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A Message from our Post President

Members and Friends of the Charleston Post, Society of American Military Engineers:

Summertime has arrived in the Lowcountry and the sun is shining on your Charleston Post. We recently had the honor of awarding scholarships to 15 students pursuing STEM-related degrees. The smiles on their faces was



energizing as they represent the next generation that will embark on solving our future national security infrastructure issues. Just as exciting and right around the corner is Industry Day. On August 10-11 at the North Charleston Marriott the Post will host military and civilian representatives from across the region to advance our mutual objectives. I look forward to seeing each of you at the Golf Tournament and Icebreaker on the 10th and to discuss a variety of business topics on the 11th. Included in this year's program will be an issues workshop which will focus on Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses. **What a great summer!**

Very Respectfully,

MATTHEW S. BRENNAN, Lt Col, USAF

Charleston Post President

Commander, 628th Civil Engineer Squadron

Joint Base Charleston

A graphic for the 2017 Charleston Post Industry Day. The top half features the word "SAME" in large, bold letters, with the "A" containing a white star on a blue background and the "E" having red and white stripes. Below "SAME" is "CHARLESTON POST" in blue. The middle section has "2017 CHARLESTON POST INDUSTRY DAY" in red, followed by "AUGUST 10 - 11" and "MARRIOTT NORTH CHARLESTON" in red. The background is light blue with white stars and a wavy red and white striped pattern at the bottom. The bottom section is a dark blue box with white text.

Please join us for the [2017 Charleston Post Industry Day](#).

- >>Thursday, Aug 10th: Captain's Choice Golf Tournament and Icebreaker
- >>Friday, Aug 11th: Annual Industry Day Program & Post Issues Workshop

focusing on Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) DoD Contracting.

Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.



SAME Charleston Post 2017 STEM Scholarship Recipients

SAME Charleston Post Scholarship Awards

The SAME Charleston Post awarded scholarships to ten (10) high school students and five (5) college students for a total of \$16,000. Scholarships were presented to the recipients during the June 15, 2017 luncheon attended by scholarship recipients, scholarship recipient family and friends, Colonel Richard Kent's family and SAME members. In Honor of Colonel Richard Kent's (USAF, Ret) many contributions to the SAME Scholarship Program, Trident Technical College, and The Citadel, a scholarship was awarded in Colonel Kent's name. As a sustaining SAME member, S&ME, Inc. sponsored a corporate scholarship. The Charleston Post would like to thank S&ME for their sponsorship and congratulate the following students on their scholarship award: Andrew Capps, Ariel Hills, Bradley Sanders, Brandon Payne, Daiveon Lindsay, Errol Rochester, Ethan Jackson, Harrison Lankford, Jessica Link, Joshua DuBois, Kathryn Cooke, Lia Hsu-Rodriguez, Meredith Welsh, Michael Capps, and Rebecca Clingman.

SAME, in collaboration with the Military Services, offers a series of STEM / Engineering camps designed for high school students who excel in math, science and technology courses and are interested in pursuing engineering, architecture, or a related field in college. The Charleston Post

would like to congratulate Caleb Morgan on his selection to attend the US Air Force Academy STEM/Engineering and Construction Camp and Christina Jettie, PE, for her selection to attend the US Marine Corps STEM/Engineering and Construction Camp as a mentor.

2017 SAME USMC Engineering & Construction Camp



Charleston Post Board Member Christina Jettie, PE talks about her recent experience as a 2017 SAME USMC Engineering & Construction Camp mentor.

From 17 - 24 June 2017 I had the opportunity to participate in the USMC SAME Construction and Engineering Camp at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina at a SAME Mentor. Fifty high school students who expressed an interest in military engineering were selected to attend the one-week camp led by personnel from the US Marine Corps Engineer School with assistance from local SAME posts. Throughout the week, the campers had the opportunity to learn engineering and construction principles by completing hands-on tasks under the supervision of USMC personnel and SAME mentors.

The fifty campers were broken into five squads: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, and Echo. The campers traveled from all over the United States including multiple campers from the West Coast and one from Hawaii. Each squad consisted of eight male campers, two female campers, a squad leader, who was an enlisted marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, and two mentors. The mentors ranged from newly

commissioned officers to private citizens who have experience with federal projects.

