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SAVE THE DATE - SAME South Florida Post Industry Day
July 21-22, 2015
The Rusty Pelican, 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway Key Biscayne, FL 33149.
Time: 7:00 am – 4:30 pm

Society of American Military Engineers

September Meeting Features Sen. George LeMieux
Opening General Session Stresses Five SAME Charges

The SAME 2015 JETC took place May 19-21 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas! More than 1600 attendees turned out for a robust educational program complimented by diverse and exciting networking opportunities. Presentations from the event are posted online and photos of the event will be accessible from the SAME Flickr page.

SAME President Col. John W. Mogge, Ph.D., RA, F.SAME, USAF (Ret.), kicked-off the general session reviewing the Society’s major accomplishments. The Honorable Thomas White, Secretary of the Army (2001-2003), and Founder of DKRW Energy, set the tone for SAME members to engage in North America’s pursuit of energy independence in an energetic and informative keynote address. In a morning that began with stirring renditions of patriotic and gospel songs from the local Cypress Springs High School Chorus and the Honorable White reminded the audience that the United States, more than anywhere else in the world, has the opportunity to open up markets, create competition and drive solutions and innovation, attendees at the opening general session of the 2015 JETC no doubt came away with one thought: America’s future is bright.

Before Secretary White took the stage at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, SAME President John Mogge gave the annual “State of the Society” address. Mogge touched on the focus of the national leadership team over the past year to reinvigorate SAME as One Society, to rebuild this mantra through Posts and members at the local and regional levels and to reorient the national headquarters staff to enable Posts and volunteers to be able to succeed in supporting SAME’s mission and focus areas.

Mogge brought up five charges that he is asking the membership to consider, in order to remain evolving and relevant to change. He called out Marv Fisher, Carrie Ann Williams, Wendy Parker, Maj. Matt Altman, USAF, and Bob Schlesinger—each of whom has agreed to take on one of the five charges and spearhead member involvement to ensure they are achieved.

The five charges are:
✓ What is tomorrow’s value proposition for members?
✓ What makes SAME unique among its peers?
✓ How do we raise the level of engagement among members?
✓ How do we make SAME The Society of Choice?
✓ What does it take to keep us aligned as One Society?

Mogge also detailed how SAME at local, national and regional levels have supported the past year’s three focus areas: maintaining relevance, STEM outreach, and support to veterans.
**SAME 2015 JETC Overview**

**Mogge: Five SAME Charges**

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One story Mogge shared encompasses supporting all three focus areas: it’s the story of the formation of a new Student Chapter at the University of South Florida. The SAME Tampa Bay Post has a large number of veterans, with 150 studying some sort of STEM-related degree program. There was mutual interest in establishing a relationship between the Post and the school. The night of the first meeting, 51 students signed up to be members. Soon after, another 30 students signed up. As the year moved along, and it came close to graduation, the school requested that the Post support the graduating veterans with interview and resume training and reviews. More than 20 Sustaining Members of the Post participated, helping these transitioning veterans who will soon enter industry looking for opportunities in STEM fields.

And of all the veterans who attended the resume/interview training who were not members of SAME when they walked in the room, by the end of the night, all had signed up. Strengthening America’s global technical future, supporting the nation’s warriors, and maintaining relevance: that is all achievable.

Mogge further challenged each member of the audience to give four hours this year supporting a youth in STEM outreach. Just four hours multiplied across SAME’s 30,000 members can make an amazing impact.

Mogge also challenged the industry firms in the audience to hire veterans, assuring them they would not be disappointed. He reminded all the veterans in the audience that the is still much work to be done, even if progress is being made. “We are the fortunate ones,” he said.

**Penny Sworn in as New National SAME President**

Jane Penny was sworn in as SAME National President during the JETC, becoming the first female to hold the position of SAME President since the organization’s founding in 1920.

Following her swearing in, Penny detailed what will be SAME’s key focus areas this year: STEM outreach, support to veterans, and inclusion. But most importantly, she emphasized, is engagement, and the willingness—to say “YES.”

