Virginia Peninsula Post Team,

Hard to believe it’s already March and we’re just a few weeks away from the first day of spring. Even though we’ve had a mild winter this year, I’m more than ready for the return of warmer temperatures so we can get outside and enjoy the many benefits of living in Hampton Roads.

One of those benefits is being surrounded by so many different military installations and another great SAME Post, the Hampton Roads Post, on the southside of our region. The Hampton Roads Post is hosting their annual Small Business Outreach & Industry Day March 19-20 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. They’ve invited an extensive list of military and federal agencies, including USACE, NAVFAC, and local installation engineers and contracting reps, to present at the conference. I think you’ll find it very informative and worth your time. If you’d like to register or find more information, you can go to https://www.same.org/Hampton-Roads.

As a reminder, to help support the Industry Day we won’t have our normal membership meeting at 12:00 on 7 March. Instead, your Peninsula Post will host a free “Mix and Mingle” social event at The Vanguard Brewpub and Distillery in Hampton from 4:00 – 6:00 pm on March 7th. VPP will provide some appetizers for this networking opportunity to get together socially outside our normal monthly meetings. The Vanguard will also have a free show that night featuring Troy Breslow from 7:00 – 10:00. If you’d like to stop by for a little while, please RSVP to Jenni Szabo at jszabo@djginc.com so we have a good headcount for planning purposes. We’ll resume our normal monthly membership meetings at 12:00 on 4 April.

Be on the lookout for a message from our Post Secretary, Capt Kyle Schafer, concerning our upcoming Post Officer elections. The list of officer positions is on the last page of the newsletter and include President, VP of Programs, VP of Education and Training, VP of Outreach, Secretary, and Treasurer. All positions will be on the ballot and incumbents are welcome to run again if they desire. We’ll have at least two positions coming vacant, secretary and treasurer, due to Capt Schafer’s pending PCS and MSgt Gallegos’ retirement. Please contact me or Capt Schafer if you are interested in being on the ballot for a position, or if you’d like to nominate someone else for a position.

Finally, I want to publicly thank MSgt Juan Gallegos for his 24 years of service to our nation in the Air Force, and for his service as our Post Treasurer for the last year. He has done an outstanding job in his Treasurer role keeping the Post’s finances in order. Unfortunately for us, MSgt Gallegos is retiring from the Air Force and had to accelerate moving his family to Colorado in March. Juan, on behalf of the entire VPP team, we thank you and your family for all you have done in the service of our nation and wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors!

To replace MSgt Gallegos, the VPP Board of Directors has appointed SMSgt Terrance Kaup as the interim Treasurer. Thanks for volunteering SMSgt Kaup!

Hope to see many of you at The Vanguard on March 7th!

Cheers!
Rick
RECAP OF ALGAE: The main attraction at the February meeting was Dr Sandeep Kumar (right photo), a professor and director of the Energy Cluster and Biomass Research Laboratory at Old Dominion University. Dr Kumar presented on the many products, especially fuels, that can come from Algae. Dr Kumar’s laboratory has several bench scale “continuous flow reactors” that produce energy from algae slurry.

Hydroxyapatite can be produced from algae. It’s used in making artificial bones. Foam plastic-like material can also be made. Algae is being used as an experiment in Navy ships. The Navy expects to raise the percentage of algae to petroleum, and include more ships in the program. Right now producing fuel for cars from algae is too expensive. It would be $6 or $7 per gallon. Dr Kumar pointed out however, it might become fashionable to use algae-fuel, much like it’s been fashionable to buy organically grown vegetables, even though they’re at a higher cost.

There’s still a few technical issues about producing fuel from algae at a large scale. The process involves heating and cooling extremely fast. On the other hand, there’s 140,000 square miles available for algae pond “farms”. ODU only has an acre to experiment with now. So far Exxon Mobile is the only petroleum company that’s invested in algae fuel research. There’s talk of producing 10,000 barrels of algae biofuel per day, by 2025.
UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MIX AND MINGLE: We’re excited to gather at The Vanguard to mingle and catch up with our members. Join us for fun conversation and some delicious appetizers. RSVP to Jenni Szabo if you are going to stop by, jszabo@djginc.com

Vanguard is at 504 N. King Street Hampton, VA 23669.

https://www.thenvanguard757.com/

THURSDAY
7 MARCH
4PM - 6PM

FEDERAL ABILITYONE PROGRAM: Join us to learn about the CONTRACTOR USE of MANDATORY SOURCES of SUPPLY or SERVICES—Virginia Industries for the Blind. FAR CLAUSE 52.208-9—presented by Duncan Munro, retired Engineer from ACC HQ, retired contractor.

LOCATION: We’ll be at the Langley Club on Langley Air Force Base (JBLE), at the north end of the King Street Bridge.

