

The First 100 Years: The SAME Washington, DC Post



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FORWARD

This document is dedicated to the thousands of individuals who have contributed to the Washington DC Post of SAME and was created to help celebrate the centennials of the Society and the Post. Countless hours were spent reviewing the The Military Engineer Archives to populate the content herein. It is impossible to appropriately credit everyone's involvement, service, and dedication the Post for the past century. The overall intent of this document to provide an awareness and some highlights of the Post's past role in the progression of the Society, and our society.

Another objective of this document is to illustrate the unique, but joint relationship of the Washington DC Post and SAME National Headquarters. Located in the Nation's capitol, the DC Post is sometimes referred to as a "mega" post, and has a long, rich history with the uniformed services and government entities. With more individual and sustaining members than any other post, and in close proximity to the headquarters of almost every US government entity, the Post strives to balance the demand for access to leadership with cutting edge programs that provide relevance for its members.

Contained within this 140+ page document are a chronological listing of Post events, links to articles about significant Washington DC area engineering projects, and noteworthy post news. There are over 45 historical pictures, hundreds of hyperlinked references to The Military Engineer, and several appendices. The appendices - Awards, Biographies, Chapters, etc. contain further details about the Post's past.

The Post has no defined geographic service area, but embodies a population of Washingtonians, city infrastructure and spirit from its membership that this document hopes to preserve. The document also illustrates that the DC Post, while large in membership, shares resources with other outstanding nearby posts, sometimes with varying results.

Recognizing the Washington DC Post Board of Direction for 100 years has been comprised of dedicated patriots who volunteer their time, it is acknowledged that admissions and inaccuracies may exist, but are hopefully minimal. While 2020 was an interesting year with Covid-19, it didn't deter the Post from meeting virtually. Lastly, it is wished some perspective is gained by the readers, to transform into action for influencing a better Society and society in the future. This document was humbly and respectfully developed for your benefit. Enjoy!

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ABBREVIATIONS

BG	Brigadier General (O-7; one star)
Capt. or CAPT	Captain (O-3 for USA, USAF & USMC; O-6 for NOAA, USCG, USN, & USPHSN)
CEC	Civil Engineering Corps
Cdr. or CDR	Commander (O-5)
Col. or COL	Colonel (O-6)
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
F. SAME	Fellow of SAME
Lt.	Lieutenant (O-3)
Lt. Cdr. or LCDR	Lieutenant Commander (O-4)
Lt. Col. or LTC	Lieutenant Colonel (O-5)
Lt. Gen. or LTG	Lieutenant General (O-9; three stars)
Maj.	Major (O-4)
MG	Major General (O-8; two stars)
NOAA	National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration
PE	Professional Engineer
RADM	Rear Admiral (O-7 or O-8; one or two stars)
SAME	S.A.M.E., or Society of American Military Engineers, or 'The Society'
USA	US Army
USACE	US Army Corps of Engineers
USAF	US Air Force
USCG	US Coast Guard
USMC	US Marine Corps
USN	US Navy
USPHS	US Public Health Service
VADM	Vice Admiral (O-9; three stars)
WDC Post	Washington DC Post; Washington Post, the DC Post, or "the Post"

SUMMARY TIMELINE of SAME and the DC POST

1920: First SAME Posts are founded; membership surpasses 3,500 in first year

1921 DC Post is chartered

1926: First female member joins SAME

1928: Charles Dawes serves as the President of SAME and the Vice President of the U.S.

1920s to ~1968: The SAME Annual Meetings are almost always in the DC area

1930 First known citation of DC Post members golfing

1948 Ft. Fort Belvoir Post (now the NOVA post) is established

1956 The DC Post reports of its first student post at the University of MD

1961 DC Post is a "Distinguished Post" for the first time

1965 DC Post hosts its first, of at least 17 consecutive, annual dinner dances

1968: The Annual Meeting is in FL; not DC; and is the start of alternating meeting locations

1969 Southeastern Regional conference is in Washington, DC

1970 DC Post awards a \$500 scholarship to a civil engineering major at Federal City College

1974 Mid-Atlantic Region is established (DC Post was previously in the SE Region)

1975: Title of 'Fellow' established

1979 DC Post is temporarily #1 in membership (893)

1980 DC Post awards two \$500 scholarships

1981 DC Post is #1 in membership, and #3 in sustaining members

1982 SAME reaches 1,000 Sustaining Members (San Francisco Is #1 with 83, DC is #2 with 63)

1982 The UMD Student Chapter is a Distinguished Student Chapter

1985: "The Washington Report" is introduced as a regular feature of the TME magazine.

1986 DC Post is #1 in membership (1,314) and Sustaining Members (127)

1988 Mid Atlantic Conference was hosted in Washington, DC

1996 DC Post establishes first awards program

1997 National Conference and Professional Training Programs held in Washington, DC

2002 DC Post is a Top Post (Bronze) and Grand Slam winner

2003 DC Post's Sustainable Design Program is highlighted

2000s DC Post hosts gala dances to raise money for scholarships

2009 DC Post is #1 for all membership categories: Individual, Life, Fellows, Young, & Sustaining

2010s: Executive Forum, Golden Eagle Dinner, and program briefs routinely held in / near DC

2014 DC Post Co-hosted the Mid Atlantic Conference w/ NOVA Post

2016: SAME Foundation established

2017 1st Annual Joint NOVA Post & DC Post Leadership and Mentoring Program

2017 10th Annual Joint ACEC DC Chapter & DC Post meeting featured in TME & "Bricks and Clicks" Blog

2019 12th Annual Joint NOVA Post & DC Post Small Business Conference

2019 DC Post Awards 12 scholarships at a value of \$36,000

2020: SAME Membership reaches 30,000; virtual meetings due to Covid-19

The 1920s

1920

The Washington DC Post was not one of the original 16 chartered posts in 1920. On Friday December 17, 1920 about 75 members of the Washington Section met for the 2nd lunch of a series. There were 3 speakers and **Dr. Alfred Brooks**, formerly a Lt. Col., of the USGS presided. It was reported a committee was appointed to draw up the plans for the formal organization of a Post. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 13, No. 67 \(January-February 1921\), p. 65*](#)

1921

At an enthusiastic meeting held at the Army and Navy Club on May 26, 1921 of officers and former officers of the Engineers, U. S. Army, who are stationed or living in the vicinity of the national capital, the Washington Post of the Society of American Military Engineers was organized and the following officers elected: **C. H. Birdseye**, President; J. H. Wheat, Vice-President; Capt. E. P. Ellis, U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Secretary-Treasurer; H. S. Graves and Maj. J. J. Kingman, Directors. With an initial membership of more than 50, the new post has an excellent prospect of success. As its principal objects will be the diffusion of knowledge of military engineering, fostering public interest in preparedness and the development of the Citizens' Military Training Camps, the new post will materially aid the Society of American Military Engineers in its efforts along these lines.

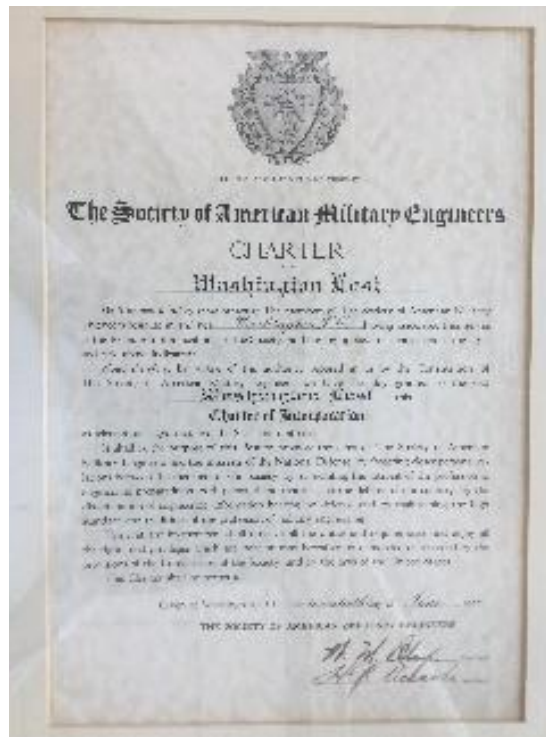


Figure 1. 1921. Picture of the Washington DC Post charter. (Signed on June 20, 1921, this framed, original charter continues to be bequeathed to each successive DC Post president.)

A smoker of the Washington Post of the Society of American Military Engineers was held at the residence of Maj. George Oakley Totten, Jr., on June 21, with President C. H. Birdseye in the chair. The enthusiastic group of officers and ex-officers of the Engineers, U. S. Army, who were present augurs well for the future of the new post, which, though less than a month old, has a membership of more than 50. The program of the evening included speeches by officers who took prominent parts in the rapid expansion of the Corps of Engineers to meet the war emergency. Maj. Gen. W. M. Black, retired, formerly Chief of Engineers, deplored the reduction in the size of the army that is contemplated in pending legislation. As instructors for the training camps are drawn from the commissioned and non-commissioned personnel of the army, the proposed reductions will make it difficult to obtain instructors of the experience necessary to make the training camps fully effective in view of the short period of training that is given. The general lack of public interest in military preparedness is not surprising in the opinion of Maj. Gen. Lansing H. Beach, Chief of Engineers, who stated that opposition to military expenditures is always strong following every great war. The War Department is making strenuous efforts to offset the reduction in size of the army and the failure to adopt universal military service by developing the summer camps. Maj. D. I. Sultan, of the General Staff, stated that while it may not be possible for the country to be fully prepared for war, the Citizens' Military Training Camps, which will be held this summer in all sections, will aid materially in creating a force having sufficient training to form a valuable military asset. In his opinion the veterans of the World War should not be expected to bear the burdens of another conflict, which must be borne by the young men now reaching maturity. The plans for the camps this year, as outlined by Major Sultan, provide for basic training only, to be followed next year by more advanced work which will qualify for commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps. The program outlined is one that will appeal to all red-blooded young men.