When you say yes, you just might change your life—just as a young female engineer with the Air Force did 32 years ago when asked if she’d like to attend an SAME meeting.

Currently a senior executive with global architecture, design, engineering, and construction service firm AECOM, Penny joined SAME in 1983 while working as a civilian engineer in the U.S. Air Force. She has more than 30 years of experience in planning, designing, conducting, managing and directing civil engineering, environmental and infrastructure projects.

Her civil service career took her from Chief of Military Programs at Chanute AFB, Ill., to Senior Environmental Engineer for the Air Force, where she was responsible for the oversight of regulatory compliance for all Air Force installations in the southeastern United States. She then transitioned into the private sector as Regional Operations Manager for the start-up office of Dynamac Corp. Penny is the fourth “civilian” to serve as SAME President since the system was changed in 2012.
Dear South Florida Post Members,

What a year it has been! I can’t believe my term as your President for the 2014-15 year is coming to an end! Thank you to all those folks that have participated and helped me during this great ride. You know who you are! Without you and your participation, I could not have made it, and we as a Post could not have achieved the things we have. Thank you also to the Post members for attending and participating in our events, and to our Sustaining Member companies for their support and sponsorships, since our events, programs and initiatives would not have been a success without your attendance and monetary contributions! Every year that goes by our Post seems to grow exponentially both in members and in activities, and this year was no exception! We grew our membership and went from being a Small Post to a Medium Post (over 175 members), and after kicking off the year with our first ever Industry Day last July, we got on a roll and organized many events and activities throughout the year that made it possible for our members to engage and participate in. Some of those events our Post organized and our members participated in were: a construction tour of the new Frost Science Museum being built downtown; our bi-monthly luncheons; organized and participated in a Toys for Tots Holiday Social overlooking South Beach at the US Coast Guard’s Base Miami Beach’s Gator Den, where many members attended and brought many toys to be distributed, and Sustaining Member companies sponsored and donated over $4,000 to our Scholarship Fund; engaged and participated in multiple STEM related activities, most notably, one with the Girls Scouts of America, having an event at the current Frost Science Museum where professional women in our Architectural, Engineering and Construction communities, from military, civil service and private sectors, spoke to young girls of different ages and schools about their respective careers, encouraging the girls’ involvement in STEM courses and careers, and participated with them in multiple hands on STEM related exercises and problem solving discussions; and the other with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, where our Young Members participated as Science Fair judges; upped the ante for both college scholarships and construction camp sponsorships, by raising our scholarship in quantity and amount, from two $500 to four $1000 scholarships, two for high school students and two for college students, and raising the two camp sponsorships to include airfare and camp registration fees, instead of just the registration fees; and will complete the year with our 2nd Annual Industry Day taking place July 21-22, 2015, where we’ve added an Icebreaker networking reception at the Coast Guard’s Gator Den, the night before the actual Industry Day at the Rusty Pelican!

As we go into the 2015-16 term year, our focus will follow our SAME National leadership’s new focus areas and marching orders, which are: 1- Support for Veterans; 2- STEM Outreach; and 3- Programs & Inclusion for Relevance, and as such, you will see our Board will be set up in a similar way. Please see the Proposed Slate of Officer’s included in this Newsletter. The Board will seek your participation in the various committees, so engage and get involved in your Post!

I am very proud of what our Post has accomplished this year, so thanks yet again to all those who have participated and I know the incoming Board looks forward to your continued participation. I urge you to stay involved or get involved in the committees and programs and make a difference!

Cheers,

Randy Sosa, CGC
President, SAME South Florida Post
Established in 1995, Nova Consulting (Nova) is a Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB) / minority engineering consulting firm specializing in civil and environmental engineering, as well as construction management services. We bring nearly two decades of experience providing professional services to federal, state and municipal agencies in the water and wastewater, environmental, and transportation markets.

Our staff consists of highly skilled professional engineers, scientists, and geologists that specialize in water resources, engineering design, environmental planning and assessments, permitting, and value analysis and life-cycle costing. Additionally, our construction management & inspection team has successfully implemented civil construction projects for our clients from pre-construction through project close-out.