NOTE: We are working with Security Forces to get you on base quickly and efficiently. If you do not already have access to Langley AFB and wish to attend our next meeting, then please send Capt Kyle Schafer kyle.schafer.5@us.af.mil the following information by Noon on Friday, 15 March: Full name, date of birth, citizenship, gender, and employer. Please go to the visitor center first instead of going to the gate.

HARD HAT TOUR: We are excited to bring you a hard hat tour. We’re still working on details and will share those when things are finalized.

Stay tuned!

THURSDAY
4 APRIL
12PM - 1PM

MAY
DATE TO BE DETERMINED
INDUSTRY DAY 2019:

AGENDA
Tuesday March 19, 2019
11:00 – 12:45    Registration (Lunch on your own) and exhibitor move-in
1:00 – 1:30    Welcoming Remarks & Keynote Speaker

Mike Pampalone, Hampton Roads Post President and Rear Admiral Darius Banaji, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic Fleet Civil Engineer, U.S. Fleet Forces Command
1:30 - 4:00    USACE Agency Industry Day
4:00 – 4:10    Break
4:10 - 5:50    Matchmaking/Networking
4:15 – 6:00    DBIA-HR
5:45 – 7:00    Icebreaker & Young Member Event

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
7:30 – 8:00    Breakfast/Registration
8:00 – 8:15    Opening Remarks/Housekeeping
8:15 – 10:15   Agency Briefings
10:15 – 10:30  Break
10:30 – 11:50  Matchmaking/Networking
12:00 – 1:15   Networking Lunch
1:30 – 3:00    Matchmaking/Networking
3:00 – 3:15    Break
3:15 – 4:30    Agency Briefings/Closing Remarks

Please sign up HERE. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Nash at cnash@getsolutionsinc.com

POST OFFICER ELECTIONS

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Fairfax, VA—January 31, 2019

Dewberry Promotes Five Employees in Richmond and Danville Offices
Marketing, engineering, and corporate executives promoted across Virginia

Dewberry recently announced the promotion of more than 65 employees nationwide, including five staff members within the firm's Richmond and Danville, Virginia, offices. The promotions coincide with Dewberry’s ongoing expansion of engineering, architectural, and consulting services throughout Virginia, where the firm has practiced since 1956.

- **David Maxwell, PE, LEED AP BD+C**, has been promoted to executive vice president and oversees the firm’s offices across the Southeast, including those in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana.

- **Elizabeth Scarce** and **Devin Keeler, PE, LEED AP**, have been promoted to associate vice president. Scarce, director of marketing in the Southeast, has been with the firm for more than 25 years and is responsible for implementing strategies and marketing plans for the division, which includes nearly 500 employees. She is based in the firm’s Danville office. Scarce earned a bachelor’s degree in communications from Elon University (1991) and is a graduate of LEAD Virginia. A civil engineer, Keeler was recently promoted to business unit manager and oversees Richmond’s staff of nearly 50 employees.

- **Derek Marshall, PE, LEED AP**, has been promoted to senior associate and is the site/civil engineering department manager in Richmond. He also oversees a number of the office's telecommunications, energy, and commercial projects. Marshall earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Western Kentucky University (2005) and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

- **Mark Talbert, PE**, has been promoted to associate and is a project manager in Danville’s site/civil group. He specializes in industrial and commercial site design, and earned a bachelor’s in civil engineering from North Carolina State University in 2007.

**HAVE ANY SUSTAINING MEMBER NEWS?**
Promotions? Job Openings? Awards? Relocations? New Hires? Send info and graphics to the new Flyer newsletter editor, Ms Jenni at JSzabo@dijinc.com or 757.253.0673
Steve Perrot presented what RS&H has done and can do. RS&H, an employee owned architecture, engineering, and consulting firm, began in 1941 and currently has over 1,200 associates and 36 offices nationwide; most of which are along the US east coast. RS&H has a broad spectrum of experts with engineering, architecture, and environmental knowledge. Steve showed a slide of ratings RS&H has obtained, such as being the 7th highest consulting firm in the aerospace industry. Military work that HS&R has done includes facilities for hangers, maintenance, medical, education, waterfront, and MWR operations.

Guardian Angel Facility, Patrick AFB, FL, one of RS&H’s many military projects.

to RS&H for the raffle gift cards!! Dana Spontak and SMSgt Kaup were the lucky winners of the Home Depot gift cards. The raffle raised $56 for the VPP scholarship fund.
Each year, SAME’s Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Camps help guide more than 200 high school students to pursue a STEM career and inspire many to apply to a service academy or ROTC. The camps rely on the volunteer support of mentors and staff from across SAME and beyond. There are many types of opportunities available. Visit www.same.org/stemcamps.

