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VIRTUAL MEETING: 12.16.2020

Living and working in the Republic of Korea with the U.S. Corps of Engineers 0.5 PDH

This presentation focuses on the Yongsan Relocation Project and will describe some specific projects. Yongsan Relocation Project (YRP) is a \$10.7B endeavor, primarily funded by the Korean government, to relocate the 8th Army and UN Command from Yongsan Garrison in the middle of Seoul to Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek about 60 miles south. The presentation will cover a brief history of Korea, USACE involvement, and responsibilities of the Far East District. It will go over some of the challenges with working in a foreign environment, living in a politically focused area, and recreation opportunities will also be discussed.

Moderator Biography:

Clay Tallman is a Project Manager with the St. Paul District, U.S. Corps of Engineers. He started with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Jan 2010 as a construction representative on the Devils Lake City Embankment project. Clay deployed in Sept 2012 to Afghanistan's northern engineering district (Kunduz) for nine months as a project engineer/ Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) before returning to St. Paul in 2013 and moved to Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea in September 2014. There he served as construction representative, project engineer, and project manager during his five-year stint. Clay managed a wide range of projects from underground hardened bunkers to airfields to communication centers to military housing to roads to flood protection projects. He is a Navy submarine veteran, a 2009 graduate of the University of Minnesota, with a bachelor's degree in Construction Management and has 23 years of construction industry experience.

Details: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 12:00pm-1:00pm CST

Cost: SAME Members: FREE, Non-Members: FREE

Location: ONLINE (details to be provided with Eventbrite receipt)

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/same-december-post-meeting-tickets-128073763073>

RECRUITING 2020-2021 VOLUNTEERS!!

Have you enjoyed participating at SAME-MSP events, but are looking to further invest yourself in the organization?

Maybe you are looking to broaden your professional network?

Or gain some invaluable leadership skills?

If so, please consider volunteering for a role within the SAME-MSP Post for 2020-2021. Below are the open opportunities:

★ **Chair of Continuing Professional Competency Committee:** We are looking for a SAME member who would be willing to help plan, coordinate, and track our Professional Development Hour programs. This position will require approximately 1 hour per month.

★ **Chair of Records and Archiving:** We are looking for a SAME member who would be willing to assist with setting up a record storage management system. This position will require approximately 1 hour per week to set up an external document management folder that will allow SAME-MSP to manage archives in an efficient and organized fashion.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in a position, please feel free to reach out to [Lindsey Roberts McKenzie](#), SAME-MSP President.

We would love for you to join and share your time and talent!

[same.org/mpls-stpl](https://www.same.org/mpls-stpl)

SAME-MSP CLASSIFIED

Mark your calendars, despite the pandemic, there are still some upcoming opportunities to get involved with the Minneapolis-Saint Paul SAME Post!

BEXAR COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

December 9-11, 2020, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

This business matchmaking event is designed to provide all small business owners from all industries the opportunity to connect with prime contractors, co-ops, local, state, and federal buyers, end-users and p-card holders. The desired outcome includes immediate connections for purchase orders or contract opportunities during and after the sessions.

<https://smwbematchmaker.mbmapp.com/>

MINNESOTA CLIMATE ADAPTATION PARTNERSHIP (MCAP) CONFERENCE

Mark your calendar, the MCAP Conference will be in webinar format on January 20, 2021. Be watching for details in the following months!

Registration for the conference is now open at:

<https://learning.umn.edu/portal/events/reg/participantTypeSelection.do?method=load&&entityId=26310311>

Watch for more details in the next month as the final arrangements are set!

DONATIONS

Every year, the Minneapolis - St Paul Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME-MSP Post) offers up to \$6,000 of educational grants to elementary and secondary schools. These grants serve to achieve a fundamental goal of SAME: "To promote an understanding of, and appreciation for, the engineering related disciplines and to help the young people in our communities be better prepared to become our future engineers."

The on-going coronavirus pandemic has had a big impact in our lives and in our fundraising capabilities. To continue supporting our STEM community, the SAME-MSP Post would like to respectfully request your help in the form of a donation. All donations will go towards helping us to achieve the goal of providing educational grants for the schools and classroom teachers who are committed in supporting the math and sciences that support future engineering-related career opportunities.