With not more than five hours' work each day and opportunity for athletics and other amusements, go through the camps will be benefited physically tally and the associations cannot fail to be uplifting. Only 10,800 men can be accommodated this year camps. As the indications point to a far greater applications, candidates should not delay seeking admission. The camp for this locality will be at Camp Meade, 1 to September 1. At the conclusion of the speeches, Miss Floravianti, Carter and Harlan Randall, of the Washington Opera company, rendered operatic selections in the adjoining and little Miss Jerry Williams danced, the attractive surroundings adding to the effect. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 13, No. 70 \(July-August, 1921\), pp. 343-348*](#)

1923

The annual meeting of the post was held early in May at the Army-Navy Club. **Maj. Wm. O. Tufts** was elected president; **Capt. L. R. Lohr**, Vice President; and Maj. R. F. Bessey, Secretary-Treasurer. Lieut. Col. H. C. Jewett and Maj. A. M. Walker were elected to the Board of Directors. A joint business and social meeting was held on June 28 at the home of Maj. George Oakley

Totten, Jr., an account of which will appear in the next issue. No other meetings will be held until September. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 15, No. 82 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1923\)*](#)

1924

The last meeting of the Washington Post was held at the Interior Department Building on the evening of January 24th with 225 members and guests present. A business meeting was held, at which reports were made showing the progress of the Society during 1923. Appreciation for the services of the retiring officers was liberally expressed. The following officers for 1924 were elected: **President, Maj. R. A. Wheeler**; Vice-President, Col. E. Lester Jones; Secretary and Treasurer, Maj. W. E. R. Covell; Directors, Maj. William Bowie and Maj. Albert M. Walker. The members and their guests were then entertained by an illustrated lecture on the treacherous Colorado River and the Grand Canyon by Col. Claude H. Birdseye, Chief Topographic Engineer, U. S. Geological Survey, who was in charge of the expedition that navigated the turbulent waters of that river. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 16, No. 86 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1924\), pp. 153-157*](#)

On March 13th, a joint dinner was held with the 343d Engineer Regiment at the University Club. A large number of members of the Society turned out and enjoyed a most pleasant evening. Music was furnished by the full orchestra of the Army band. This music, as well as the speeches made by Colonel Jewett, Senator Copeland and General Ely, were broadcasted by radio from station WCAP. The Washington Post has added several new members to its rolls and expects to increase its membership still further. The following have joined in the last two weeks: J. Marron Dundas, Lieut. Charles W. Burlin, Capt. S. E. Nortner, Maj. Herbert J. Wild, Maj. J. A. O'Connor, Capt. W. A. Snow, Mr. William B. Covert, Capt. Eric Haquinius, and Capt. Harold R. Richards. The Post met in the District Building on April 9 for their regular monthly meeting. After a short and snappy business meeting lasting about ten minutes, the Post was splendidly entertained and instructed by a most interesting talk on the lighter-than-air craft of the Navy, by the designer of the Shenandoah, Mr. Starr Truscott, a member of the Post. Slides and moving pictures of the construction and flight of the Shenandoah were given and a section of the metal trusses of the airship was exhibited. All present voted the talk one of the best the Post has heard. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 16, No. 87 \(MAY-JUNE, 1924\), pp. 250-253*](#)

The regular monthly meeting of the Post was held on Wednesday, May 21, in the District Building, 14th and Penna. Ave. Ladies were invited so the business part of the meeting was dispensed with. The Post was entertained and enlightened by a splendid talk on "Forestry," by Col. W. B. Greeley, Chief of the U. S. Forest Service. The lecture was illustrated by beautiful slides and motion pictures. About fifty members and guests were present for the lecture and the light refreshments which followed. The Post continues to grow. Since the last report the following new members have been welcomed: John P. Locke, R. R. Hand, Fred B. Ryons, E. Haquinius, B. L. Howell, Wm. Gerig, A. W. Pence, R. J. Belton, Chas. W. Freeman. One of the old members of the Post, Maj. Wallace W. Kirby, has been authorized by a joint resolution of Congress to accept the position of Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 16, No. 88 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1924\), pp. 333-337*](#)



Figure 2. 1924. Major Raymond A. Wheeler, Washington, DC Post President.

Major Wheeler received his first instruction in the civil duties of the Corps of Engineers along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and at the Panama Canal immediately after graduation from West Point. After graduation from the Engineer School in 1913, he was assigned to a battalion of engineers in Texas and participated in the Vera Cruz Expedition. Having completed a tour of foreign service in the Hawaiian Islands, he was ordered in May, 1917, to join the 4th Engineers at Vancouver Barracks, and served with this regiment until its return from overseas in August, 1919, in all the grades from Captain to Colonel. A Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to him for the work of the engineer regiment. Besides his duties with the 4th Engineers, he spent two months of 1919 in Italy on duty with the War Damages Board of the American Peace Commission. Upon his return from overseas, Maj. Wheeler was assigned to civil duty at Newport, Rhode Island, and then was ordered to duty as Engineer Instructor at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Maj. Wheeler is at present on duty in Washington, D. C., as Assistant to the Engineer Commissioner, District of Columbia. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 16, No. 89 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1924\), pp. 426-429*](#)

The regular October meeting was held in the District Building, on the 29th. Maj. Frank M. Kennedy, Army Air Service, who was the United States army observer on the recent trip of the ZR-3 from Germany to the United States, spoke to the Post on "Across the Ocean with the ZR-3." That the talk was of interest is shown by the fact that over one hundred members and their guests were present, being the largest attendance at any regular meeting for some time. Refreshments in the form of cider and doughnuts were served. At the regular meeting, November 19, the Post had as its guests the members of the national Society who live in or around Washington. Maj. W. W. Kirby, Corps of Engineers, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and a member of the Washington Post, received the members and guests in his office. An exceptional buffet luncheon was served to eighty, all members of the Society. After the luncheon, the group was divided into small parties of eight and shown through the Bureau of Engraving and Printing by special guides under the direction of Maj. Kirby. Those present voted the meeting one of the most interesting the Society has had. Since the last issue of The

Military Engineer. several new members have joined the local post. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 17, No. 91 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1925\), pp. 77-80*](#)

1925

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected: President, **Maj. Jas. A. O'Connor**; vice-President, Maj. R. F. Bessey; Secretary-Treasurer, Lieut. A. W. Pence; Director, Maj. J. W. Oehman. On January 13, Col. John Stewart gave an interesting description of his experiences on a trip to South America, illustrating them by photographs thrown on a screen. The officers of the Post are planning to introduce a series of speakers during the coming months who will discuss pertinent military and national questions. The first was Col. W. G. Capies of the General Staff, who spoke on "Some Basic Causes of War," on February 15. The series promises an excellent opportunity for members of the Post to hear some interesting discussions, and to get acquainted with other members, old and new. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 17, No. 92 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1925\), pp. 170-173*](#)

At the February meeting, Col. W. G. Capies gave a talk on "Some Basic Causes of War" which was the first of a series on the national defense policy. Col. W. P. Wooten was the speaker on March 15 and addressed the Post on "Some Points of National Strength and Weakness." The next meeting is scheduled for April 29, when Maj. C. L. Hall will talk on "The Relation of Sea Power to National Defense." The Post extends greetings to its ten new members, who have joined since the first of the year. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 17, No. 93 \(MAY-JUNE, 1925\), pp. 259-261*](#)

The April meeting of the Post was held on the twenty-ninth, when Maj. C. L. Hall gave an excellent talk on "The Relation of Sea-power to National Defense." An active discussion, which developed during the "get-together" after the talk, testified to the interest of the members. The Secretary has a few remaining copies of Maj. Hall's paper which are available to members who will get in touch with him at Room 2827, Munitions Building; Main 2520, Branch 2076. Two reels of motion pictures showing sea-power in action during the last war were shown preceding the discussion.

The June meeting was a field day at Fort Humphreys, attended by about a hundred, in addition to the officers of the Fort. The program commenced with an inspection of various types of floating bridges already erected. These included the Lampert, canvas, old wooden type, old wooden type reinforced, and the new Model 1924 medium-load ponton equipage now being developed. The Board of Equipment is considering three types of bridge - a light type to replace the present canvas equipage; a medium type to carry loads up to 18 tons; and a heavy one to carry the heaviest loads. For the light type, a boat made of duralumin is being studied. A small supply is on hand for experiments, although the work has not progressed to the stage of practical tests. The heavy-load bridge has received little study as of yet, due to concentration on the medium type. The new medium-load bridge was loaded with successively heavier loads, starting with the 6-ton tank and loaded trucks, and ending up with a 23-ton tank. This was a 5-ton overload on the design, but the bridge stood up excellently and the boats had a minimum

freeboard of nine inches. This bridge includes several novel features. The boats are three feet longer and have a wider beam than formerly. They are rectangular in plan and have a much fuller bow. The two bulkheads are arranged to nest to a depth of eight or ten inches, and a windlass is provided for adjusting the anchor line. The new balk are twice the cross-section of the old, and are fastened to the boat with turnbuckles. Chess are three inches thick and allow a 134-inch roadway. A transom, hung under the balk in the middle of each bay, is clamped to the side-rail by means of a steel hanger, which is provided with a screw for tightening. The trestle-frame is steel and the steel cap is raised and lowered with a chain block. At the outer end of the first bay beyond the trestle, is an interesting hinge. The outer ends of these balk, instead of resting on a saddle, rest on a transom hung under the balk between the first two boats. A kapok bridge was launched under simulated fire conditions. A hundred and ten feet of bridge were assembled under cover of the woods, 150 yards from the shore, rushed forward and, in less than two minutes from the time it left cover, two squads of men in heavy marching order had passed over. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 17, No. 94 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1925\), pp. 351-355*](#)

A meeting was held in the Board Room in the District Building November 19 at 8.15 p. m. About thirty members were present. Major E. (S. Kelton, of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War, spoke on power development at Wilson Dam, illustrating his talk with slides of the various phases of the project. An interesting discussion followed Major Kelton's talk, and then the meeting was adjourned for refreshments. A further informal discussion of the work at Muscle Shoals continued until about 10.45, when the meeting broke up.

