Happy Fall, Young Members!

I’m excited and honored to be working with so many outstanding Young Members on our YMC the next two years! First, though I want to take one more opportunity to thank Lt Col Matt Altman, PE, F.SAME for his leadership, energizing the Council and giving it a strong battle rhythm. No doubt that the YMC has made incredible strides the past two years, and I believe that as the next generation of SAME leaders, the YMC is just getting started.

For the next year, the YMC has a full team of incredible Vice Chairs, Assistant Vice Chairs, and Liaisons, who have already jumped in and gotten started – case in point, the refreshed design for our newsletter! (THANKS Yvonne, Ashley and Victoria!) Two other exciting opportunities coming up that you can read more about in the newsletter:

**The Small Business Conference**
– Danielle Barner and Jimmy Blake have put together an exciting agenda of Young Member events and opportunities. Check it out on page 3 of the newsletter.

**New Young Member Recruitment Video** – Ann Ewy and Matt Altman have worked closely with a video producer since JETC on developing a new recruiting tool. It’s young, fresh, and perfect to help you show the values in SAME. Check it out on YouTube, [SAME Young Members Recruitment Video](#).

Throughout the next year, I’m looking forward to increasing communication and coordination between the YMC and the Post YM Chairs. The YMC has a lot of resources that are open to all YM Chairs. Our YMC calls (the second Thursday of every month) now have an agenda item for Post Chairs to ask questions, share good ideas for you’re doing at the Post, and offer suggestions for how the YMC can support you.

Please join us on our next call on 14 December. If you can’t make the call, my eyes and ears are open so please reach out via email or a phone call.

Above: Young Members gather for a group photo in Columbus, OH at JETC 2017
Welcome, YMs! The highly anticipated and long overdue, new YM Connections is here! YM Connections is your link to the Young Member Council as well as a way to share what our YMs are doing within SAME. Feel free to distribute our publication to your Posts to encourage involvement of our Young Members.

This issue includes great articles from YMs across the Society. Be sure to hover over the pages to find hyperlinks for more info! We encourage everyone to submit information about YM events or updates about YM involvement in your communities. As Lisa mentioned, this year we want to encourage the Post YMs to get involved at all levels throughout SAME.

Also, if you haven’t already done so, check out our LinkedIn page as well as our website: www.same.org/young-member. And if you would like to get published, please send me your write-up plus a photo of yourself to include with your story!

Yvonne Simon, AIA, NCARB
SAME YMC Vice Chair of Communications

YMC COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Interested in getting more involved with one of the committees? Feel free to contact any one of the individuals shown.
SBC 2017 : YM EDITION

Young Member Breakfast
Wednesday, 15 November • 07:30
Penn City Grille inside the Westin
Start your conference out right, with the most important meal of the day. Join other young members for an informal “dutch-treat” breakfast to socialize and plan out your conference.

Young Member Council Meeting
Wednesday, 15 November • 09:15 - 10:30
Westin Room 310-311
YMC Meeting is open to all Young Members, Students and Enlisted attendees! We’ll discuss opportunities within SAME for you to grow your skills, become more connected, and further your career and personal goals. Check out this Agenda!

9:15-9:20 • Welcome and Introductions
9:20-9:25 • Conference Overview/YM Opportunities
• GroupMe text for social opportunities, hospitality events, etc.
• Informal YM Meet & Great
• E&C Camp Mentor Reception
9:25-9:30 • Premiere! YM Recruitment Video
9:30-10:00 • YM Opportunities within SAME
• Post-Level Leadership • Sharon Krock (5 min)
• National Committees & Councils • Buddy Barnes (5 min)
• Leadership Development Program/Task Force 2020 • Caroline Roberts (5 min)
• Becoming a Presenter • Jeff Duguid (5 min)
• Engineering & Construction Camps • Danielle Barner (5 min)
10:00-10:30 • Senior Government Leaders Q&A
Special Guests:
• RADM Bret Muilenburg, Commander, NAVFAC & Chief of Civil Engineers
• Dr. Paula Loomis, Deputy Director for Facilities at US Coast Guard.
10:30 • Young Member Group Photo

Camp Mentor Program Reception: Camp Directors and Young Members
Thursday, 16 November • 16:45 - 18:00
Innovative Theater in the Exhibit Hall
Come meet with Engineering & Construction camp directors and former mentors to learn more about how you can become a camp mentor at one of six STEM camps across the country designed for high school students.