Thank you for supporting our community!
SAME-MSP Post

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_donations&business=samemsp.treasurer%40gmail.com&item_name=Donations+will+go+towards+Education+Grants+for+schools.¤cy_code=USD

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our October 2020 meeting. We were fortunate enough to have a renowned panel of resiliency experts present on how our industry and government can collaborate to address emergencies. We greatly appreciated the insight of **Victoria Reinhardt**, Ramsey County Commissioner, **Judd Freed**, Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for Ramsey, and **Terry Stoltzmann**, Director of Anoka County Emergency Management and look forward to future collaboration opportunities between our organizations. I also want to extend a huge thank you to **Allen Witt**, SAME-MSP Director of Resiliency, for organizing the session!

I hope you are able to attend our December 16, 2020 meeting, where we will feature **Clay Tallman**, a Project Manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and his experience working on the Yongsan Relocation Project, a \$10.7B project located in South Korea. Please note the change in registration for our monthly meetings – we are now using Eventbrite! A link is included in this newsletter, as well as on our website.

The MSP Post will continue to provide monthly programming on a virtual platform through 2021. The events will be free for all attendees. PDH credits will be provided when applicable, so please make sure you register for the event, either through the link included in our newsletter or on our website. The Post continues to evaluate the feasibility of holding in-person events in 2021 and will continue to keep members updated via the Post newsletter and website.

SAME continues to grow and we are looking for some assistance in a couple of crucial roles that help to keep the post operational. Please consider getting more involved with SAME. Additional details regarding volunteer opportunities with our post are as follows:

- ★ **Chair of Continuing Professional Competency Committee:** We have been fortunate enough to have **Michelle Larson** help us with our planning and execution of Professional Development Hours for our programs. However, Michelle will be leaving for a temporary duty assignment in Brazil and needs to hand off the baton to another volunteer. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FILL THIS POSITION!** If anyone is interested in becoming more involved with our post, this is a great opportunity. Please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested.
- ★ **Chair of Records and Archiving:** We are looking for a SAME member who would be willing to assist with setting up a record storage management system. This position will require approximately 1 hour per week to set up an external document management folder that will allow SAME-MSP to manage archives in an efficient and organized fashion, as well as sort through our previous records for proper filing within the new system.

Please consider donating your time and talent to the Post – we would greatly appreciate it!

Finally, I would like to welcome our newest member to the Post leadership team – **Sam Smith!** Sam has been supporting our Post's Educational Grants Committee for the past few years, and in January 2021 will be taking over the Programs Chair role. He will be responsible for organizing our monthly meeting programs, including topics and speakers. Thank you, Sam!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

Lindsey Roberts McKenzie, PE
2020-2021 SAME-MSP Post President
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MONTHLY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE: SUPPORTING MILITARY

Peter Allen - Stantec

This month's Centennial Celebration article puts the focus on supporting our military and SAME's values of patriotism and national security. When thinking of how to best support both of these values, the Minneapolis-St. Paul Post didn't just think about our military members and the sacrifices they make for our county, but also the sacrifices made by their family members every day on the home front. That is why the MSP Post has supported the Minnesota Military Family Foundation (MMFF) since 2008. Over the years the MSP Post has donated more than \$19,000. Sure, our donations have included a round of golf, but MMFF has organized their golf event such that 100% of sponsorships go directly to MMFF, and approximately 95% of that goes directly to military members and their families. That means that over \$18,000 that the MSP Post has donated has gone directly to military families in need.

Who is MMFF and what do they do? Well, MMFF is a community-supported fund that provides financial resources to military families in times of need, especially when a family member is deployed. MMFF distributes money through grants and loans to Minnesota military families. Typical needs that are requested included household expenses such as utilities, rent, mortgages and appliance repair, auto repair, transportation and lodging for families to visit soldiers in the hospital, family counseling, and medical expenses.

2020 has brought many changes to our daily lives, including a loss of fundraising events for organizations such as MMFF. While MMFF did not put on their annual golf event this year, the need to support military families does not stop. Therefore, despite the loss of the annual golf fundraiser, the MSP Post has made the decision to continue its financial support of MMFF in 2020 with a donation of \$1,500.

To learn more about MMFF, you can check out their website: <https://minnesotamilitaryfamilyfoundation.org/>



By the Numbers:

2008: Year the Post began supporting MMFF

>\$19,000: Amount the Post has donated

>\$18,000: Amount of donations that have gone directly to military families



MSP Post members showing support for MMFF at the annual MMFF Golf Event

BONUS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

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When you arrive at a SAME-MSP post event you immediately see industry/private sector and government employees or retirees talking, networking, and enjoying each other's company. In addition, government employees from different agencies and private employees from numerous companies are catching up on the latest news. What are you working on? How is that project progressing? Do you need help? In short, they are collaborating. This supports SAME's mission to "lead collaborative efforts to identify and resolve national security infrastructure-related challenges".

