Here’s to a New Year of Supporting Engineering Initiatives...

South Florida SAME Post members, officers and friends gather for a snapshot during the 2016 holiday celebration at Coast Guard Base Miami Beach.

As stated by President Daphne Gurri in a past newsletter, “We are all united with a common purpose -- to develop the SAME South Florida Post as the go-to organization in South Florida by both the federal government and private industry in the Architectural, Engineering and Construction fields. Founded nearly 100 years ago, SAME is the only professional organization, in the United States, with the distinct mission to support the US government in time of national security. In addition to the value SAME brings to the federal government and companies, large and small, SAME brings tremendous value to individuals in the military by providing professional development and networking opportunities with private companies. And in harmony with SAME National’s goals, our Post strives to be a forerunner in the South Florida community by supporting our future leaders’ by encouraging students to consider STEM careers.”

Find Out More
www.same.org or http://www.same.org/Get-Connected/Find-a-Post/South- Florida
John Planz, Vice President, Suffolk Construction, will share Suffolk’s All Aboard Project at Miami Central to build a train system from Miami to Orlando

**DATE:** Wednesday, **March 15, 2017**

**LOCATION:** 94th Aero Squadron
1395 NW 57th Ave
Miami, FL 33126

**AGENDA:** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Lunch/Event Speakers

**TOPIC:** Suffolk’s All Aboard Project

**COST:** $30 for Industry
$25 for Government

**CONTACT:** Maria Rodriguez
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RSVP by close of business on Friday, **March 10**

**TO REGISTER:** go to the website
sameposts.org/southflorida

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**Key Speaker**

John Planz, Vice President
Suffolk Construction

As Vice President for Suffolk Construction, John Planz oversees the financial and operational aspects of all Suffolk projects in the Miami area, including landmark efforts such as All Aboard Florida’s MiamiCentral. He also directs project teams, assesses ongoing preconstruction and construction progress, and aligns the company’s expertise with client needs in order to ensure overall success.

Prior to his role as Vice President, Planz served as a Project Executive, overseeing a range of projects including the award-winning Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, Atlantech Plaza, and the Cosmopolitan in Miami Beach. Planz’s extensive industry experience includes his early work as an electrical contractor with a large national firm focused on industrial and institutional facilities. Rising through the estimating and project management ranks he became a Division Manager for Tri-City Electrical Contractors, successfully opening and running its South Florida office.

In addition to serving as Vice President, Planz is a subject matter expert in the area of lean principles in construction. He is involved with the development, training, and implementation of lean practices such as the target value design and pull planning methods. Throughout his career, Planz has participated in many speaking engagements including a design conference in Germany for the Max Planck Institute.

Planz is a graduate of Gannon University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.
Overview

AirQuest Environmental Incorporated is a woman-owned small business dedicated to providing professional, cost-effective and confidential environmental and industrial hygiene consulting services.

Through a unique combination of experience, training and approach, AirQuest is positioned to assist our clients in managing environmental concerns in a practical manner, while at the same time protecting human health and the environment.

As our name implies, we are on a dedicated and evolving mission to improve the air we breathe; whether pollutants arise from impacts to the soil, groundwater, man made processes or from indoor microbial colonization, AirQuest is ready to meet the challenge.

The Team

Our team is comprised of a wide range of professional disciplines including industrial hygienists, environmental scientists, engineers, geologists and sustainability consultants led by our founder Ms. Traci-Anne Boyle.

Traci has over twenty (20) years of diverse environmental consulting and industrial hygiene experience spanning more than twenty-five states in the U.S. as well as the Caribbean. Her niche is in successfully directing sensitive, complex, multi-disciplinary, and large-scale environmental and industrial hygiene projects.

Why Choose AirQuest?

There are many reasons to choose AirQuest for your sustainability and environmental health and safety consulting needs. We believe a case study illustrates many of these benefits.

AirQuest was contracted to perform asbestos and lead based paint surveys for approximately 380 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) buildings along FDOT roadways throughout the State of Florida. The 6-month contract had strict deadlines for completion of the field work and due date for the 760 report deliverables. After the contract was awarded, the client increased the scope of services to include indoor air quality and increased the number of buildings to 440. The project was completed on time (including over 1,200 reports) and under the original budget (there were no change orders issued). Based upon our performance on this contract, AirQuest was awarded a continuing services agreement.