Our camps are world-class and have produced thousands of engineers and STEM leaders. They provide a rigorous experience for students interested in exploring STEM skills and careers. Campers learn what it takes to become a STEM professional. They learn what options exist to explore that interest from high school to college and beyond. Each camp has a unique curriculum that generally features hands-on activities conducted in a competitive environment that promote teamwork, leadership, project management, and problem solving.

Campers are supervised by mentors made up of professional engineers, engineering students, military personnel, educators, and other STEM professionals. These mentors are committed to inspiring campers to pursue STEM in college. Mentors are also resources for the campers, providing long-term connections for our alumni.

- Camps encourage STEM interested students to pursue a STEM degree and gives them a sense of the careers associated with that degree.
- Camps serve as leadership development opportunities for the mentors and assistant mentors.
- Camps introduce hands-on construction and engineering skills that are in short supply.

This year the supporting camp locations are:
- U.S. Army Camp, June 9-15, Vicksburg, MS
- U.S. Marine Corps Camp, June 23-30, Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville NC
- U.S. Air Force Academy Camp, June 26-July 2, Colorado Springs, CO
- U.S. Air Force Camp, July 15-20, Scott AFB, Il
- U.S. Navy Camp, July 23-29, Port Hueneme, CA

To see if you’re eligible, go to: https://www.same.org/Camps/eligibility

Once determining your eligibility, complete your application at: https://www.same.org/cvweb/cgi-bin/memberdll.dll/info?wrp=campaccount.htm

If you have any problems, check the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phclyjDrBQI&feature=youtu.be

THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 1ST. (US ARMY CAMP DEADLINE IS MARCH 29TH).
2019 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION CRITERIA

Note: Deadline for Applications has been Extended

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS Applicants must be U.S. citizens and also meet one of the following:

- A college student (freshman through graduate student) enrolled in an accredited Virginia college/university and pursuing an engineering, architecture, construction, facilities management or environmental management/science bachelor's or master's degree or equivalent, or
- A high school senior planning to enroll at a Virginia accredited college/university in the Fall of 2019 to pursue a bachelor's degree or equivalent in an engineering, architecture, construction, facilities management or environmental management/science course of study, or
- A current member (”current” meaning having active membership as of 1 January 2019) or dependent of a current member of the SAME Virginia Peninsula Post enrolled in or planning to enroll for the Fall 2019 semester in an engineering, architecture, construction, facilities management or environmental management/science course of study.

AWARDS

- Scholarship values will have a maximum value of $1,000. The value and number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the Evaluation Panel based on need, qualifications, and available funds in the approved budget.
- There will be four separate award categories: 1) high school seniors, 2) college freshmen/sophomores, 3) college juniors/seniors, and 4) graduate students.
- Winners will be notified on or before Wednesday, 24 July 2019, and awards will be presented in person to the winning applicants at the SAME Virginia Peninsula Post general meeting on Thursday, 1 August 2019. If a winner cannot attend the meeting, the scholarship award and check will be mailed via US Postal Service to the address on the application.
- The award must be used for education-related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, travel to or from school, room and board, etc.

SELECTION CRITERIA Selection will be based on these three weighted criteria:

- Academic Standing and Acknowledgements (50%) - combines GPA and overall academic achievement, honor societies and/or fraternities, academic awards, Dean’s list, etc.
- Community and School Involvement (30%) – evaluates extracurricular activities including work experience (paid or volunteer), school-sponsored activities (sports, clubs, student government, etc.), participation in service organizations, or other service, which may include military involvement (Cadet positions, ROTC, etc.). Identify any leadership positions held.
- Financial Need (20%) - based on a statement of financial need from the applicant regarding how educational costs are being met/not being met.

EVALUATION PANEL

- The Virginia Peninsula Post will convene a panel of no less than three Post members to evaluate the applications received.
- Using the criteria outlined above, the Evaluation Panel will score the applications and, based on score, will rank order them within each of the four award categories.
- The Evaluation Panel will present their recommendations for number and value of awards in writing to the Virginia Peninsula Post Board of Directors for approval. Once approval is obtained, the winning applicants will be notified.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS. The four (4) items identified below must be postmarked, e-mailed, or hand delivered* no later than Friday, 24 May 2019, to be considered for scholarship award. The Evaluation Panel will not consider any incomplete application for award.

- A completed 2019 Scholarship Applicant Information Sheet (attached).
- A written statement, no more than two (2) pages maximum using single-spaced paragraphs of 12 point Times New Roman text, from the applicant addressing each of the three selection criteria (1) academic accomplishments, 2) community/school activities, and 3) financial need).
- A letter of recommendation from a school official, counselor, coach, etc. having direct knowledge of the applicant. The person making the recommendation may e-mail or mail the recommendation directly to the Scholarship Chair, identified below, or provide a sealed letter to the applicant.
- An official sealed copy or certified copy of the applicant’s full current official school transcript. The school may e-mail or mail the transcript directly to the Scholarship Chair, identified below, or provide a sealed/certified copy to the applicant.