With offices in Washington D.C., New York City, and South Florida (Miami, West Palm Beach, and Fort Lauderdale) the firm is technically certified by several federal, state and municipal agencies.

Services Provided
Nova understands the value of quality workmanship our clients want and deserve. With the integration of engineering principals and a sound understanding of the markets we serve, Nova has proved to be an asset in the engineering and consulting industry. In each service we bring expertise, sensitivity to our client’s objectives, and clear sense of direction.

Environmental Engineering
Nova has developed considerable expertise addressing current environmental issues. Environmental services provided by the firm range from initial planning stages of problem definition to post-implementation, operation / maintenance, and final closure.

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Services Provided

Water Resources
Nova is staffed with professional geologist, environmental engineers, and consultants to provide effective solutions in the areas of stormwater and wastewater, flood control, combined sewer overflow, and natural resource management.

Construction Management
Nova continues to refine and develop methods and procedures to efficiently control time and cost for our client’s construction projects. We provide services including construction inspections, project controls, scheduling, and estimating.

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USACE Homestead Air Reserve Base

This project entailed the resurfacing of the existing runway, taxiway, and over runs. Nova provided civil engineering support through 100% design drawings and specifications, as well as permit application(s) for the road and parking, associated drainage system, and site work. As part of the US Army Corps of Engineers team, Nova also provided construction management services as well as Quality Assurance/Quality Control services.
USACE Washington Aqueduct

The Washington Aqueduct, a Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, operates two raw water facilities – the Great Lakes Intake and the Little Falls Pumping Station, which draw water in from the Potomac River and convey to the Delacarlia Reservoir. The water is then treated at the Aqueduct’s two operated treatment plants - Dealecarlia and McMillian Water Treatment Plants (WTPs). The water treatment plants serve over 1 million persons in the D.C and northern Virginia Area with potable water.

Nova Consulting has been selected to perform various engineering services for the Washington Aqueduct Division under an Indefinite Delivery Contract (Small Business Set Aside). Nova will provide all services in accordance with project design including, but not limited to:
- Studies - Site investigations, drawings, sketches, and cost estimates
- Permitting - Identifying all permits from local, State, and Federal authorities during design work
- Reports – Discussions of the study and investigation, description of all plans and schemes considered for obtaining the desired end result of the study
- Concept Designs and Site Plans
- Basis-of-Design
- Outline Specifications
- Concept Cost Estimates
- Final Design
- Final Design Analyses
- Contract Drawings
- Contract Specifications
- Quantity Surveys and Cost Estimates
- Engineering Advice During Construction
- Record Drawings
- Operation & Maintenance Manual
- Training

Additional work will consist of services for alterations, maintenance, repair and new construction projects; cost estimates for these individual projects; replacement/renovation of utility plants and systems such as heating, air conditioning, ventilation, mechanical, interior and exterior electrical supply and distribution systems; construction support, review of shop drawings and conformance to specification.
South Florida’s May luncheon/meeting at the 94th Aero Squadron focused on opportunities in aviation. First, Colonel Steve Williamson (Ret), SF Post 1st Vice-President, discussed veteran events and opportunities, as well as STEM events, scholarship opportunities, and Industry Day. Contact Williamson if you want to volunteer.

Following a delicious lunch, keynote speaker, Jose A Ramos, reviewed opportunities and expansion at Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD). The expansion will require several years for implementation and MDAD is attempting to maximize capacity and capabilities of existing infrastructure. Ramos’ full presentation is available on the SF post website.

Left: SF Post 1st Vice-President Steve Williamson discusses various committee and volunteer opportunities.

Rob Kermanj, left, and LT Jon Benvenuto discuss information before lunch.

Keynote Speaker Jose Ramos reviews the expansion of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department.
During the SAME Board of Direction meeting May 18 in Houston, the board voted to approve the full integration of The Infrastructure Security Partnership (TISP) into SAME as a council, which includes a voting position on the board for the TISP chair.