On December 15, a luncheon meeting was held at the Blue Triangle Cafeteria. Major William Bowie of the Coast and Geodetic Survey gave a talk on aerial mapping. The president has appointed Major R. C. Moore, of the Office Chief of Engineers, as chairman of the nominating committee for officers for the coming year. Major E. C. Kelton, Corps of Engineers, has been designated chairman of the auditing committee, which will render its report at the January meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 18, No. 97 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1926\), pp. 66-69*](#)

1926

The Washington Post held a luncheon at the Blue Triangle Cafe, 20th and B Streets, on February 16. A very interesting lecture was given by Major R. T. Ward, Corps of Engineers, on war planning. The Society joins the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in a joint meeting on March 12, in the Auditorium of the Cosmos Club, at which time Colonel Hanford McNider speaks on industrial preparedness. Colonel W. H. Tschappat, Chief of the Technical Staff, Ordnance Department, will speak on Ordnance Development. The luncheon for March will be held on March 23, at which Admiral Gregory of the Navy will speak. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 18, No. 98 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1926\), pp. 150-154*](#)

The Post feels that it was extremely fortunate to secure as the speaker for the luncheon held on May 18, General Amos A. Fries, Chief, Chemical Warfare Service. General Fries was an Engineer officer in his younger days, and chose as part of his subject "Reminiscences as an Engineer Officer." He also spoke on the duties of the Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service. The Post has

voted to discontinue its meetings and luncheons during June, July and August. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 18, No. 100 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1926\), pp. 332-335*](#)

The Washington DC Post President was **Capt. H. D. W. Riley**, Office Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C. The Post has applied for membership in the Washington Academy of Sciences, which is an over-society representing at present seventeen scientific and engineering societies of the District of Columbia. It is felt that the advantages to this Post of such affiliation would be two-fold: first, through personal acquaintance with specialists in the various sciences represented in the Academy, the members of the local Post would have quicker access to the many kinds of scientific information needed in time of war; and second, it would make the aims and the activities of The Society of American Military Engineers better known. The Post has held no meetings during June, July, and August. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 18, No. 101 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1926\), pp. 429-432*](#)

The Post was particularly honored by having the President of The Society, Brigadier General Cornelius Vanderbilt, as its guest at a special luncheon on September 9. The luncheon was held in the Army and Navy Club, and was preceded by an informal reception for General Vanderbilt. The talk made by the President was greatly appreciated. The second luncheon of the season was held at the Army and Navy Club on October 19. The speaker of the occasion was Brigadier General Herbert Deakyne, Assistant Chief of Engineers. Previous to his assignment to this position, General Deakyne was Division Engineer of the San Francisco District, and so is thoroughly conversant with military and civil matters in that area. He was also actively associated with the San Francisco Post. His talk was not only interesting, but most worthwhile. The luncheon was also the occasion of meeting a number of Reserve officers who had attended the Procurement War Game at the Office of the Chief of Engineers on October 13. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 18, No. 102 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1926\), pp. 518-523*](#)

1927

The local post elected the following as officers for 1927 and 1928, at their annual meeting held at the Army and Navy Club on January 11: President, **Major B. B. Somervell**; vice-President, Lieutenant Colonel Harrison Brand, Jr.; Secretary- treasurer, Captain H. D. W. Riley; Director for two years, Colonel C. H. Birdseye. The first luncheon of the year was held on February 17 at the Army and Navy Club at which a hundred and ten members and guests were present. A most enjoyable luncheon was served and a very interesting and instructive address was given by Major General Harry A. Smith, Assistant Chief of Staff, War Department, in charge of the War Plans Division, his subject being "The Existing Situation in Mexico." The next luncheon of The Society will be held on March 10. For this meeting we have been exceptionally fortunate in securing as speaker the Assistant Secretary of War, Colonel Hanford MacNider. His subject will be "Industrial Preparedness." [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 19, No. 104 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1927\), pp. 159-165*](#)

The Post held a luncheon at the Army and Navy Club on March 10, at which the speaker was Colonel Hanford MacNider, Assistant Secretary of War. He gave a most instructive and interesting talk on "Industrial Mobilization." The attendance at this luncheon exceeded all previous records. Although the Post membership was only one hundred and ten at that time, one hundred and thirty-one members and guests were present. The Post joined with the Washington Society of Engineers and other affiliated engineer societies in Washington, in the promotion of an illustrated lecture on "The Greenland Expedition" by Mr. George Palmer Putnam at the Auditorium on April 6. The Auditorium was filled to capacity by Washington engineers. Mr. Putnam delivered a most instructive and interesting lecture, which gave the engineers an opportunity to see demonstrated how, and under what difficult circumstances, explorers make their way into parts unknown. The next luncheon of the Post will be held in May, when the Chief of Staff of the Army, Major General Summerall, will speak. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 19, No. 105 \(MAY-JUNE, 1927\), pp. 251-255*](#)

1928

The new regime which has taken over the activities of the Washington Post gave a luncheon at the Army and Navy Club, February 14, 1928. General William D. Connor, Commandant of the Army War College, gave an interesting talk on China. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 20, No. 110 \(MARCH-APRIL 1928\), pp. 165-170*](#)

Through the courtesy of the Engineer Department and Major B. B. Somervell, District Engineer, the Post enjoyed an outing and luncheon aboard the seagoing Diesel electric hopper dredge Rossell. Over two hundred members and friends of the Post took advantage of this trip down the Potomac and viewed the operation of the dredge and enjoyed a generous repast. The Post has participated in two meetings - one with the Washington Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, at which was discussed "National Defense," held at the Cosmos Club on April 20; the other with the Washington Academy of Sciences, at which was discussed "Problems of Arctic Exploration," held at the National Museum on May 16. The Post was favored on May 17, at a luncheon held at the Army and Navy Club, with a profitable talk by Mr. Merle Thorpe, Editor of The Nation's Business. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 20, No. 112 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1928\), pp. 356-359*](#)

At the regularly monthly luncheon meeting held on May 21 at the Army and Navy Club, Mr. Merle Thorpe, editor of The Nation's Business, delivered an interesting and entertaining talk upon the activities of the Chamber of Commerce. He outlined the function of the Chamber in presenting to Congress and other governmental agencies an analysis of the view of the various business organizations throughout the country which compose the membership of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Thorpe also brought out the value of combined and organized effort as it relates to the business of industrial groups in promoting and selling the products of an entire industry, as distinct from the activity of the separate units of the industry. This meeting was the concluding one of the 1927-1928 series which have been held usually at the Army and Navy Club at the luncheon hour. The Post plans to begin its 1928-1929 series

about the last of September. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 20, No. 113 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1928\), pp. 441-446*](#)

The first of the series of luncheon meetings was held on Tuesday, October 23, at the Army and Navy Club. Mr. Charles H. Tompkins, vice-President of the post and President of the Charles H. Tompkins Company, gave a most interesting talk on "Modern Methods of Construction."

On November 20, the local post held a luncheon at the Army and Navy Club. The speaker on this occasion was the Assistant Secretary of War, Colonel C. B. Robbins, and his subject "Industrial Mobilization".

On December 4, all members of The Society in Washington were invited to an evening meeting of the Academy of Sciences. The program consisted of two illustrated lectures - "Gravity Measurements at Sea" by F. A. Vening-Meinesz and the "The Voyage of the U. S. A. S-21" by Dr. F. E. Wright. At the December meeting, a luncheon, also at the Army and Navy Club, General Allen, Chief of Infantry, spoke on "Mechanization As It Affects the Infantry of the Future." The meetings were well attended and much enjoyed by those present. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 21, No. 115 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1929\), pp. 81-83*](#)

1929

In 1929, the Washington, D. C Post President was **Charles H. Tompkins**, 1608 K. St., Washington, D. C. and the Secretary was Lt. Victor V. Martin, Office Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C. The local post of The Society of American Military Engineers, Washington, D. C., held its January meeting at the Army and Navy Club, on the seventeenth. This meeting served the double purpose of an annual meeting and the regular monthly luncheon. The principal business which came before the post was the election of officers and directors. Those elected were as follows: Mr. Charles H. Tompkins, President; Major E. L. Daley, vice- President; Lieutenant Victor V. Martin, Secretary - Treasurer; Major Dwight F. Johns, Director. The honored guest and speaker for the occasion was Colonel A. B. Barber, Manager, Transportation and Communication Department, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, who spoke on the subject of "Street and Highway Traffic". Colonel Barber has made intensive studies of the traffic situation throughout the country and his talk was very interesting and instructive. From the reports submitted at this meeting, it appears that the local Post is making steady progress in its membership. The past year has been a very successful one in that the monthly luncheons have been well attended and the programs excellent.