Informal Meet and Greet and Social Opportunities
Join our GroupMe Chat so you never miss out on where the YMs are meeting!
https://app.groupme.com/join_group/35823878/M5PcRl

GroupMe FAQs
How do I join the group?
Easy! Follow this link on your phone or computer.

Do I have to download the app?
No, you can receive messages via SMS text. However, it’s much easier to adjust your notifications, add people, direct message, or leave the group via the free app.

What are SMS commands?
You can use #commands from your text messages to control your settings in the group. Most are basic, like #exit, but if you want a full list of them, you can always send #help.

How can I stop getting notifications?
Within GroupMe > GroupMe App > Notification Settings
1. Open the main menu and select Settings.
2. In the Notifications section, check that notifications for all chats are On and not muted.
In a specific Group > Chat Settings
In a specific group’s Settings, you can mute a group. If notifications are muted then you will not receive any alerts for this group until you turn Mute Off.
Mobile Device Settings
1. Go into your phone’s settings, select Notifications > GroupMe and ensure Allow Notifications is on.
2. Choose your notification preferences from the options.
3. Log out of the GroupMe app, then log back in.
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YM LIAISON UPDATES

CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE

Working with SAME and the services’ engineer schools, NCCER has a goal of completing an assessment of ALL military engineering specialties by the end of 2017. By carefully examining the course curricula and specialty, the military engineer can identify the civilian credential most closely aligned with their military career. To date, NCCER has certified these military engineering specialties for credentialing immediately after AIT/OBC/OAC:

- Certified 10 Army MOSs
- Certified US Navy Seabees-36 ratings (the 7 main Seabee ratings at multiple levels)
- Certified US Air Force-8 engineering AFSCs
- Assessing and mapping USCG and USMC engineers to NCCER certifications

For more information regarding the credentialing opportunities available through SAME, please visit http://www.same.org/Grow-Professionally/Knowledge-Center/Credentials or e-mail your young member liaison at Matt.Matteson@amecfw.com.

The US Navy is currently in need of Engineer Officers to serve part time in the Reserves. (One weekend a month and 2 weeks a year). The Armed Forces just received its largest budget in over 10 years, and if you’ve ever thought about joining, now is the time! For more information, please contact Senior Chief Karen Meadows (U.S. Navy Officer Recruiter) at Karen.Meadows@navy.mil.
As a recipient of the SAME Young Member/NCO Stipend, I attended the 2017 Joint Engineer Training Conference and Expo (JETC). After an unwelcome delay, courtesy the Philadelphia International Airport, I arrived in Columbus, Ohio for three days of professional development, networking, and fun.

The opening reception was held at the Columbus Center of Science and Industry, right on the river. Inside, the museum was set up to allow for us to explore the exhibits and hands-on science demonstrations, which broke the ice and gave us a chance to mingle outside of the Exhibit Hall in a more relaxed setting.

I am not an engineer—I’m in proposal development and marketing for a general contractor—but I was very impressed with the variety of educational sessions that were offered. There were multiple “tracts”, with seminars scheduled to allow attendees to focus on a specific topic of professional development. I chose to mix and match. I attended sessions on topics ranging from listening techniques, smart ceilings, developing capabilities statements, resilience, sustainable design and leadership.

As a young member, I was also able to attend one of the most beneficial networking sessions I’ve ever been to where the SAME Young Member Council connected young members with SAME Fellows to encourage relationships between the groups and provide some mentoring to young members.

The Exhibit Hall was packed, providing attendees a chance to meet new potential teaming partners and discover new technologies and products. I used the Exhibit Hall to scout new opportunities, design partners, and discovered at least one niche product that could be used to solve potential constructibility problems in the future.

The highlight of my week was the opportunity to hear Col. Eileen Collins, USAF (Ret.), the first woman to pilot an American spacecraft and former commander of the Space Shuttle Discovery. After delivering an inspiring keynote address at Tuesday’s luncheon, Col. Collins was happy to chat with JETC attendees and answer questions in a relaxed, one-on-one environment.

Receiving this stipend was also special for me for another reason, as well. As the Central Virginia Post Secretary and Director of Publicity, being at JETC also allowed me the opportunity to be part of the contingent of our Post members to accept the award for Top Small Post.

