

# SAME Charleston Post Quarterly Newsletter - 1st Edition, April 2017

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### A Message from our Post President

The Charleston Post continues a strong and proud heritage in the Lowcountry. The Post has had a great 2016 advancing civil-military relations, hosting a successful tri-regional joint engineer training symposium, and earning honors as a Distinguished Post. The engineering industry which binds us together in a professional organization is continually evolving. A



new administration brings forward bold ideas of revitalizing our nation's defense and rebuilding the infrastructure that drives our economic engine.

Our future as public and private engineers, environmentalists, architects, developers, and much more is destined to be brighter and busier. As our opportunities blossom, I am excited to work together to identify and solve the infrastructure issues which challenge our national security.

It is in bright times when we ask the most of our members. Through 2017 we will continue to deliver professional development seminars and advance STEM opportunities for the next generation of engineers. I ask that you personally look at how you can contribute to the Charleston Post through recruiting new members, leading as part of the Board of Directors, volunteering at one of the Post's many events, or simply sharing your thoughts and ideas at our monthly meetings. Your small efforts are what enables the success of our great nation and our Post. I look forward to the Post's continued success and advancement into 2017.

Very Respectfully,
MATTHEW S. BRENNAN, Lt Col, USAF
Charleston Post President
Commander, 628th Civil Engineer Squadron
Joint Base Charleston



# Congratulations are in order!

The 2016 final streamer results are in.
The Charleston Post received Streamers with Distinction in 4 categories:
Resilience, Leadership & Mentoring,
Relationship, and Development &
Personal Growth. We also received the
Distinguished Post recognition.
Let's keep this momentum going! Be sure
to let the board know of any publicity for
member accomplishments, or if there is
anything we should publish. These will

Kayak/Canoe Edisto River Trip event Saturday, April 8th.

## **Charleston Post By-Laws**

The Charleston Post board has updated the post by-laws. The proposed revisions have been posted to the <u>website</u> or can be downloaded <u>here</u>. We encourage all post members to review the draft revisions, as we will be voting on them during our April 20th meeting.

## 2Q 2017 Lunch Meeting Topics & Speakers

**April 20th: Cyber Security** 

Scott Cave, CBCP | Principal, Atlantic Business Continuity Services

May 18th: Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) Master Planning

Keane McLaughlin, PLA, AICP | Senior Landscape Architect, CEMS Engineering

June 15th: Commercial Work in South Carolina

Col. Dave McNeil (Ret.) | President & CEO, Hannah Solar Government Services

# **Upcoming Events - Mark your calendars!**

#### **Local Events:**

- Wounded Warrior Edisto River Kayak Trip & Swallow Tailed Kite
   Survey | April 8, 7:30am | Donations and Volunteers/Supporters are
   needed! Click here for more details and an agenda. Contact William Thomas at
   (717) 424-2493 if you would like to donate or volunteer. Please join us in supporting our Heroes!!
- Deep Foundations Institute Seminar: Practical Deep Foundation Design and Construction for Seismic & Lateral Loads in Marine Applications | May 3-4, 2017 | North Charleston Marriott | N. Charleston, SC

 SAME Charleston Post Industry Day: Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Workshop | August 10-11, 2017 | An announcement will go out with more details.

#### **National Events:**

- 2017 Joint Engineering Training Conference & Expo | May 23-25, 2017 | Greater Columbus Convention Center | Columbus, OH
- 2017 Small Business Conference | November 15-17, 2017 | David L.
   Lawrence Convention Center | Pittsburgh, PA \*\*Registration is not yet open.

## **SAME Charleston Post Scholarship Fund**

The SAME Charleston Post is soliciting corporate sponsorships for 2017 scholarship opportunities. The Charleston Post provides scholarships to tri-county residents, members of the Post (including spouses and children), and to The Citadel SAME Student Chapter. The scholarships are an opportunity to encourage growth in the engineering and construction workforce by helping students obtain the education they need to pursue STEM career paths.

You can donate to an existing scholarship fund, or have a new one set up in the name of your firm or in honor of someone. Please consider this opportunity to support the growth of our industry.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss scholarships in more detail, please contact <u>Chris Hinson, P.E.</u>, Scholarships Director.

# **Career Opportunities**

If your firm has a career opportunity you would like to post in our quarterly newsletter, please <u>email</u> us or contact a post board member to let us know.

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