The February luncheon was held at the Cosmos Club on the fourteenth. The Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Curtis D. Wilbur, was the guest of honor and addressed the meeting on the subject of the United States Navy. The Secretary's talk was very enlightening in many respects, and impressed the members with the obligation which falls upon each to acquaint his fellow citizens with the necessity for preparedness. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 21, No. 116 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1929\), pp. 172-179*](#)

The March luncheon of the Washington Post was held on the fifteenth at the Army and Navy Club. The guest of honor and principal speaker was the new Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, Major General Wendell C. Neville, who spoke on the subject, "The U. S. Marine Corps". General Neville's talk was very interesting and instructive. In the absence of the President, Mr. Charles H. Tompkins, Brigadier General Herbert Deakyne, Assistant Chief of Engineers, presided. There was a large attendance at this luncheon. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 21, No. 117 \(MAY-JUNE, 1929\), pp. 270-273*](#)

The regular monthly luncheons of the Washington Post for April and May were held as usual at the Army and Navy Club and were well attended. At the luncheon on April 16, the guest of honor was Mr. Charles J. Brand, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the National Fertilizer Association, who gave a most interesting talk on Progress in Solving the Nitrogen Program. Mr. Brand was formerly Chief of the Bureau of Markets, Department of Agriculture.

On May 14, the honor guest was Brigadier General Ewing E. Booth, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, United States Army. He spoke on Building a War Department Budget, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. General Booth held many important posts during the World War and was awarded numerous medals by this and other countries. Since the war, he has served as Director and Assistant Commandant at the General Service Schools, commanded the 4th Cavalry at Fort McIntosh, Texas, and the 1st Cavalry Brigade at Fort Clark, Texas, and, in 1925, was Commandant of the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 21, No. 118 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1929\), pp. 366-370*](#)

The Washington Post, on November 20, started its activities with the usual enthusiasm and esprit de corps. On that date the monthly luncheons were resumed at the Army and Navy Club with an excellent attendance. Lieutenant Colonel Max C. Tyler, Corps of Engineers, Chief Engineer, Federal Power Commission, who recently returned from a two years' tour of duty as Department Engineer, Philippine Department, was the guest of honor and delivered an unusually interesting and instructive address on The Philippines After Thirty Years. The next luncheon has been tentatively scheduled for December 18, 1929. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 22, No. 121 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1930\), pp. 77-80*](#)

The December luncheon of the post was held on the eighteenth at the Army and Navy Club. Major General Frank McIntyre, former Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, addressed the guests on the subject of Our Territorial Possessions. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 22, No. 122 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1930\), pp. 175-182*](#)

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The January luncheon was also held at the Army and Navy Club on January 15. Mr. Philip P. Gott, Assistant Manager, Trade Association Department, United States Chamber of Commerce, was the guest of honor and spoke on The National Business Survey Conference. The luncheon was preceded by the annual business meeting and election of officers. The officers elected were: **Lieutenant Colonel E. L. Daley, Corps of Engineers, President**; Mr. John B. Gordon, vice-President; Captain Victor V. Martin, Engineers Reserve, Secretary- Treasurer; Major William O. Tufts, Director; Major Dwight F. Johns, Corps of Engineers; who continues as Director. The Washington Post has grown steadily during the year and its financial standing is excellent there being a substantial balance in the treasury. The year 1929 was indeed a prosperous year for this post. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 22, No. 122 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1930\), pp. 175-182*](#)

Washington The Washington Post held its usual monthly luncheons for February and March at the Army and Navy Club. At the February luncheon Mr. Robert V. Fleming, President of Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C. delivered an excellent address on the subject of Business. Mr. Fleming's address was not only interesting but exceedingly instructive and gave all present a better insight into the business and financial world of today.

Dr. George Otis Smith, Director of the United States Geological Survey, was the guest of honor at the luncheon in March and spoke on The World Engineering Congress, Japan. Dr. Smith was one of the American Delegates to the World Engineering Congress at Tokio and in his talk gave a very vivid picture of the proceedings during that Congress and, upon the conclusion of his remarks, those attending the luncheon felt that they had a better understanding of the Japanese people and their interesting country. The March luncheon broke all records for attendance.

On April third, the Secretary of the Washington Post was a luncheon guest of the National Aeronautic Association, at which luncheon Dr. Hugo Eckener, Commander of the Graf Zeppelin, was the guest of honor. The Post appreciates the courtesy extended by the National Aeronautic Association to one of its officers. Colonel John Stewart, Commanding Officer, 343d Engineers, and a member of the Post, spoke before the Philadelphia Post on March 26 on the subject of the Political, Commercial and Military Situation in Colombia, South America. Colonel Stewart has been engaged in extensive engineering operations in South America for a number of years. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 22, No. 123 \(MAY-JUNE, 1930\), pp. 273-277*](#)

On April 16, 1930, Major General Lytle Brown, Chief of Engineers, addressed the post at their monthly luncheon held at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C. General Brown's subject, which was of unusual interest, was Problems of the Corps of Engineers.

A joint meeting of the Washington Post, Society of American Military Engineers and the Army Ordnance Association was held on May 16, 1930, at the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Country

Club, which is located just across the Potomac River on the heights in Virginia. This joint meeting and luncheon was in honor of the new Assistant Secretary of War, Colonel Frederick H. Payne, who was the principal speaker. The Country Club was filled to its maximum capacity and the remarks of the new Assistant Secretary were received with enthusiasm. After the luncheon a number of our members remained to try their skill on the excellent golf course. It was a pleasure indeed to join with the Army Ordnance Association in paying honor to Colonel Payne; and it is hoped that occasion will again arise when these groups can join hands in a similar social function. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 22, No. 124 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1930\), pp. 373-375*](#)

The June meeting of the Washington Post was postponed until July in order that the last luncheon of the season could be addressed by one who had been in attendance at the London Naval Conference. Therefore, the last luncheon until Fall was held on July 16, at the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps Country Club, with one hundred and twenty-eight in attendance. Frederick William Wile of the Frederick William Wile News Service was the guest of honor and spoke on the subject 'Behind the Scenes' at the Naval Conference. Mr. Wile delivered an excellent address giving his hearers an intimate picture of the Naval Conference and enlightening his audience on the many intricacies of the much involved pact. The Local Post was, indeed, fortunate in having such a keen observer as was Mr. Wile to explain the problems which confronted our delegates at the meeting of nations. Other prominent guests present were Assistant Secretary of War Frederick H. Payne; Major General Samuel Hof, Chief of Ordnance; Major General Amos A. Fries, U. S. Army Retired; Brigadier General George Yan Horn Moseley, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War; Brigadier General George B. Pillsbury, Assistant Chief of Engineers; and Lieutenant Colonel C. G. Mettler, President of the Local Post of the Army Ordnance Association together with a number of members of that organization. These monthly luncheon meetings have grown in interest as has been evidenced by the greatly increased attendance. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 22, No. 125 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1930\), pp. 473-475*](#)

The Washington Post of The Society held its first luncheon of the Fall on November 19, 1930, in the spacious dining room of the Army and Navy Club. Major John C. Gotwals, C. E., Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, addressed the assemblage on the subject "The Obligations of the Civilian Engineer to the Nation." Among the prominent guests present were: Major General Lytle Brown, Chief of Engineers; Major General W. M. Black, Retired, former Chief of Engineers; Major General Herbert B. Crosby, Commissioner, District of Columbia, and Dr. Luther H. Reichelderfer, Commissioner, District of Columbia. Mr. John B. Gordon, vice-President, presided in the absence of Lieutenant Colonel E. L. Daley, President. The January meeting is scheduled for the twenty-first of that month. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 23, No. 127 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1931\), pp. 81-83*](#)

1931

Dr. H. M. Payne, consulting engineer for the American Mining Congress, was elected President of the Washington Post, Society of American Military Engineers, at the Annual Meeting of the

organization, January 21, 1931, in the Army and Navy Club. Other officers chosen were Major John C. Gotwals, District Engineer Commissioner, vice-President; Captain Victor Martin, Secretary-Treasurer; and Lieutenant Colonel John J. Kingman, Director. The meeting was addressed by Colonel Harry H. Blee, Director of Aeronautic Development of the Aeronautic Branch of the Department of Commerce. Colonel Blee discussed "The Advance of Air Transportation." There has been a constant and steady increase in attendance at the monthly luncheons and from the reports submitted by the various officers and committee heads, the affairs, of the Post appear to be in excellent condition.