When architects, engineers and contractors in private industry and the public sector are connected through SAME their individual and collective capabilities are improved. The nation is thus better prepared to overcome natural and man-made disasters, acts of terrorism and to improve security at home and abroad. In addition, the private-public collaboration enhances civil works projects such as management of the Nation's water resources, restoring aquatic ecosystems, flood risk management and engineering and technical services on a wide-range of projects.

The collaboration goal grew from the United States' experiences in World War I. More than 11,000 civilian engineers were called to duty during the conflict. After returning home many on the public and private side feared they would lose this collective knowledge and the cooperation between public and private sectors. Industry and military leaders vowed to capitalize on the technical lessons and camaraderie shared during their battlefield experiences.

In 1919, after the war, Major General William M. Black, USA, the Army's Chief of Engineers, appointed a nine-officer board to consider the formation of an "association of engineers" that would preserve, and expand upon, connections formed during the war. The goal was to promote the advancement of engineering and its related professions. Early in 1920, the first SAME posts were established, providing government and private colleagues opportunities to connect face-to-face, and establishing post-to-community relationships across the United States.

In a broader sense, SAME has established more than 20 strategic partnerships over the last four years, to bring together members with professionals from different technical disciplines. The partners include the American Institute of Architects, Associated General Contractors of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools and many others.

The key to industry-government engagement is implementation and collaboration at the Post level. SAME's 30,000 members accomplishes that with 105 Posts and more than 50 Student Chapters and Field Chapters around the world.

APPLY FOR SAME'S LEADER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Erin Krug – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District

The application process for SAME's third Leader Development Program class will open on October 2 and close **December 7, 2020**. Applications must be submitted electronically through a Post President, **Lindsey Roberts McKenzie**. The class will be announced in February 2021. SAME's first Leader Development Program class began at the 2019 JETC in Tampa and graduated in August 2020 in a virtual ceremony. The second class began its year-long program in May 2020 is slated to graduate next year at the 2021 JETC in Portland, Oregon. Developed through support from the SAME Foundation, the Leader Development Program seeks to cultivate talent from within the membership to help support the development of the next generation of military, government, and industry leaders for our country, our profession, and our Society. The Minneapolis-St. Paul Post has been represented by two LDP participants since the start of the program. Their contact information is below if you have any questions about the program.

- ★ Class of 2019-2020: **Erin Krug**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, erin.e.krug@usace.army.mil
- ★ Class of 2020-2021: **CPT Thomas Fakler**, Ulteig, thomas.fakler@outlook.com

Learn more about the program at www.same.org/ldp

2020 SAME DAY AND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Peter Allen - Stantec

Announcing the Centennial Celebration Webpage on the MSP Post's website! Here you will find the past monthly celebration articles. This is also where you will find information about our Centennial Celebration event that is scheduled for Spring 2021. Go to <https://www.same.org/mpls-stpl/centennial-celebration> to find out more!



If you are interested in presenting on a topic of interest, becoming a sponsor for the event, or becoming involved in the effort, please feel free to reach out to [Peter Allen](#) for additional information.

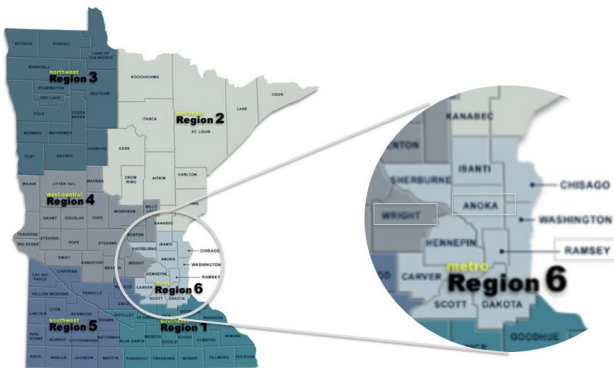
OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARY

Allen Witt - Terracon

The October meeting was a huge success with over 25 attendees. Thank you all who attended! Our distinguished panelists shared their thoughts on Resiliency from Region 6 and recommended that we connect with the other eight counties in Region 6 to determine how our industry and government can collaborate to address natural and human-caused emergencies.