Certifications

Corporate Certifications and Associations
Florida Licensed Asbestos Consulting Business, ZA-304,
Tennessee Licensed Asbestos Consulting Business, A-F 2364-20674,
US EPA Licensed for Lead Based Paint Activities,
Women’s Business Enterprise National Council,
Certified WBE Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned Small Business (EDWOSB)
State of Florida — Certified MBE,
State of Florida Emergency Supplier,
Broward County Florida — Certified CDBE,
Department of Transportation — Certified DBE,
Member of the Indoor Air Quality Association.

Personnel Qualifications
Certified Industrial Hygienist,
Certified Safety Professional,
Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED®) Accredited Professional,
Florida Licensed Asbestos Consultant #AX-60,
OSHA Health and Safety Certified for Hazardous Waste Operations, 29 CFR 1910.120,
NIOSH 582 Microscopist,s
Asbestos Building Inspectors: 206 TSCA 15 USC 2646/AHERA,
Asbestos Management Planner & Project Designer: 206 TSCA 15 USC 2646/AHERA,
Lead Based Paint Inspector: 402 TSCA,
Lead Based Paint Risk Assessor: 402 TSCA,
Radon Measurement Technician.

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Services

AirQuest provides comprehensive, professional, and cost-effective solutions to a wide variety of sustainability and environmental health and safety issues.

Our staff of scientists is educated on the latest in technology and pending regulations to provide our clients with unsurpassed service. We work to not only solve problems that have occurred, but to provide proactive recommendations to eliminate potential problems and to develop cost-effective operations and maintenance programs.

Asbestos

The staff at AirQuest has an average of over ten years experience conducting asbestos surveys and the management of abatement projects. All asbestos personnel are certified under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Title II/Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). AirQuest personnel have conducted hundreds of surveys and designed and managed numerous abatement projects ranging from residences to historic buildings, to hospitals and large industrial complexes.

Corrosive Drywall

AirQuest Environmental, Inc. (“AirQuest”) is among one of the select firms nationwide that has been at the forefront of investigating imported defective Chinese drywall. Our personnel have consulted with homeowners, attorneys, insurers, financial institutions, builders, property managers, and other stakeholders to develop sound and effective testing and repair protocols in damaged homes. All of AirQuest’s services are performed under the direction of a Certified Industrial Hygienist.

Green Building

Our Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED®) accredited professionals will assist your LEED® team in deciding upon which environmental quality credits to pursue. In coordination with other team members, our project managers will verify compliance with LEED® requirements and perform indoor air quality testing prior to building occupancy.

Indoor Air Quality

Critical components of an IAQ investigation consist of a building investigation, inspection of the HVAC system, review of HVAC maintenance records, and interviews with knowledgeable and concerned site personnel.

Industrial Air Permit

AirQuest assists its clients in obtaining air permits, maintaining compliance with air permit conditions and submitting the required periodic air permit reports to local, state, and federal regulatory agencies.

Lead-Based Paint

AirQuest assists in consulting, inspections risk assessment and clearance.

Litigation Support

Our experience includes development of expert witness reports and affidavits, testimony at hearings, in deposition or at trial and litigation support services including bates numbering and cataloging and data-basing volumes of data.

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Message from the President...

Hello SAME South Florida Members,

This year, we are dedicated to continue pursuing our Post’s goals:

**To strengthen our membership** - we continue to host networking events that foster relationships between businesses and the Military

**To improve our community** - we push efforts to take care of our wounded Veterans by donating to charities for Veterans, spreading awareness, and volunteering our time

**To ensure our future** - we encourage children and teens to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related fields by hosting events that expose them to those careers and raising money for scholarships to help them go to school for STEM.

If you are interested in helping us to meet these goals, support our Post and attend some of our upcoming events. They are as follows:

**February 4th**  
Elementary Science Fair and South Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair for Middle and High Schoolers  
*Location:* Miami Dade College, North Campus  
*Time:* 8 AM – 1:30 PM  
*Admission:* FREE  
*WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO BE JUDGES!* Registration is still open, sign up TODAY!