The February meeting was addressed by Colonel John Marvin Wright, a former officer of the Corps of Engineers, who has spent much time in recent years in the Far East. Colonel Wright, in a most interesting talk, outlined the commercial situation in the Far Eastern countries. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 23, No. 128 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1931\), pp. 178-184*](#)

On March 27, the Washington Post, Society of American Military Engineers, joined with the Army Ordnance Association in enjoying a luncheon at the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Country Club. The guest of honor and principal speaker at this luncheon was Mr. William L. Cooper, Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce. Mr. Cooper who was formerly Commercial Attaché, American Embassy, London, spoke on the subject "Our Business Abroad." This address was unusually interesting. Many of the members attending the meeting expressed the desire that these joint meetings be more frequent. It is contemplated that our next meeting will be on the third Wednesday in April. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 23, No. 129 \(MAY-JUNE, 1931\), pp. 278-281*](#)

The Washington Post met at the Army and Navy Club on May 13. After partaking of the usual monthly luncheon, the members and their guests enjoyed an excellent address by Major General H. L. Gilchrist, Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service. General Gilchrist's subject was "Chemicals as Applied to Our National Defense." The June meeting will bring our- activities to a close for the summer. Plans are now being formulated for an unusually interesting program* upon that occasion. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 23, No. 130 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1931\), pp. 383-386*](#)

The Washington Post held its last luncheon for the season on June 26, at the New Willard Hotel. This was a joint affair participated in by all the Arms and Services of the War Department but under the auspices of the Post and the Army Ordnance Association. The small ball room of the Willard which, for the occasion, was converted into a sumptuous dining hall, was filled to capacity. After the luncheon, an interesting and instructive program was furnished by the engineers of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. This program consisted mostly of talking, or sound, motion pictures which, while portraying subjects of a technical nature, were highly entertaining. The program included a brief lecture by Colonel E. G. Bliss of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, describing the work of the Bell Laboratories and some of the by- products of the Bell System. This lecture preceded the following talking pictures: "New Voice Highways in the Making." A very good description of the making of the telephone cable from a single wire until it is sheathed and ready for use. "What Country,

Please." A travelogue showing interesting shots of the countries with which we have transoceanic telephone communication. "Call of the East." A foreign language exchange in San Francisco; the only one of its kind in the United States. "The Flying Telephone." A film showing the telephone equipment on an airplane. "Finding His Voice." An animated cartoon describing clearly the making of a sound film. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 23, No. 131 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1931\), pp. 488-491*](#)

The first meeting of the Fall season was held on November 18, 1931, at the Army and Navy Club. After the luncheon, Lieutenant Colonel Dan I. Sultan, Corps of Engineers, who commanded the troops in Nicaragua and conducted the preliminary survey of the proposed Nicaraguan Canal, spoke on his experiences during this survey and during the recent earthquake. Colonel Sultan's talk was very interesting and instructive. A large attendance indicates that the Post will have a series of very successful meetings during the winter. President Henry Mace Payne announced during the luncheon that the Post was experiencing a steady increase in membership and that a special membership drive would be conducted within the next few weeks. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 24, No. 133 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1932\), pp. 87-89*](#)

1932

The Annual Meeting of the Washington Post was held on January 27, 1932, at the Army and Navy Club. The business session was preceded by a luncheon which was well attended by not only members of the local post, but a number of visitors from other posts were present, all of whom appeared to enjoy the spirit of good fellowship which prevailed. The most important business transacted was the election of officers for the year 1932. The officers elected, who will be installed at the February meeting, are: **President, Brigadier General G. B. Pillsbury**; vice - President, Captain Charles H. Davey; Secretary-Treasurer, Captain Victor V. Martin; Director, Captain R. L. Faris. At the conclusion of the luncheon and business meeting, the membership enjoyed an excellent address by Professor Boyd Carpenter, who is head of the Political Science Department of the Foreign Service School, Georgetown University, and Professor of International Law, Fordham University. Professor Carpenter delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture on the present Chinese-Japanese situation. The Post enjoyed a year of interesting meetings during 1931 and, from the Secretary's report, it was learned that the organization had experienced an unusual growth in membership. The finances of the Post are in excellent condition and the year 1932 also bids fair to be a very successful year. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 24, No. 134 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1932\), pp. 191-199*](#)

The Washington Post held its last meeting of the season on May 26, at the Army and Navy Club. A short business session was preceded by an excellent luncheon. Dr. Henry Mace Payne, Secretary of the American Mining Congress and former Consulting Engineer to the Imperial Russian Government, addressed the meeting on the subject "Engineering in Russia." Dr. Payne's address was illustrated and was very enlightening and entertaining. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 24, No. 136 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1932\), pp. 421-424*](#)

Major Robert W. Chaffee, a member of the Washington Post, was recently awarded the coveted Purple Heart. The Purple Heart was a decoration established by General George Washington in 1782 and is awarded to persons who, while serving in the Army of the United States, perform any singularly meritorious act of extraordinary fidelity or essential service. It is understood that, prior to February 22, 1932, the Purple Heart had been awarded to but three individuals, and those three awards were made by General George Washington. Major Chaffee is a descendant of one of the three soldiers to whom General Washington awarded the decoration.

On June 14, the DC Post was represented in the Flag Day Parade in Washington, D. C., by a marching unit costumed in Colonial uniform and armed with Revolutionary rifles and side arms. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 24, No. 137 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1932\), pp. 534-536*](#)

The Washington Post held its first meeting of the season on November 16, 1932, at the Army and Navy Club. Following the luncheon, Major General Lytle Brown, Chief of Engineers, addressed the meeting on the activities of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. General Brown is a member of the Engineers' Advisory Board, Reconstruction Finance Corporation. His remarks were very interesting and enlightening. This meeting was unusually well attended and indications are that the Post will have a very successful year. The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for January 16, 1933. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 25, No. 139 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1933\), pp. 97-100*](#)

1933

The annual meeting of the local Post was held on January 16, 1933, at the Army and Navy Club. Following the luncheon, which was held jointly with the National Society of American Military Engineers, the Post elected the following officers: **Lieutenant Colonel Francis B. Wilby, President**; Colonel John W. Oehmann, vice-President; Captain Victor Martin, Secretary - Treasurer; Mr. John L. Nagle, Director for two years; Major Raymond F. Fowler, Director for one year. Immediately following the meeting of the local post, the annual meeting of the National Society was held. At the conclusion of the business incident to the annual meeting, the assemblage was addressed by Brigadier General George S. Simonds, Commandant of the Army War College. General Simonds served as Military Advisor at the recent Disarmament Conference, and that conference was the subject of his address. The speaker was introduced by Colonel E. A. Gibbs, the newly elected President of the National Society of American Military Engineers. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 25, No. 140 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1933\), pp. 177-184*](#)

The Washington Post held its February luncheon at the Army and Navy Club as usual. The Honorable Patrick J. Hurley, Secretary of War, was the guest of honor and delivered a very excellent address dealing with his activities as Secretary of War.

The April luncheon was held on the seventeenth of that month and, from the number in attendance, it appears that interest in the local post is growing. Dr. Frank H. Simonds, famous war correspondent and journalist, spoke on the subject "An Estimate of the Current Situation

Abroad." Dr. Simonds' address was of unusual interest and was enthusiastically received. The May meeting will probably close the activities until fall. Announcement of that meeting will be given later. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 25, No. 141 \(MAY-JUNE, 1933\), pp. 268-270*](#)

The Spring luncheon of the Washington Post was held on May 22 at the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Country Club. Colonel M. H. McIntyre, Secretary to President Roosevelt, was to have addressed the gathering but, owing to the urgency of official business, he was prevented from attending the meeting. Colonel McIntyre sent in his stead, however, Mr. Charles A. Jones, a member of the Press, who delivered a brief address on "A Close Up of the President." This meeting closed the social activities of the Post until fall. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 25, No. 142 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1933\), pp. 349-352*](#)

Major General Edward M. Markham, the newly appointed Chief of Engineers, addressed the Washington Post at its luncheon on November 20, 1933, at the Army and Navy Club. General Markham spoke on the subject, "The St. Lawrence Waterway Project." His address was received with much enthusiasm. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 26, No. 145 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1934\), pp. 65-67*](#)

1934

At the December luncheon of the Washington Post, the Honorable Henry T. Rainey, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was the guest of honor and delivered an excellent address, the subject of which was "The New Russia." The Annual Meeting of the Post was held at the Army and Navy Club on January 29, at which time the following officers were elected: **Colonel John W. Oehmann, President**; Lt. Col. Glen E. Edgerton, vice-President; Capt. Victor V. Martin, Secretary- Treasurer; and Col. J. M. Wright, Director. Upon conclusion of the business session of the Annual Meeting, Colonel Oehmann, Inspector of Buildings for the District of Columbia; Commanding Officer, 121st Engineer Regiment, D. C. National Guard, and the newly elected President, spoke on the subject "Building Operations and Inspections in the District of Columbia." The Post gained in membership during the year and the average attendance at the monthly luncheons was eighteen over that of the previous year. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 26, No. 146 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1934\), pp. 145-151*](#)

At the February luncheon of the Washington Post, The Society was honored with the presence of Dr. Leonide Pitamic, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, and Captain Gordon Gordon-Smith, Attaché, Royal Yugoslav Legation. Captain Gordon- Smith delivered an excellent address on the role played by Serbia in the World War. Both the Minister and Captain Gordon-Smith were warmly and enthusiastically received. The speaker was very convincing in his contention that the World War began and ended in the Balkans. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 26, No. 147 \(MAY-JUNE, 1934\), pp. 225-228*](#)

The regular luncheon of the Post was held at the Army and Navy Club on May 28, with a record attendance. Colonel Henry M. Waite, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, was the guest of honor and spoke on "The Public Works Administration." The

June luncheon will be the last of the monthly meetings until Fall. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 26, No. 148 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1934\), pp. 308-316*](#)

The Washington Post had as its guest of honor and principal speaker upon the occasion of its luncheon at the Army and Navy Club on November 26, Professor Sherman M. Woodward, Consulting Engineer with the Tennessee Valley Authority. Professor Woodward gave a very interesting talk on the aims and activities of the Tennessee Valley Authority, his address being interspersed with lantern slides. Eighty-six members were in attendance at this, the first luncheon of the fall season. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 27, No. 151 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1935\), pp. 61-64*](#)