Takeaways from the panel discussion that support the SAME-MSP mission to “Build and Sustain Resilient Communities” include:

- ★ Leverage local partnerships to educate our members on the infrastructure risks, mitigation efforts, and joint responses.
- ★ Use Region 6 network to connect and educate stakeholders on new and existing technologies across critical infrastructure sectors.
- ★ Use SAME's relationships to facilitate vertical collaboration between all levels of government.
- ★ Lead collaboration to advocate for implementation for resilient solutions.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following individuals have joined the SAME-MSP Post this month – thank you for joining us and welcome to the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post!

- ★ Hannah Albertus, Wood
- ★ MSgt. Omar Crovetto, US Air Force
- ★ Kyle Wimmer, Mortenson



SMALL BUSINESS CORNER – HONORING GEORGE COSTILLA

Sherry Van Duyn – Landmark Environmental

The MnDOT Office of Civil rights shared the passing of George Costilla on November 12, 2020. George worked for MnDOT 8 ½ years, as the Office of Civil Rights Business Development Advisor and was a mentor and advisor to small businesses. George participated on our Post's Small Business Panel in 2015, 2016 and 2018. He provided relevant information about upcoming MnDOT projects and links to MnDOT's website assisting both small and large businesses.

He was passionate about supporting small business. His prior work experience included being a Vietnam Veteran with the US Marine Corps, a Federal Construction Inspector/Project Manager for Lackland Air Force Base, and more than 20 years of experience in the construction industry as an owner of a small construction company.

We will miss his assistance and enthusiasm.



SAME-MSP PROGRAMS CHAIR CHANGING

Ann Banitt – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District



The SAME-MSP Post Programs Chair is one of the most outward-reaching positions as they connect our Post with speakers that deliver the content that we offer at our monthly presentations and webinars. It is hard work to keep the content moving forward and takes a special skill to make connections and coordinate the logistics. Matt Reddington, of HDR has been our Post's Programs Chair since 2017 and has done a wonderful job keeping our Post informed and aware of new technologies and initiatives. We want to give Matt our appreciation for all the hard work he has done to provide the Post with a great variety of luncheon presentations, tours, and webinar experiences over the years!

As the new MSP Post Board gets into its new groove, we welcome our new Programs Chair for 2021! Sam Smith is a Project Manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District. He has been with the Corps since 2011 and has spent the majority of his career working as a Geotechnical Engineer. He has a BS in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University and a MS in Risk Management from Notre Dame of Maryland University. Sam is a Twin Cities native, currently residing in Stillwater, Minnesota, with his wife Laura, 7-month-old son Charlie, and dog Sherman.

Sam has attended SAME Post meetings and has participated on the SAME-MSP Education Grant Selection Committee for several years. Sam is a great communicator and is ready to take on this new role. If you have any suggestions for presenters or presentation topics, please be sure to send Sam a note or give him a quick call. He is happy to get any leads you have! You can reach Sam at (651) 290-5545 or email him at samuel.r.smith@usace.army.mil

ONLINE DECISION SUPPORT TOOL – AIS EXPLORER

Jane Flewellen – Mortenson Construction

AIS Explorer is a first-of-its-kind online dashboard that will help the public and resource managers access current and future aquatic invasive species infestations, prioritize AIS surveillance and watercraft inspection activities. Join us on December 8 to learn about the newly released AIS Explorer decision support tool! During the event, MAISRC Director, Dr. Nicholas Phelps, will be discussing how the dashboard was created and potential uses for resource managers going forward.

December 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – register here: <https://cfans.umn.edu/events/dec-2020-support-tool-ais-webinar>

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our Sustaining Firms – SAME-MSP appreciates your support and wants to make sure all our members are aware of it, too!

- ★ AECOM
- ★ Anderson Engineering of MN
- ★ Ayres Associates
- ★ Barr Engineering
- ★ Bergmann Associates
- ★ Burns & McDonnell
- ★ Cardno Inc.
- ★ CH2M Hill
- ★ Cushing Terrell
- ★ Eaton Corporation
- ★ EMR Inc.
- ★ Hammel Green and Abrahamson
- ★ Hanson Professional Services
- ★ HDR Engineering
- ★ HNTB Corporation
- ★ Jacobs
- ★ Landmark Environmental
- ★ Mortenson Construction
- ★ Parsons
- ★ Quantum Spatial
- ★ Rani Engineering
- ★ RSP Architects
- ★ SEH
- ★ Stanley Consultants
- ★ Stantec
- ★ Terracon
- ★ Weston Solutions
- ★ Wood Group

Did you know that as part of your sustaining membership we encourage you to talk about yourselves to our members? Please email Sherry Van Duyn at svanduy@landmarkenv.com or Dave Ausdemore at dave@hsscience.com, if you would like more information on how to get involved!