**February 12th**  
Gables Chili Fest  
*Location:* Knights of Columbus 270 Catalonia Ave, Coral Gables, Florida 33134  
*Time:* 10 AM – 7 PM  
*Admission:*  
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gables-chili-fest-2017-tickets-28718028396  
Come out and support our Veterans - **ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS MISSION UNITED!**

**February 15th**  
SAME SF Board meeting at Lunacon Construction Group’s office  
*Location:* 16890 S. Dixie Highway, Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157  
*Time:* 12 PM - 1 PM  
*Admission:* FREE  
Join us, and see how our Post plans to help YOU!

**March 8th**  
SAME SF Board Telephone conference call meeting  
*Location:* Telephone conference call in number will be provided  
*Time:* 12 PM to 1 PM  
*Admission:* FREE

**March 11th**  
“STEAM Speaks” outreach event  
*Location:* Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center; 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33134  
*Time:* 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
*Admission:* $7  
*For students ages 12 to 17, Volunteers are welcome!*  

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Maritime Consulting
Strategically headquartered in South Florida, we are abreast of the latest regulatory requirements and challenges facing the maritime industry. We have completed projects at ports and marinas in the United States as well as the Caribbean.

Mold Consulting
AirQuest's mold assessment always begins with a visual inspection to identify visible mold and water damage. A moisture meter or thermal imaging camera is used to identify building materials containing excessive moisture. Based upon the results of the initial investigation, additional investigation, repair of moisture source and/or remediation of water damaged or mold-contaminated building materials may be recommended.

Radon Gas
AirQuest is licensed by the State of Florida as a Radon Measurement firm (RB2184). If you would like to know how much radon gas is present in your home, place of work or other building, please call AirQuest for a proposal and to schedule the testing.

Site Assessments
AirQuest provides lenders, buyers, and sellers ASTM Designation: E 1527 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (Phase I) and evaluates potential impacts to the environment through the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment ("Phase II") process.

AirQuest's president is an American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) member that participates in the committee that publishes the industry standard for due diligence investigations.

Sustainability Consulting
Sustainability initiatives are as diverse as the people, corporations, government and non-governmental organizations that implement them. Whether you want to "go green", determine greenhouse gas emissions or develop supply chain social responsibility guidelines, AirQuest's team of sustainability consultants and partners can assist you in reaching your goals.

Industrial Hygiene & Safety
Our professionals work with employers to reduce employee exposures to create a safe and healthful work environment. All industrial hygiene / safety evaluations are overseen by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and/or Certified Safety Professional (CSP) depending upon the expertise required. ♦

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March 15th  SAME SF Luncheon
Location: 94th Aero Squadron; 1395 NW 57th Ave, Miami, FL 33126
Time: 11 AM – 1 PM
Admission: $25 for public employees and $30 for the general public

Join us for lunch!

I encourage SAME SF members as well as anyone interested in joining our Post, to come out and participate in as many events as possible. You can get involved and have fun while you do it!

Thank you,

Daphne I. Gurri, AIA, LEED AP
President, SAME South Florida Post
President/Owner Gurri Matute PA
SAVE THE DATE!

Make plans to attend the
SAME SF Post Industry Day
on Wednesday, July 19th
at Rusty Pelican Restaurant
3201 Rickenbacker Causeway
Key Biscayne, FL 33149

We are currently soliciting submissions for presenters and companies that have an innovative industry solution to Federal and DoD requirements, executed locally or abroad/nationally to participate in our Post Industry Day.

Please limit your submission synopsis to 350 words and be sure to include what entity you were contracted, the requirement and your innovative solution, speaker/presenter name and contact information. Also, if your presentation is PDH certified.

Please send submissions to Kristina Selstrom, kristina.selstrom@gmail.com by Feb 20th.

Details on agenda and sponsorship to follow at post luncheons, and on post social media, emails and in this newsletter.

For more information contact:
SAME SF Post POC: Kristina Selstrom
757-593-1213
**Nov Mtg – SOUTHCOM**

**Purpose and Operations**

The South Florida Post gathered at the 94th Aero Squadron to conduct networking and learn about SOUTHCOM during the November meeting and luncheon.