The completed application must be postmarked, e-mailed, or hand delivered no later than Friday, 24 May 2019:

Paul Burgener
214 Bruton Ave
Newport News, VA 23601

If you have questions, please contact Paul at 757-775-7172 or Paul.Burgener@us.army.mil
2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET

Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ E-mail: ___________________________

University or High School Currently Attending: ___________________________

Course of Study (Current or Planned Major): ___________________________

Current Status: High School Level: □ Senior □

College Level: □ Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior □ Grad □

Cumulative GPA (indicate scale, i.e.: 3.8 out of 4.0): ___________________

For High School Applicants, provide contact information of your school Guidance Office:

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

Checklist for Other Application Items Required:

☐ Applicant Statement addressing the three selection criteria (2-pages maximum)

☐ Official Sealed Transcript

☐ Sealed Letter of Recommendation
Did you know that SAME offers presentations from past events. SAME offers a diverse program of annual events offering members and industry partners a multitude of opportunities for training, professional development and networking with fellow professionals. Presentations from past conferences and workshops such as Joint Engineer Training Conference, the Small Business Conference for the Federal A/E/C Industry, and the DOD & Federal Agency Program Briefings are available for viewing.

Click here to check them out!

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

Capital Week
March 11-13, 2019

SAME Joint Engineer Training Conference
May 7-9, 2019
Tampa Bay, FL

Post Leaders Workshop
August 4-6, 2019
Bonita Springs, FL

LOOKING AHEAD: We’re lining up our monthly programs for 2019…and looking for ideas and suggestions for the presentations. Do you, or know anyone, that would be willing to spread some knowledge for us?

We’d love to hear about Resilience, Energy, Cyber, Sea Level, Offshore Wind or Water, Construction Site Visits, Ethics, Environmental, and new Computer and Construction Technologies. If you’d like to hear a specific topic, or can provide a presentation, please contact Ms. Amelia DaCruz, at amelialynndacruz@gmail.com or 757.376.8606.
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MEET...CAPT JONATHAN LAUGHRUN

WHAT’S ONE PERSONAL FUN FACT ABOUT YOU?
I can’t think of any “fun facts” about myself, but a bit of personal information that you may not know is that I am a diehard NC State Fan. I did not miss a single home football game the four years I was in college and I have had season tickets for the three seasons that I have been back in the area. The seven-ish years I was away I attended at least one game a year.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT SAME?
I believe the best part of SAME is the ability to network and build relationships that last beyond a single assignment. The JETC is an amazing opportunity for Air Force Engineers to engage with leadership within the career field as well as with other services and industry. I believe that every CGO and young SAME member should attend the Joint Engineer Training Conference (JETC) at least once.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA AREA?
I actually grew up in Newport News, spending my first 18 years on the Peninsula. After graduating from Menchville High School, I moved to Raleigh, NC to attend NC State where I participated in the ROTC program. After 4 years of college and 3 duty locations amounting to another 7 years the Air Force brought me back to Hampton Roads with an Assignment at Joint Base Langley-Eustis. I have been at Langley for the past three years.

WHAT’S YOUR CURRENT JOB?
Currently I am on the Air Combat Command Headquarters Staff as the Combat Air Forces (CAF) Facility Requirements Program Manager in the Directorate of Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection. I work to represent the CAF mission needs through the various avenues for facility and infrastructure support. Additionally, we work to support the Commander through facility and infrastructure programs.

YOUR MOST NOTE-WORTHY ENGINEERING-RELATED ACCOMPLISHMENT? WHAT WAS MOST CHALLENGING?
I can’t speak to a most note-worthy accomplishment. The most challenging engineering related effort I have been a part of was my last deployment. My degree and most of my background is as a Mechanical Engineer. My most recent deployment I was on the AFCENT Airfield Pavement Evaluation team, a very civil focused job. I was able to get training from AFEC and AFIT to prepare for the tasks but they were definitely outside of my comfort zone. I was responsible for determining the suitability and capability of airfields, paved and unpaved, throughout the CENTCOM area of responsibility.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AFFILIATED WITH THE VPP?
I have been a member of the VPP since I arrived on station at JBLE in June 2016.

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED WITH SAME?
I joined SAME at my first duty location as a means of linking up with the host base CE Squadron; I was in a tenant unit. I sought primarily to network with the CE community locally at the base. After a few months I had the opportunity to attend the Post Leaders Workshop and found the SAME was a great opportunity to network with the CE community across the Air Force and with the other services.
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