



President's Corner

Portland Post Members,

Our 2023-24 program year is off to a great start. I'd like to thank Mike Shannon, Executive Director of the Hood River White Salmon Bridge Authority, for his fantastic presentation during our lunch meeting in September. With over 40 attendees, it was our post's largest lunch turn-out since Covid and a great opportunity for face-to-face industry-government engagement. I especially appreciate Mike Shannon's willingness to brief the post at short notice. Due to an unexpected mission requirement, our originally scheduled briefers from Coast Guard Base Astoria had to reschedule their briefing for later this year.



We have several exciting events scheduled in October. Please join us for our next lunch meeting on October 4th. We'll hear from USACE Portland District Commander COL Dale Caswell, P.E., PMP. COL Caswell assumed command in July and will provide an overview of the district's civil works, interagency support, and emergency management missions and upcoming opportunities. Sign up through Eventbrite by September 27th

Our annual golf tournament is set for Monday, October 16th, at the Rose City Golf Course. The shotgun start begins at 12:30 and proceeds will benefit the Bud Ossy Scholarship Fund. Hope you can join this fun and worthwhile fundraiser event!

We've also planned a Young Professionals Fall Networking Event for Thursday, October 26th, 5-7pm, at Steeplejack Brewing in Portland. This Mixer/Social is open to both SAME members and non-members and is a perfect opportunity to enjoy professional comradery. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite and include one drink and light appetizers.

We're pleased to announce that Portland Post is now providing professional development hour (PDH) credit for lunch meeting presentations. SAME's vision is to serve our nation as the foremost integrator for leadership development and technical collaboration within the A/E/C profession.

We hope you can join us for one of our upcoming events, and bring a guest to see the value that SAME provides to our community.

Sincerely,

Pete Helmlinger, PE
Brig. Gen., USA (Ret)
President, SAME Portland Post

Next Post Event – Oct 4, 2023

Presentation: **Portland District USACE Commander’s Overview**
Date: Oct 4, 2023
Time: 11:30 – 1:00 pm
LOCATION: **DoubleTree Hilton, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232**
****Free Parking at DoubleTree is included in registration****

In-Person Cost: **See EventBrite Link for specific cost information**

SAME Portland Post Members \$40.00 (+\$4.52 processing fee)

SAME Members \$45.00 (+\$4.87 processing fee)

All Other Registration Type: \$50.00 (+\$5.20 processing fee)

Donation for Portland Post Scholarship Fund: free

Retired/Govt (ID Required) \$35.00 (+\$4.19 processing fee)

RSVP By: **Wednesday, Sep 27 2023 (12:00 pm) (PREPAYMENT REQUIRED) at**

Event: [SAME Portland Post Monthly Lunch Meeting Tickets, Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 11:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Portland District USACE Commander’s Overview

Abstract: Colonel Caswell, Portland District Commander, will provide an overview of major District programs; partnership with Federal, non-Federal, and private industry; and opportunities for future public-private partnership.

Covering most of Oregon and southwestern Washington, the District operates locks and dams along the Columbia River, operates dams in the Willamette Valley for flood risk management, maintains Oregon's coastal rivers for navigation and leads the Nation in hydropower generation, all while ensuring equal attention to environmental protection and restoration, fish and wildlife enhancement and recreation.

Speakers: Colonel Larry “Dale” Caswell, Jr.

Colonel Larry “Dale” Caswell, Jr. assumed duties as the Commander and District Engineer of the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), on July 21, 2023. Caswell, a Charleston, West Virginia native, is a 1999 graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He holds a Master of Science in civil engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla and a master’s degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Prior to his arrival at Portland District, he served as the Executive Director for Military Programs, Headquarters, USACE, and as the Program Integration Branch Chief for the Office of the Chief of Engineers on the Army Staff. Caswell’s previous command assignments include Albuquerque District Commander, USACE; 937th Engineer Company, 8th Engineer Battalion Commander, Fort Cavazos, Texas; and, C Company, 16th Engineer Battalion Commander, Giessen, Germany. Caswell’s key staff assignments include serving as the



555th Engineer Brigade Executive Officer, Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington; Officer Commanding and Senior Tactics Instructor for the Tactics Wing at the School of Military Engineering in Australia; 15th Engineer Battalion Operations Officer, Grafenwoehr Germany; Deputy Division Engineer, 1st Armored Division Brigade Battle Captain with the 18th Engineer Brigade, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, the Southwest Border Crisis Response, and COVID Response. Caswell's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medals, and the Combat Action Badge.

Portland District and Portland SAME Golf Tournament

You're invited to Rose City Golf course on Monday October 16th, with a 12:30 shotgun start. Registration includes golf, cart, box lunch and a great day out on the course. Please use the Eventbrite link below to RSVP:

Date: *Oct 16, 2023*

Location: Rose City Golf Club

Time: 12:30 Shotgun Start

Fee: \$125 - includes golf, cart, lunch



Event: [SAME Portland Post Golf Tournament Tickets, Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

SAME Portland Post Young Professionals Fall Networking

You're invited: Young and young-at-heart professionals, please join us on Oct 26, 2023 from 5:00pm – 7:00 pm for a networking and social event at Steeplejack Brewing. Networking, foosball, and appetizers.

Location: Steeplejack Brewing, 2400 NE Broadway, Portland, OR 97232

Date: *Oct 26, 2023*

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 SAME Members / \$10.00 Non-Members (1 Drink included)

RSVP by: Oct 25, 2023

Event: [SAME Portland Post Young Professionals Fall Networking Tickets, Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



November Portland SAME Preview – Save the Date Nov 8, 2023!

At our November 8 luncheon, Jason Bock, PE, of GRI and Chis Pitt, PE, SE, of KPFF will present about the Portland International Airport (PDX) Terminal Core Redevelopment (TCORE) for the Port of Portland. The presentation will address geotechnical and structural challenges with design and construction to rebuild the main terminal while remaining in operational.

UPCOMING SAME NATIONAL EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE

Small Business Conference: November 1 – 3, 2023, San Antonio, TX. *The Federal Small Business Conference is welcoming to small businesses seeking one-on-one matched networking appointments with government agencies or learning about upcoming federal contracts, a medium/large company interested in discovering subcontracting partners, or a government agency focused on conducting extensive market research to best understand the breadth and diversity of industry capacity available for your needs.*

Capital Week: Mar 25-27, 2024, Rockville, MD. *Capital Week is open exclusively to SAME members, this opportunity will put you ahead of the curve in planning your company's acquisition strategy. Hear about the government's upcoming engineering, design, construction, and environmental programs during the FY2023 DOD & Federal Agency Programs Briefings. Network with senior leaders and meet directly from contracting representatives, flag and general officers, and other decision-makers from the engineering components of the military services and several federal agencies.*

Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo, Orlando, Florida, May 14-16, 2024 at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center! *JETC offers a unique mix of education, training, leader development, networking, innovation, collaboration, and more. This premier annual event provides a venue for professionals in engineering and related fields to learn and collaborate in a joint environment that only SAME offers.*

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