LTC Kenneth Frey discussed the operations and purpose of SOUTHCOM. LTC Frey discussed the composition and disposition of the various commands that SOUTHCOM represents and how the commands work together to execute their mission. He noted the specific engineer mission is to, “Plan, synchronize and resource strategic joint/combined engineer policies, programs, and operations in order to achieve theater campaign and posture objectives.” Presentations are available on the post website.

The attendees also heard about veteran volunteer opportunities from Steve Williamson and upcoming events from Post President Daphne Gurri.

**Jan Mtg – Lean Transformation**

**Lean Process and Principals Case Study**

The South Florida Post kicked-off the new year with their first meeting on January 18th featuring a case study on how lean implementation, processes and principals are applied to projects to aid both the business and their clients.

Two professional from the interior design firm in.design, Jenna Santamaria, Director of Operations, and Elizabeth Allen, Design Director, showed how applying Lean Construction to a company’s process and principals provides the best value to clients with the least amount of waste. They discussed their methods for managing a lean project, such as collaborative meetings, and frequent planning sessions that are all part of Integrated Lean Project Delivery. Presentations are available on the post website.
Members and guests met for a holiday social at the Coast Guard Base Miami Beach on December 7, 2016, in the Gator Den, to enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres as they celebrated the season and a great year for the Society of American Military Engineers South Florida Post. Attendees brought an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" program as admission to the social with the gifts collected by a rep from the U.S. Marines during the event.

The Holiday Social was sponsored by several Post sustaining members whose contributions will benefit the South Florida Post's Scholarship and Education Fund. This fund provides annual scholarships to both high school seniors and college students who are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), and Architecture. The Post's fund also supports high school students toward attending SAME's Engineering and Construction Camps for the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines each summer.

Many sincere thanks to our sponsors and all who attended and helped make a kid’s dream for a toy come true.

Special Thanks to our Sponsors:

Gold:
- NOVA Consulting
- Chem-Moore
- MCM
- Air Quest Environmental
- Lunacon Construction Group

Silver:
- Zyscovich Architects
- Lego Construction
- Gurri Matute
- KNK
- Philips
- Amec Foster Wheeler

Special Thanks to our Volunteers:
- Stephanie -- BMB, organization
- Daphne -- signs, artwork
- Maria -- sponsorship, donations

SF Post President Daphne Gurri looks over the toys collected with her daughter during the holiday party.
What prompted your interest in joining and serving a leadership role in the South Florida Post?
Right after I graduated college, I became the Marketing Coordinator at Gurri Matute PA (GMPA), a firm that provides architectural, interior design and planning services to primarily large institutions and governmental clients. The firm has been a sustaining member of the SAME South Florida Post for a few years now. I decided to become the Young Member Chairperson when my employer, Daphne Gurri- current President of the SAME South Florida Post-encouraged me to take an active role in the Post.

Before I joined GMPA, I had no idea what the Society of American Military Engineers was, but I was eager to learn. Throughout my college career, I was in leadership roles within the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and the American Marketing Association (AMA). I learned through those professional organizations that leadership and involvement were the best ways to become fully immersed into an organization, build long lasting relationships with fellow members and create successful outcomes for outreach efforts. So far, I have met some amazing people through SAME, and learned a lot about all the initiatives the organization does to honor soldiers, protect wounded warriors. I have also had the opportunity to help promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math related careers to children. I think it’s a great way to ensure that our future generations continue to make the world a better place.

Tell us a bit about your background
For starters, I am Cuban-American, I grew up in a small town off of Miami named Cutler Bay, and I am the youngest of three kids. I’m not particularly sporty, but I do love dancing and walking my dog Ripley. Through my life, I have always focused on academics and worked hard to take advanced classes and do well. One of my highest achievements was when I decided to attend a Dual-Enrollment High School and got to graduate with an Associates in Arts Degree from Miami-Dade College a full month before I graduated with my high school diploma. After that, I earned a Bachelor’s in Business Administration from Florida International University, majoring in Finance and Marketing. Now, I am starting my career I am excited to learn from real world experiences. I’d also like to start traveling. ♦
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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.

2017 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE   TOPIC/EVENT
March 15 Speaker John Planz, VP Suffolk Construction Company

We are brainstorming future activities now!

Be on the look-out for Industry Day 2017 (see page 7 for details), more post luncheons at the 94th Aero Squadron, and future young member events!