1935

The Annual Meeting of the Washington Post was held on January 28, 1935, at the Army and Navy Club, with a good attendance. The officers who were elected for the ensuing year are: **President, Lt. Col. Glen E. Edgerton**; vice-President, John L. Nagle; Secretary-Treasurer, Capt. Victor V. Martin; Director, Fred E. Schnepfe. At the conclusion of the luncheon and business meeting, Maj. Brehon B. Somervell, Corps of Engineers, who recently returned from a special mission to Europe, delivered an address on his observations abroad. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 27, No. 152 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1935\), pp. 141-145*](#)

At the April luncheon of the Washington Post, Brig. Gen. George B. Pillsbury, Assistant Chief of Engineers, addressed the meeting on the subject "The Bonneville Dam." Upon the occasion of the May luncheon, Mr. John Nolen, Jr., Director of Planning, National Capital Park and Planning Commission, spoke on "Planning in the National Capital." Both talks were very interesting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 27, No. 154 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1935\), pp. 306-315*](#)

Members of the Washington Post were privileged to listen to a very interesting and informative talk by Dr. Thomas H. Healy, Dean of the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, upon the occasion of the November luncheon, which was held on the 18th of the month at the Army and Navy Club. Dr. Healy spoke on "International Affairs as They Relate to The United States." In 1925 and 1929, Dr. Healy served as Professor of International Law at the Academy of International Law, the Hague, Holland. In 1929, he was also a delegate for Costa Rica at the Pan-American Commercial Congress and a delegate representing the United States Government at the International Congress on Commercial Education at Amsterdam, and, in 1932, at London. He is a member of the American Society of International Law, American Association of Teachers of International Law, International Law Association, the Belgian Academy of Comparative Law, American Academy of Political and Social Science, Foreign Policy Association, and many other affiliations international in scope. Dr. Healy's thorough knowledge and understanding of international affairs made it possible for him minutely to analyze current situations of special interest to military men. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 28, No. 157 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1936\), pp. 64-67*](#)

The local Post was honored at its December luncheon by having as its guest the Honorable Harry H. Woodring, Assistant Secretary of War, who delivered a very interesting address on the subject "The Engineer and Industrial Mobilization."

1936

The Annual meeting of the Post was held at the Army and Navy Club on January 27, 1936, at which time the officers for 1936 were elected as follows: President, **Mr. John L. Nagle**; vice-President, Col. Warren T. Hannum; Secretary-Treasurer, Capt. Victor V. Martin; Director, Maj. Robert W. Chaffee. Mr. Fred E. Schnepfe, previously elected Director for two years, continues in that office during 1936. The principal speaker at the Annual Meeting was Maj. Gen. Louis H. Bash, The Quartermaster General, United States Army. The subject of General Bash's excellent talk was "Can the Quartermaster Help His Friend, the Engineer?" [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 28, No. 158 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1936\), pp. 146-150*](#)

The Washington Post had as its guest of honor, upon the occasion of its April luncheon, Col. Harry B. Jordan, Director of the Army Industrial College. Colonel Jordan addressed the Post and its guests, on the subject "The Army Industrial College and Industrial Planning." The Post was fortunate to have the opportunity to hear such an interesting and informative talk on this subject which is of vital importance to both industry and the military.



Post Headquarters Building, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Figure 3. 1936. Washington DC Post Headquarters Building, Fort Belvoir, VA.

The Annual Meeting of The Society was held at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on Monday, May 11, 1936. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 28, No. 160 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1936\), pp. 299-307*](#)

On November 30, members and guests at the monthly luncheon of the Washington Post were privileged to hear an address on Flood Control by General Pillsbury, Assistant Chief of Engineers. General Pillsbury emphasized and discussed the importance of flood control, methods employed in its accomplishment, and the recent omnibus Flood Control Act. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 29, No. 163 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1937\), pp. 65-68*](#)

1937

The Annual Meeting of the Washington Post was held at the Army and Navy Club on February 15 with an excellent attendance. At the conclusion of the luncheon and business session, Dr. Willis R. Gregg, Chief of the United States Weather Bureau and guest of honor upon this occasion, addressed the meeting on the subject "The Application of Meteorology to Hydrologic Problems." Dr. Gregg's talk was extremely interesting and instructive. He also discussed the part played by rainfall in the 1937 Flood which discussion was quite enlightening. During the business meeting, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year - **Col. Warren T. Hannum**, President; Lt. Col. Luther R. Maddox, vice-President; Maj. Victor V. Martin, Secretary-Treasurer; and Capt. William J. Weber, Director for two years. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 29, No. 164 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1937\), pp. 141-146*](#)

The Washington Post met at the Army and Navy Club on March 30, and, after the luncheon, the assemblage was addressed by Mr. Eugene Meyer, publisher of the Washington Post, which is one of the leading newspapers of the country. Mr. Meyer was formerly a member of the Advisory Commission, Council of National Defense, a member of the War Industries Board, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, and Chairman of the Board of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Mr. Meyer spoke on Preparedness. His talk was extremely interesting and instructive. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 29, No. 165 \(MAY-JUNE, 1937\), pp. 221-223*](#)

The first meeting of the fall was held at the Army and Navy Club on November 15 at a luncheon with a record attendance. Maj. Gen. Julian L. Schley, Chief of Engineers, was the guest of honor and gave a very interesting talk on the subject of "The Panama Canal". These luncheon meetings will continue monthly throughout the fall and winter and speakers of national prominence have been asked to address us. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 30, No. 169 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1938\), pp. 62-65*](#)

1938

The annual meeting of the Washington Post was held at the Army and Navy Club, on January 31, 1938. Among those attending were high ranking officers of the Army and Navy and civilians prominent in official and engineering circles. A general get together meeting was followed by a luncheon, at which the guest of honor was Col. Charles T. Harris, Jr., of the Ordnance Department, and who is now Director of the Planning Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War. Colonel Harris delivered an excellent address on the subject of Industrial Mobilization to meet war emergency. During the business session the following officers were elected for the current year: President, **Lt. Col. Luther R. Maddox**; vice-President, Lt. Col. S. C. Godfrey; Secretary-Treasurer, Maj. Victor V. Martin; Director, Capt. H. C. Whitehurst. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 30, No. 170 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1938\), pp. 143-149*](#)

The Washington Post had its February luncheon on the twenty-eighth of the month, at the Army and Navy Club. The speaker of the occasion was Mr. Constantine Brown, the eminent writer on foreign affairs. Mr. Brown addressed the meeting on the subject "The Far Eastern

Situation," and covered the subject very thoroughly. The Post has been well represented in the three contact camps which have been held in the vicinity of Washington for the special benefit of Reserve officers. These camps have been conducted at Boiling Field, Washington, D. C.; Holabird Quartermaster Depot, Baltimore, Maryland, and Fort Washington, Maryland. It is understood that other contact camps are planned for the near future. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 30, No. 171 \(MAY-JUNE, 1938\), pp. 222-226*](#)

The Washington Post held its last meeting for the season on May 31 at the Army and Navy Club. Upon conclusion of the luncheon the guests were addressed by Mr. Riley E. Eigen, Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, District of Columbia. Mr. Eigen spoke on the subject "The Operation of Public Utilities in the Theater of Operations." Maj. Gen. W. D. Connor, former Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, also spoke. Both talks were very interesting and much enjoyed. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 30, No. 172 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1938\), pp. 296-305*](#)

The first luncheon of the season, which was held on November 21 at the Army and Navy Club, had an overflow attendance. The dining room was filled to capacity and additional tables had to be provided in an adjoining room. With such a large attendance this bids fair to be a successful season for the local Post. The Post had as its guest of honor at the November meeting Maj. O. J. Todd, formerly of the Corps of Engineers Reserve, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on "The Military and Economic Situation in China." Major Todd recently returned from China, where he had been engaged in the engineering profession for more than nineteen years. The Post will continue its monthly luncheons throughout the season. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 31, No. 175 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1939\), pp. 62-67*](#)

1939

The annual meeting of the Washington Post was held at the Army and Navy Club on January 30, 1939, at which the following officers were elected: President, **Col. S. C. Godfrey**; vice-President, Capt. A. F. E. Horn; Secretary-Treasurer, Maj. Victor V. Martin; Director, Lt. Col. Lester G. Wilson. The business meeting of the Post was followed by a luncheon, at the conclusion of which the Honorable Andrew J. May, member of Congress and Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the House, addressed the meeting on the subject, "The National Defense Program." Congressman May stressed the fact that an adequate industrial mobilization plan is essential to our national defense. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 31, No. 176 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1939\), pp. 144-150*](#)

The March luncheon of the Washington Post was held at the Army and Navy Country Club in Virginia just across the Potomac from the National Capital. There was a record attendance. Major George Fielding Eliot, whose recent book, *The Ramparts We Watch* y has received such favorable comment, was the guest of honor and addressed the meeting on the subject "National Defense." Major Eliot's lecture was received with much enthusiasm by those present.

