on November 14, 2018.

Profile:

Eric Stricklin has two decades of service as an engineer and project manager with the US Army Corps of Engineers. He is currently serving as the Branch Chief of Planning and Project Management at the Portland District, US Army Corps of Engineers. He has successfully managed numerous challenging projects across the Nation, and is overseeing the project to seismically retrofit and renovate the Portland Medical Center in support of the Veterans Affairs Administration.