



SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS



PORTLAND POSTSCRIPTS | Nov 2023

President's Corner

Portland Post Members,

Happy Autumn! Mark your calendar for our next Post meeting on Wednesday, November 8th at the Portland DoubleTree. This is one week later than normal to deconflict with the SAME Small Business Conference in San Antonio November 1st – 3rd. During our November Post meeting, we'll hear about the Port of Portland PDX Terminal Core (TCORE) and ongoing work to improve seismic resilience. Our briefers are Jason Bock, PE from GRI and Chris Pitt, PE, from KPFF. Attendees will receive one PDH credit. Sign up through Eventbrite by noon on November 1st. [SAME Portland Post Monthly Lunch Meeting Tickets, Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 11:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)



Is your firm interested in presenting a Sustaining Member Spotlight 5-minute presentation during a SAME lunch meeting? If so, please contact Post Membership Chair Justin Stranzl for details. This is a great chance to share your firm's capabilities. Speaking of member company benefits, did you know SAME maintains an Online Company Directory? The searchable directory is at [Company Directory - Community Hub \(same.org\)](#)

Our next social at Steeple Jack Brewing is coming up on Thursday, October 26th, 5-7pm. This Young Professionals Fall Networking Event is open to all and a perfect opportunity to share camaraderie over foosball and appetizers. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased through Eventbrite at [SAME Portland Post Young Professionals Fall Networking Tickets, Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

I'd like to thank COL Dale Caswell, P.E. for his outstanding presentation on the USACE Portland District during our October lunch meeting. The district has a diverse mission and many exciting business opportunities supporting the Department of Veterans Affairs, dredging navigation channels, upgrading hydropower dams, and restoring fish habitat. I'd also like to thank Kathryn Thomas for briefing on her work as a member of the SAME Leadership Development Program (LDP). She is leading an initiative to build skilled workforces for the A/E/C community by training Veterans in the Carceral System. Her pilot study is taking place in Jacksonville, Florida this year, with a plan to replicated it in Portland in the future. I applaud Kathryn's inspiring work to address labor shortages and give non-violent Veterans in the Carceral System skills a path to employment. This a wonderful example of the benefits of the SAME LDP. Applications for next year's LDP class are due by December 1st at [Leader Development Program - SAME](#)

My final thanks goes to everyone who supported our annual Golf Tournament scholarship fundraiser in October.

As Portland's leader for Industry-Government Engagement, we hope you join us and bring a guest!

Sincerely,

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

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Next Post Event – Nov 8, 2023

Presentation: Port of Portland PDX Terminal Core (TCORE)
Date: Nov 8, 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, Nov 1 2023 (12:00 pm) (PREPAYMENT REQUIRED)** at

Event: [SAME Portland Post Monthly Lunch Meeting Tickets, Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 11:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Port of Portland PDX Terminal Core (TCORE)

Abstract: Jason Bock, PE, and Chris Pitt, PE, SE, will be exploring the ongoing Port of Portland PDX Terminal Core (TCORE) during this presentation. Slated for completion in 2025, the TCORE at the Port of Portland carries a lofty goal of building a new resilient terminal that is designed to survive a M9 event on the Cascadia Subduction Zone. In addition to the new resilient terminal, portions of the work go to improving the seismic performance of the existing terminal by reducing existing foundation loading, replacing diaphragm, and reinforcing connections. The new expanded terminal will contain the ticket lobby, security screening, baggage handling and baggage claim, mezzanine offices and conference rooms, and a pre-security concessions area. This presentation will dig into some of the technical aspects of designing a resilient facility including the new wood roof structure and the foundations that support it.

Speakers:

Jason Bock, PE | Principal Geotechnical Engineer

Jason is a Principal at GRI with 20 years of experience in Oregon, Washington, and California providing technical and managerial guidance over a broad range of projects. He has a deep history of knowledge providing all phases of geotechnical and seismic engineering services including design, reporting, construction specifications, and contract administration for large buildings, deep utility excavations, roadways, bridges, deep foundations, retaining structures, and slope stability. Jason has led the geotechnical design for the PDXNext Terminal Core Redevelopment Project since 2015 and has been an integral part of the performance-based design of the new resilient structure.



Christ Pitt, PE, SE | Associate Structural Engineer

Chris is an enthusiastic and driven engineer who looks at every project hurdle as an opportunity to develop a creative solution. Throughout his 18+ years of structural engineering experience, he has demonstrated his passion for seismic design and resilience and brings a wealth of diverse performance-based seismic design experience. For the past 8+ years, Chris has led KPFF's large team on the PDXNext Terminal Core Redevelopment Project, the largest building construction project in Oregon history, with a highly resilient performance-based seismic design. He focuses both on the intensely technical aspects of design, and the critical communication that fuels high-performing teams, ensuring all stakeholders are well informed and engaged. For Chris, there is nothing more rewarding than collaborating with a great team to successfully deliver a project that the team, owner, and community can take pride in for generations to come.



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

RSVP by: Oct 25, 2023

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

Event: [SAME Portland Post Young Professionals Fall Networking](#)

[Tickets, Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



December Portland SAME Preview – Save the Date Dec 6, 2023!

At our December 6, 2023 luncheon, Chirs Bahner, P.E. D.WRE from West Consultants will present Hydrologic Risk Analyses for Willamette River Basin Dams. A great topic for firms working in the Northwest.

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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