Overall, participating at JETC granted me the opportunity to make valuable new connections with other members of the A/E/C community and provided me with some perspective to develop new personal professional development goals. I am very thankful for the experience and would encourage all young members and non-commissioned officers to apply for this stipend in the future.
ACADEMIC CLUB - SAME NYC

USMA Engineer Dinner:
On 12 April, months of effort by the Student Chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the Engineer Branch Representative and leadership from the SAME Young Members – New York City Post and the Army Engineer Association (AEA) culminated in the execution of the West Point Engineer Dinner. The dinner which was sponsored by AEA and SAME honored Engineer branched First Class Cadets. The event was attended by 192 individuals representing senior leadership from New York City construction firms, SAME – New York City Post, the Executive Directors of AEA and SAME, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, staff and faculty, and 116 Cadets. The afternoon began with a tour of Davis Barracks for senior leadership in attendance. The events at Ike Hall began with a social hour in Crest Hall. The formal portion of the evening occurred in the Ike Hall ballroom and included an Engineer Punch ceremony, toasts, dinner and guest speaker comments provided by MG William Rapp, the 50th Commandant of the U.S. Army War College. CDT Zachary Cohen received the SAME David M. Fraser Award for engineering excellence and leadership. CDT Saverio Macrina received the AEA Sapper Spirit Award for demonstrated mastery of all tasks during the course of instruction over the 47 month West Point experience. The Cadet Color Guard and West Point Band provided excellent support and the A/CIC of the SAME Club, CDT John Rogers, served as MC for the event. The event served as a venue in which industry, military and Cadet leaders across multidisciplinary backgrounds joined together in celebration and fellowship. Participation in this event enabled enrichment of West Point’s interaction with the New York City Post as well as demonstrates the close relationship between the NYC SAME Post and the USMA SAME Student Chapter. POC is LTC Benjamin Wallen at benjamin.wallen@usma.edu.
Above: Leadership from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Society of American Military Engineers – NYC Post, and a variety of engineering firms from NYC and across the country joined the Commandant of the U.S. Army War College, MG William Rapp for a tour of Davis Barracks.

Above: USMA SAME Student Chapter Assistant Cadet-in-Charge, CDT John Rogers, serving as the MC and initiating the formal portion of the Engineer Dinner.

Above - Left: Cadets and Industry Leaders enjoying fellowship at the Engineer Dinner. Right – BG(Ret.) Joseph Schroedel presents the SAME David M. Fraser award to CDT Zachary Cohen.
The US military is good at a lot of things, but we have a long legacy of turning to industry for support when innovation is needed. Those of us in the United States Air Force (USAF) Civil Engineer (CE / 32E) career field, with a mission of providing and maintaining airbases, all have war stories of poorly executed acquisitions, with many attributable to miscommunication between military and civilian organizations due to differences in culture and language. This can be a problem across all functional areas, and is well recognized at higher levels, so programs have been developed to improve mutual understanding.

Each year a select group of officers, and a growing number of civilians and enlisted personnel, are anointed industry fellows. These industry fellows get to explore the inner workings of a diverse subset of companies in industries ranging from aerospace, cyberspace, logistics, civil engineering, and many others. While the focus of this article is on the Education with Industry (EWI) program for the USAF; the Army, Navy, and a growing number of federal departments and agencies have comparable programs that span many career fields.

**History**

The EWI program has a long and proud history that dates back to the birth of the Air Force in 1947. At the end of World War II the Air Force was making a transition to the development and acquisition of new weapons systems. It was at this time that the Air Force leadership determined that it needed a corps of talented officers who were capable of understanding the inner workings of the defense industry. In addition, there was a need for officers who could successfully interpret the Air Force needs in the terms of industry and vice versa. Initially the program focused on high-level management and consisted of senior officers (lieutenant colonels and colonels), but today the program is primarily mid-level officers (captains and majors) and civilians (GS-11 through 13, or equivalent).

Each year the EWI program manager solicits feedback from participating career fields to focus each student’s research efforts and to ensure proper pairing between student and company. Formally the EWI program refers to these focus areas as desired learning objectives (DLOs). Since 32Es re-joined the program in 2014, we have largely focused our student’s research on gaining perspective in the following areas.