The campers were kept very busy with many exciting activities. The main activities involved designing, constructing, and testing various engineering projects including an 8-foot concrete beam, a trebuchet, a stormwater best management practice (BMP), and a cardboard assault amphibious vehicle (AAV). Prior to the design phase of each of these activities, the campers were given a briefing from an instructor which included instructions on how to complete the design effectively. The campers were then given time to complete their design before having it approved by the instructor. Similar to the professional engineering environment, campers were assigned roles within their squad for each activity. Roles included project manager, design engineers, construction managers, construction engineers, and safety manager. The campers were scored throughout each activity on their safety, cleanliness, teamwork, design, and execution. After each activity, a streamer was awarded to the squad with the highest score. In addition to the activities listed above, the campers completed in athletic related activities such as an ultimate frisbee competition and a devil dog reactions course.



While learning engineering and construction principles was the main goal for the camp, the campers also had the chance to be exposed to the military lifestyle. The campers lived in the barracks, participated in PT several mornings, ate in the Mess Hall, and walked in formation lead by their squad leader. At the end of the week, the campers were given a presentation by graduates from the US Coast Guard Academy, US Naval Academy, and Officer Candidate School (OCS). Many of the campers were interested in attending a service academy and this presentation gave them the opportunity to ask all their questions on the application process and what to expect during and after school.

I really encourage anyone interested in this camp to volunteer next year. This was the fifth year of the camp and they are continuing to grow. If you are willing to volunteer for a week, look into mentoring. If you only have a day or two to give, the USMC camp staff are always looking for

volunteers to help facilitate the activities each day.

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On behalf of the SAME Charleston Post, thank you for volunteering your time to encourage the next generation of STEM professionals!

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendars!

Local Events:

- SAME Charleston Post 2017 Annual Industry Day & Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Post Issues Workshop | August 10-11, 2017 | North Charleston Marriott | Charleston, SC
- SAME / ASCE Engineering Day at the Ball Park | August 16, 2017 | Joseph P. Riley Jr. Park, Doby's Deck | Charleston Riverdogs vs. Greenville Drive (tickets will be available for purchase soon)

National Events:

- 2017 SAME Jacksonville Post Tri-Regional Joint Engineer Training Symposium (JETS) | August 29-31, 2017 | Jacksonville, FL
 - SAME Post Leaders Workshop | August 20-22, 2017 | St. Pete Beach, FL
 - 2017 Federal Small Business Conference | November 15-17, 2017 | Pittsburgh, PA
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3rd Quarter 2017 Lunch Meeting Topics & Speakers

July 20th: Climate Change / Resiliency Planning

Chris Mack, PE, PM | Coastal Services Program Manager, AECOM Water

August 10-11th: The Charleston Post 2017 Annual Industry Day will take the place of our August meeting.

September 21st: Corrosion Control

Caleb Wright, PE | Principal Engineer, Industry Standard Engineering & Consultants, PLLC
Joel Maggart | President, Maggart & Associates

Career Opportunities

Hussey Gay Bell

Water / Wastewater Project Engineer - Charleston, SC

Davis & Floyd

Civil Engineer - North Charleston, SC

Landscape / Civil CAD Technician - North Charleston, SC

Senior Bridge Engineer - Columbia, Greenwood, or North Charleston, SC

Staff Civil Engineer - North Charleston, SC

Survey Crew Chief - Columbia or Greenwood, SC

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GEL Geophysics, LLC

Utility Locating Field Technician - Charleston, SC

****Must apply online.****

Hannah Solar Government Services

Journeyman Electricians - Charleston, SC

Electrician's Helpers - Charleston, SC

PV Technicians - Charleston, SC

If your firm has a career opportunity you would like to post in our quarterly newsletter, please [email](#) us or contact a post board member to let us know.

Post Award Nominations 2017/2018

If you would like to nominate a sustaining or individual SAME Post member for an award, please contact Capt. Len Dillinger (Ret). A list of awards can be found [here](#).

Charleston Post By-Laws

The Charleston Post members have approved the updated by-laws. They are available for review and download any time on the [website](#).

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