SAME has served as Secretariat of TISP for several years and a number of SAME Posts have achieved the Infrastructure Resilience & Emergency Preparedness Streamer. Many Posts have collaborated with TISP on hosting workshops and presentations on critical infrastructure and resilience, including a successful regional workshop in 2013 held between the New York City, New Jersey and Philadelphia Posts.

TISP was founded in 2001 after the attacks of 9/11 to facilitate a forum for advancing practice and policy for the protection of our nation’s critical infrastructure. For more on the history of TISP, its working groups, its mission and how to get involved, visit www.same.org/tisp.

LT Jeffery D. West, USCG
SAME South Florida Post
Treasurer

What prompted your interest in joining and serving a leadership role in the South Florida Post?
I joined SAME because it provides a great forum to network with other engineering professionals and support government and industry partnerships. Along with this opportunity to interact with colleagues from the private sector, I was also drawn to SAME because of the support that the organization and its members lend to STEM outreach and education. Having a solid engineering and science background has been a key component in my personal successes, and I am excited to bring that opportunity to our next generation of up-and-coming engineers and scientist who will make this country and world a better place.

Spotlight Profile
LT Jeff West has served over 9 years with the U.S. Coast Guard. He is currently assigned as a Construction Manager and Facility Asset Manager at Civil Engineering Unit Miami, where he helps program a $30M annual budget and manages construction projects in support of over 198 Coast Guard units stretching across 28 states, from the Mississippi River Valley and the Gulf Coast to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

LT West’s operational assignments include Commanding Officer of USCGC MARLIN in Fort Myers Beach, FL, where he and his crew were responsible for patrolling from the Florida Panhandle to the Bahamas in support of search-and-rescue, human smuggling, and counter-narcotics operations. During his tour, MARLIN was also amongst the first wave of Coast Guard assets which responded to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Prior to that assignment, LT West was attached to USCGC KUKUI in Honolulu, HI, where he served as Assistant Operations Officer, Law Enforcement Officer, and Supply Officer, patrolling the South and Central Pacific Ocean in support of high seas fisheries enforcement and helping forge bilateral patrol agreements through international outreach with countries like Samoa, the Cook Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

LT West graduated with High Honors from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, earning a Bachelor of Science in Civil & Environmental Engineering. He also attended graduate school at Cornell University, where he was awarded a Master of Engineering (Civil) and a Master of Business Administration. LT West is also a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Florida. ♦
Make SAME South Florida your Post of Choice!

Here’s How: From the SAME homepage at [www.same.org](http://www.same.org), on the blue ribbon across the top of the screen, click on **Membership**.

• Choose **Update your individual OR Sustaining Membership Information**
• Log in with your user name and password. A link is provided if you have forgotten your password.
• Click on **Member Profile Update**.
• Scroll down to **Post Affiliation**. You have two options if you would like to support more than one post. For **Post 1**, click on **South Florida Post**.
• Scroll to the bottom and click on **Update Member Record**. That’s it! ✅

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**SAME South Florida Post**

**Proposed Slate of Officers**

**2015-2016 Term**

**President** – Commander John Berry, USCG

**1st Vice President** (Programs & Inclusion for Relevance) – Steve Williamson, Williamson Consulting Services, LLC

**2nd Vice President** (STEM Outreach) – Daphne Gurri, Gurri Matute PA

**3rd Vice President** (Support for Veterans) – Elliot Press, MCM

**Secretary** – Diana Umana, Nova Consulting + assistant – Reports to President

**Treasurer** – Carlos Acosta, + assistant - Reports to President.

Committee Chairs and POCs will be appointed by the Officers.
A few positions are still available.

Please contact Randy Sosa, Polu Kai Services, LLC, on his cell, 305-975-2173, or via email at [randy@polukaiservices.com](mailto:randy@polukaiservices.com), with additional nominations or if you want to be involved in the Committees. Keep in mind that you have to be a member in good standing to be on the Board.

Thanks.
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Get with the PROGRAM
Society of American Military Engineers
South Florida Post plans events that
provide information, networking and
“paying it forward” to those serving in the military.

2015 EVENT SCHEDULE

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