1. **Investment Portfolio Management:** Real property, facilities, infrastructure, and investment prioritization.
2. Real Property Management: Leases, land use instruments, space management tools, and sustainability.

3. Large Scale, Geographically Differentiated Construction Management: Contracting, design, quality assurance, risk reporting, teaming, and customer communication for on-time and on-budget.

4. Large Scale, Geographically Differentiated Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Management: Processes, metrics, tools, interaction with field activities, skillsets and training of plant managers.

2017-2018 EWI Class 70
This year, for 32E, Capt Steven Bernero is working with General Motors in Detroit, and Capt Anna Narduzzi is working with Michael Baker International in Pittsburgh. We worked with these companies for Class 69 (2016-2017), and 32E leadership decided to continue the successful relationships for Class 70. However, the program must balance the benefits of long term relationships with the benefits of partnering with a wide variety of companies, so we remain open to emerging opportunities. During the year, most of the students’ time will be spent working with their respective companies in various capacities related to their DLOs, but they will also have the opportunity to branch network with fellow students during a handful of “cross flow” events. These cross functional tours provide unique access to other industry titans such as Amazon, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, UPS, and United Launch Alliance (ULA) – companies that have often been hosting industry fellows for years.

I’m Interested, now what?
For companies that may be interested in becoming an EWI partner, you can start by reaching out to the current USAF EWI program manager for direction. Note: Decisions are made by leadership of each career field, and relationships are established up to a year in advance.

enel.ewi@afit.edu
For USAF officers that may be interested, each year the USAF advertises opportunities in the Advanced Academic Degree/Special Experience Exchange Duty (AAD/SPEED) Guide on myPERS, and EWI selections are made at each career field’s annual development team (DT) board. Talk to your supervisor, career team, or past/present EWI Fellows.

Class 70:
Capt Anna Narduzzi
Capt Steven Bernero

Class 69:
Maj Raphael Ashe
Capt Trent Bolte

Class 68:
Maj Brandy Smart
Capt Alyson Busch

Class 67:
Maj Stanton Brown
Maj Brian Wernle

Other Services
US Army - Training With Industry
US Navy – Tours With Industry
Department of Veterans Affairs – Education With Industry
USMC CAMP

Dear Coastal Carolina Post,

Thank you for sponsoring me for the 2017 USMC SAME camp! I loved every minute of it. While at the camp, I learned so much about both engineering and myself. Before coming to the camp, I had very limited construction experience. That meant that everyday I was able to learn and try something completely new. I loved waking up every morning to a different challenge ahead. Though it’s hard to choose my favorite engineering and construction activities because I loved all of them, I would say that the top two were probably the AAV and the concrete beam. I loved all of the variables my squad was able to play with while designing the AAV and concrete beam. The testing of both of them was also the most fun to participate in and watch. After having completed the camp, I feel like I could design and build any one of the things we did during the week. The camp also made me realize how much I love being part of a team. I participate in a lot of activities where I am part of a team, but never have I been part of such a diverse team from all over the United States. Each person on the team had a different strength, and working together we were able to accomplish tasks to a level that no one person on the team could have achieved alone.

Not only were all of the other campers I was interacting with very talented, but the mentors and squad leaders were also great to work with. They always treated us with respect, and guided us throughout the camp. From the mentors, I found out so much about different types of engineering, both military and civilian. Being able to talk to someone with experience was definitely helpful to me. The ability to ask questions to a person I know and trust helped me way more than any research online could have. In addition to being very knowledgeable, the mentors and squad leaders were also very personable.

Overall, this camp provided me with an experience that I would otherwise never have been able to get. From engineering, to teamwork, to silkes, everything I learned and experienced will give me a leg up on all of my other classmates when it comes time to apply for college and jobs. Not only that, but I was also able to network with many people that are in a field which I will likely enter in the future. The world is about networking, and the camp helped me build mine. And even though I was only with the other campers and the staff for a week, by the end of the week the camp felt like a second home. It was a safe and fun environment where I was able to learn and grow. Again, thank you for sponsoring me and providing me with the opportunity to experience a camp that I will always remember.