Col. S. C. Godfrey, President of the local post, presided. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 31, No. 177 \(MAY-JUNE, 1939\), pp. 225-229*](#)

The May meeting of the Washington Post was held at the Army and Navy Country Club. After the luncheon the members and guests had the very good fortune to hear an address by Col. R. V. Read, Military Attache of the British Embassy, who spoke on the subject "The Role of the British Army." Colonel Read gave an excellent talk and devoted considerable time to answering questions put to him by his interested audience. It was planned that sometime during the latter part of June the Post would, through the courtesy of the Navy Department, have an outdoor meeting at the Navy's Model Testing Basin near Washington, at which time the construction and operation of the plant would be explained by specially qualified speakers. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 31, No. 178 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1939\), pp. 293-304*](#)

Through the courtesy of the United States Navy, the Local Post was privileged, on July 26, to inspect the Navy's new Model Testing Basin at Carderock, Maryland. This is the largest such testing basin in the world, constructed under an appropriation of \$3,000,000. The Administration Building, in addition to its many office rooms, contains a 50,000-gallon water storage tank. Its exterior surface is a type of architectural concrete known as precast exposed aggregate panels. The main experimental testing basin itself is 1,200 feet long and 118 feet wide. In this basin, models and propulsion equipment for the Government and commercial ship builders in the United States will be tested under the supervision of Naval engineers. The Local Post was conducted through the plant on an inspection tour, after which luncheon was served in the Administration Building. Col. S. C. Godfrey, President of the Post, presided, and Capt. H. E. Saunders, Naval Constructor, and Commander L. B. Combs, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, explained in detail the construction and operation of the Basin. Capt. A. F. E. Horn, Vice-President of the Post, was Chairman of the Committee which planned the meeting. Two hundred and ten members and guests were present. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 31, No. 179 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1939\), pp. 382-385*](#)

On September 25, the local post held a luncheon at the Army and Navy Club, after which Capt. Louis J. Claterbos of the Office, Chief of Engineers, and Capt. Charles W. Stewart, Jr., of The Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, addressed the gathering giving reports on the Engineer phases of the recent First Army Maneuvers at Manassas, Virginia, and Plattsburg, New York. Col. John W. Oehmann, Commanding Officer of the 121st Engineers, D. C. National Guard, also discussed the participation of the National Guard in these maneuvers. All three of these speakers expressed the opinion that such maneuvers should be held more often and that they should be held on Government reservations where troop movements and tactical operations would not be hampered by restrictions upon the use of privately-owned property. These talks, which were illustrated with lantern slides, were extremely interesting and instructive. There was an overflow attendance at this meeting, tables having to be provided in rooms adjoining the main dining room, but, by crowding, all were enabled to hear the speakers. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 31, No. 180 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1939\), pp. 454-456*](#)

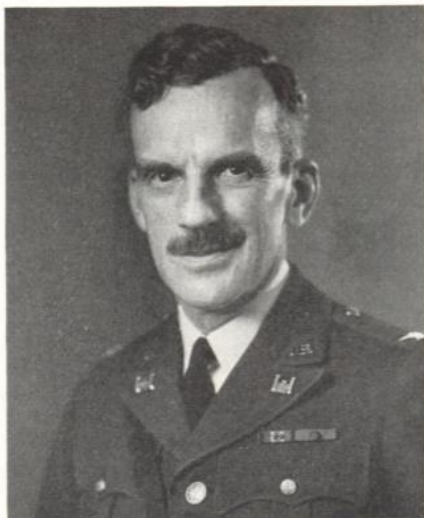
The Post entertained a distinguished group at dinner on the evening of October 26 at the Cosmos Club, in honor of Dr. D. S. Freeman, author, lecturer, and biographer of General Robert E. Lee. At the conclusion of the dinner, Dr. Freeman gave a delightful talk on "The Value of Lee's Engineering Experience in His Exercise of Field Command." The dinner was served in the beautiful drawing rooms of the Club. After the dinner the guests assembled in the Club auditorium for the lecture, the auditorium being filled to capacity. The lecture was followed by a buffet supper and social hour. Col. S. C. Godfrey, Corps of Engineers, President of the Post, presided and introduced the speaker. Music was furnished during the dinner by the Fifth Engineers' orchestra.

On November 16 the Post participated in a joint meeting with the Washington Academy of Sciences, which was also held at the Cosmos Club. The guest of honor was Maj, Gen. Hanson E. Ely, former Commandant of the Army War College, who delivered a very instructive address on the subject, "Improvements in War Weapons since the World War and in Methods of Their Use." [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 32, No. 181 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1940\), pp. 65-69*](#)

The 1940s

1940

The annual meeting of the Washington Post was held at the Army and Navy Club on February 19, 1940. The business meeting was preceded by a luncheon at which the Chief of Staff, General George C. Marshall, and Dr. Vannevar Bush, President of the Carnegie Institution, were guests of honor. Dr. Bush addressed the meeting on "The Contribution of the Engineering Profession to National Defense." At the business meeting, the following officers were elected: **Capt. A. F. E. Horn**, President; Lt. Col. George Mayo, Vice-President; Maj. Victor V. Martin, Secretary-Treasurer; Comdr. Clement L. Garner, Director for two years. During the meeting the Post's first Year Book was distributed. The March meeting was addressed by Dr. Harrison E. Howe, Editor of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, who outlined the progress of science in developing new materials for industry and National Defense. The subject of Dr. Howe's talk was "Science in the New Competition." Dr. Howe produced samples and described recent developments in the chemical industry, in all fields from plastics to resins, silk and camphor substitutes to glass cloth and imitation rubber. Glass cloth should be especially valuable to the aviation industry, Dr. Howe declared, because it will not mildew, is nonflammable, and does not expand nor contract. "Research," Dr. Howe declared, in connection with a narration of the discovery of a camphor substitute derived from turpentine, "is far more potent in breaking monopolies than any legislation that can be framed." Interest in the Local Post continues to increase, the average attendance at the meetings in 1939 about doubling the previous average attendance. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 32, No. 183 \(MAY-JUNE, 1940\), pp. 210-216*](#)



Col. S. C. Godfrey

Figure 4. 1940. Colonel Stuart C. Godfrey (Biography in Appendix B).

For Distinguished Service Colonel **Stuart C. Godfrey**, Corps of Engineers, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of The Society for the year 1939, for his outstanding service to The Society in that year. The Award Committee, in making its selection, stated in its report: The

Committee appointed to recommend the award of the Distinguished Service Medal of The Society of American Military Engineers for outstanding services to The Society in 1939 unanimously voted that the award be made to Colonel Stuart C. Godfrey, Corps of Engineers. During the year 1939, through his untiring efforts in promoting interest in Society affairs and organization, by personal contact with and addresses to local posts Colonel Godfrey has encouraged marked enthusiasm for the advancement of the aims and activities of The Society. In addition, his able assistance and counsel, so generously given, have been of great value in procuring material for inclusion in The Military Engineer. Colonel Godfrey is a Charter Military Engineer Member of the Society of American Military Engineers and in Col. S. C. Godfrey 1923 was Treasurer of the National Society. He has been active in the affairs of our Society since its organization and was President of the Washington Post for the year 1939. The Distinguished Service Medal, which is The Society medal in gold, has been awarded for every year since the organization of The Society. Although the award was not authorized until 1926, it was, in that year, awarded retroactively to six persons for the six respective years since 1919. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 32, No. 184 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1940\), pp. 282-296*](#)

The Washington Post held its November meeting on the 25th of the month at the Army and Navy Club with an attendance of 142. Colonel Donald A. Davison, Engineer, G. H. Q. Air Force, was the guest of honor and delivered an address on the subject, "Aviation Engineers." Colonel Davison brought out the fact that five regiments will be formed with a total strength of 17,000 men. The new units, authorized last June, will be charged with the construction, maintenance, and repair of Army airports and with installation of all needed equipment. The 21st Engineers, Aviation, is the forerunner of this new organization and is the first unit of Aviation Engineers in history. This unit is now established at Langley Field, Virginia. Colonel Davison stated that other units will be established at Hartford, Connecticut, Tampa, Florida, Spokane, Washington, and Los Angeles, California. The Colonel praised the work of Lt. Col. William N. Thomas of the Corps of Engineers who, he stated, had done much toward the formation of these units of Aviation Engineers. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 33, No. 187 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1941\), pp. 61-67*](#)

1941

The Annual Meeting of the Washington Post was held at the Army and Navy Club on January 27, with 263 in attendance. During the business session the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: **Lt. Col. George Mayo**, President; Rear Adm. L. O. Colbert, Vice-President; Maj. Victor V. Martin, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. Edward F. Janke, Sr., Director for two years. A plaque and medal were presented by Col. J. Franklin Bell, Executive Secretary of the National Society, to 1st Lieut. James D. Tanner, 121st Engineers, District of Columbia National Guard, and a member of the Local Post, who was high-scoring Engineer in the Camp Perry National Matches in 1940. Following the annual luncheon, Maj. Kenner F. Hertford, who recently returned from England and the Continent, addressed the guests relative to his observations abroad. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 33, No. 188 \(MARCH-APRIL, 1941\), pp. 162-171*](#)

The Washington Post held its annual dinner in the Rose Room of the Washington Hotel February 27 with about two hundred members and guests present. Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, the military historian, whose books on General Robert E. Lee won a Pulitzer Prize, was the principal speaker. His subject was "Pertinent Episodes of the Present War in the Light of Military History." Among those attending the dinner were Major Generals Richard C. Moore and William Bryden, Deputy Chiefs of Staff; Brigadier Generals Thomas Robins and Clarence L. Sturdevant, Assistants to the Chief of Engineers; and many other high-ranking army and navy officers.