Sincerely,

Hanna Fulford

Camp was amazing! I am so glad that I had this experience. I learned so much that I couldn’t have learned anywhere else. It included aspects of engineering and military life and just the right amount of both. There was a total of 50 kids from all over the United States. We were divided into 5 squads of 10 kids each. The squad leaders were Marines from the Camp LeJeune Base. All of the counselors had backgrounds in engineering related or military related careers, or both. …….. I was in the Echo squad. Each day we did a new project/activity and a professional skilled in each field of study talked to us about constraints and gave us information to help lead us in the right direction.

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It was fun meeting kids from all over the United States. I plan to remain in touch with several of them. I would have liked camp to have been a little bit longer! We learned about core Marine Corps values such as being motivated, disciplined, and hard-working individuals. I would love to go to a camp like this again :)

Sincerely,

Molly Stamets
USAFA CAMP

Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend the SAME Engineering and Construction Camp. I can honestly say it was one of the best camps I have been to and I learned so much.

Thanks again!
Sage Lindsay

Sage Lindsay, class of 2018, is a member of the school rodeo team, speak out service club, and choir including elite jazz choir.

I owe you a huge thank you for all your help involved in the SAME Camp this summer. It was such a great experience and I’m so glad I went. I learned a lot, made some friends, and I now I’m positive I would like to pursue an Academy and the engineering field. And I have you to thank for choosing me and getting me all the information I needed along the way. So thank you, for everything.

Sincerely,
Grant Engel

Grant Engel, class of 2018, does volunteer work with church, plays baseball, and is on the math team.

A little work never hurts... He is showing his coin off to everyone... Thank you for mentoring him. He says “... He really looked up to your team This experience is going to last him a lifetime... I can’t thank you and everyone that was involved enough... Thank you

Jaco’s Mom

Jaco Whiteley, Jr, class of 2019, is a member of rifle team, team captain of the golf team, football and leader of the ROTC Service Learning program.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Aligning with our mission and vision, SAME partners with a variety of organizations to collaborate on National Security and promote issues such as STEM, credentialing & professional development, and support of veterans. Many of these organizations provide benefits to SAME members both directly and indirectly. Additionally, there may be cross-over from one area to another. For example, programs providing credentialing & professional development may be eligible for scholarship to active duty through the SAME Foundation. This supports veterans as they transition from active duty to the private sector side of the A/E/C industry. If you have a question about any of these organizations or would like to suggest an organization to partner with, please contact:

Kathy Off, CGMP, PMP | Strategic & Stakeholder Relations | koff@same.org | 703-549-3800 ext. 153

Click the logos below for more information about these Strategic Partners
ARMY CAMP

I can’t thank you enough for giving me the opportunity to get a better outlook on the career I wish to pursue in my future. Your love for civil engineering really showed over the full week of camp and has rubbed off on me tremendously. The camp gave me a chance to really decide what I plan to do in the future. It also helped me to find a path I desire to take. Thank you again for everything.

Jalen Ray

This is Eddy Proietti Conti. Thank you for overseeing the SAME camp and enabling me to have one of the greatest weeks I have ever had! The SAME Army Camp opened a whole new horizon for me. Not only did I make new friends from different parts of the country, but SAME also taught me so much about engineering. Before attending the camp I had only been mildly interested in structural and mechanical engineering; however, now I am very interested in both and am considering them as a possible career choice. SAME has definitely deepened and expanded my interest in all areas of engineering, all the while affirming my life long aspiration to serve my country as a military officer.

I hope we will have the opportunity to meet again, maybe at ERDC!

Best regards,
Eddy Proietti Conti

Thank you for putting together this extraordinary camp, it was one of the best experiences I’ve ever had. Throughout the week as we would go from one place to another and eat freshly prepared food just about every meal, I realized just how much work went into putting this camp together and I wanted to personally thank the man that made it all happen. The other campers and counselors are all amazing people and I immediately felt comfortable with them, I hope that the connections I made with them will last a lifetime. I remember getting off the plane and being greeted by Mr and Mrs Turner, Mr. Turner told us that in a week when it was time to leave we would all be in tears, and I never thought that I could get so attached in a week but as my new brothers and sisters slowly left one by one I realized just how close we had become and when it was my time to leave my second set of parents, I couldn’t hold back the tears. This camp is a hidden gem and it was an honor to have been selected to attend. Thank you again for everything.

Sincerely,
Sarah Beason
Special Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of the YM Connections.

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