The March luncheon meeting was held at the Army and Navy Club on the 31st with Mr. Thomas H. MacDonald, Commissioner of the Public Roads Administration, as guest of honor. Mr. MacDonald spoke on the subject "Highways for the National Defense." The membership of the local Post is increasing rapidly. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 33, No. 189 \(MAY-JUNE, 1941\), pp. 254-260*](#)

The Washington Post had as its guest speaker for the May luncheon-meeting Lt. Col. Lunsford E. Oliver, the Corps Engineer, First Armored Corps, Fort Knox, Kentucky. Colonel Oliver spoke on "Engineers with the Mechanized Forces." Complying with the wishes of our members, the Post plans to continue its luncheon-meetings throughout the summer months. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 33, No. 190 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1941\), pp. 338-351*](#)

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1944

Editorial Comment Re Post News: If you are disappointed in not finding news about your Local Post in The Military Engineer please urge the Secretary of your Post to send us Post News, marked as such, and not depend on the National Office to compile satisfactory Post News from miscellaneous news items included in general correspondence. For various reasons which will not be explained in detail here, the National Office cannot compile satisfactory Post News from letters, and many items worthy of publication are overlooked. Furthermore, urge your Secretary to make a notation of the schedule for publication of news from your Post and send his news in at the proper time, not too early and not too late. We do not like to publish Post News which has been received several weeks before the scheduled date of publication and we are reluctant to deviate from that schedule and include news from a Post in an issue for which it is not scheduled. Our Post News has not been satisfactory in the past. Many Posts which are very active send us no news at all. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 35, No. 209 \(MARCH, 1943\), pp. 145-150*](#)

1945

DC Post President and native Washingtonian **BG John William Oehmann** was a candidate for national SAME office. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 37, No. 233 \(MARCH, 1945\), pp. 110-114*](#) His biography is in Appendix B.

Luncheon meetings of the Post have been held regularly each month with marked increase in attendance at recent meetings. Formerly the meetings were held in the Chinese, or Sapphire, rooms of the Mayflower Hotel, but the last few meetings have been held in the Grand Ball Room, which alone has a seating capacity adequate to accommodate the members and guests who sought reservations.

At the September meeting, Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves described the organizational set-up and some of the problems of the Atomic Bomb Project. The substance of General Grove's address was published in the December issue of *The Military Engineer*.

At the October meeting, Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick discussed the problems of supply and construction incident to building the Ledo Road.

At the November meeting, Lieut. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, the new Chief of Engineers, described the organization and operations in the China- Burma-India Theater of Operations. The attendance at this meeting exceeded 500. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 38, No. 243 \(JANUARY 1946\), pp. 35-36, 37-38*](#)

1946

About one hundred and fifty members and guests were present at the June meeting. On this occasion, Maj. Gen. Thomas B. Larkin, recently appointed Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, spoke on Communications Zone Activities in the North African, Mediterranean, and European Theaters. General Larkin, who was in command of the Communications Zone activities in these theaters, has furnished a copy of his address, to be published with appropriate illustrations in an early issue of *The Military Engineer*. The President of the Post, **Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant**, asked for expressions of opinions as to whether monthly meetings should be held during the summer months and in conformity with the consensus of opinions it was decided to hold no more meetings until September. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 38, No. 250 \(AUGUST 1946\), pp. 359-361*](#)

1947

1948

Three notable links related to the DC Post can be found for 1948. 1. "Fort Belvoir—Host at Annual Meeting" [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 40, No. 270 \(APRIL 1948\), pp. 154-157*](#) 2. "Part II. Reserve Training in Washington" [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 40, No. 270 \(APRIL 1948\), pp. 167-168*](#) and 3. "Our Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting" [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 40, No. 272 \(JUNE 1948\), pp. 250-252*](#).

The May 24 luncheon meeting of the Post, held at the Burlington Hotel, featured a talk by Brig. Gen. S. D. Sturgis, Jr., on the subject of "Air Power as Affected by Airdrome Construction." General Sturgis called attention to the fact that the design of airdrome facilities has not kept pace with the design of aircraft, and that at present there is no airbase in the United States with runway construction adequate for certain heavy bombers now being delivered to the Army Air Forces. The speaker further stated that push-button warfare would not be possible for at least

five years and that advanced airbases would be required for some time to come. The talk was well illustrated with slides and graphs. The transfer of **Col. Charles G. Holle** to a distant station made it necessary for him to tender his resignation as president. He will be succeeded by **Col. John C. Arrowsmith**, President of the Research and Development Laboratory, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Approximately 100 persons attended the meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 40, No. 273 \(JULY 1948\), pp. 333-334, 337-339*](#)

Another notable link related to the DC Post for 1948 is "Engineer Reserve Officers' Training Corps Summer Camps—1948 (at Fort Belvoir)" [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 40, No. 276 \(OCTOBER 1948\), pp. 445-447.*](#)

The October meeting of the Washington, D. C. Post was held at the Burlington Hotel. Those attending enjoyed a luncheon and an interesting and instructive talk by Comdr. J. W. Frorath, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department, on personal observations made during a 16,000-mile summer tour of the Arctic. The talk was of particular interest to engineers because of the many engineering problems involved in the developing and operating of military and naval bases in that part of the world. Obstacles such as adverse climate with its extremes of temperature and rainfall; extremely long supply lines; lack of railroads and highways; ice-bound ports during the greater part of the year; and the extremely erosive effect of fine volcanic ash. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 40, No. 278 \(DECEMBER 1948\), pp. 576-579*](#)

Fort Belvoir Post Note: The organizational meeting, for purposes of establishing the Fort Belvoir Post, was held at the Engineer Research and Development Laboratories Cafeteria on November 19, 1948 with Col. B. S. Shute, Corps of Engineers, acting as chairman. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 41, No. 279 \(January-February, 1949\), pp. 56-63*](#)

Col. Norman C. Spencer, Jr., Air Weather Officer, U. S. Air Force, was the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting held in the Burlington Hotel on November 29. He covered briefly the history of the Weather Service from the first weather service which was initiated by the Army just after the Civil War to the founding of the Weather Bureau some twenty years later. Turning then to the Air Weather Service, he traced the development of this agency through both world wars to the present. In speaking of "controlling" the weather by producing snow and rain at will Colonel Spencer stated that the only man-made invention which really helped was the umbrella.

Lieutenant Colonel Hiatt announced the formation of a new post at Fort Belvoir and as president extended an invitation to all Washington members to attend the Belvoir meetings. Among those present at the meeting were Lieutenant General Wheeler, Major General MeCoach, Lieutenant General Fries, Major General Crawford, and Brigadier General Schulz. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 41, No. 279 \(January-February, 1949\), pp. 56-63*](#)

Col. F. Russell Lyons, the speaker at the meeting of December 20, described the "First Tactical Bridges across the Rhine" with slides illustrating many of the bridges, particularly the Remagen Bridge which was captured and preserved for a time through the initiative of Maj. Gen. William M. Hoge. Upon the conclusion of his talk, the Post gave Colonel Lyons a rising vote of thanks for

his masterful and intensely interesting presentation. In spite of the snow, more than 100 members and guests were present including Generals McCoach, Crawford, Fries, and Schulz.

1949

The annual meeting of the Washington, D. C. Post, was held on January 31, 1949 at the Burlington Hotel. Following a luncheon, there was a short business meeting at which the following officers were elected for 1949: President, **Col. W. D. Luplow**, Office, Chief of Engineers; Vice-President, Capt. H. W. Hemple, Coast and Geodetic Survey; Secretary-Treasurer, Edward F. Janke, Bureau of Standards; Directors: Col. E. H. Coe, Office, Chief of Engineers and Capt. W. O. Hiltabidle, Navy. The Hon. Will M. Whittington, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, House of Representatives, and close friend of Gen. R. A. Wheeler was the principal speaker at the meeting. Judge Whittington lauded the engineer throughout the ages for his monumental and lasting achievements. The gathering of approximately 250 persons included members of the Washington Academy of Sciences and the Association of Federal Architects. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 41, No. 280 \(March-April, 1949\), pp. 144-152, 155-159*](#)

On the ballot for 2nd VP of SAME: **Victor V. Martin**. His biography is in **Appendix B**. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Washington Post of The Society for twenty years; President of the Post for one year; Associate Editor of The Military Engineer for twenty-two years; and in various other capacities in The Society from time to time. He is a Military Engineer Member of The Society, has served on its Board of Direction and as a member of its Executive Committee for several years, and was awarded The Society Gold Medal in 1938. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 41, No. 280 \(March-April, 1949\), pp. 144-152, 155-159*](#)

Fall activities were resumed by the Washington Post with a regular monthly luncheon meeting held jointly with the Association of Federal Architects on September 26 at the Burlington Hotel. More than 50 members heard an interesting address by Comdr. Harry C. Rowe, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy, concerning his assignment as construction officer in China. It was both interesting and beneficial to obtain a first-hand account of problems encountered in handling construction work in China. Commander Rowe outlined the peculiarities, shortcomings, and special abilities of the Chinese workman. He discussed methods of procurement and special characteristics of various types of materials; the maintenance of morale of the Chinese laboring force; supervisory and administrative considerations; and the maintenance of an acceptable wage policy. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 41, No. 284 \(November-December, 1949\), pp. 471-474, 477-479*](#)

The monthly meeting of the Post was held on November 7, in Hotel Burlington. Col. J. G. Ladd, Commanding Officer of the Army Map Service addressed the meeting on the subject of "Military Mapping from an Operational Viewpoint," with emphasis on the importance of accurate maps in military operations. Colonel Ladd traced the development of mapping activities in the War Department from a small establishment and a few men prior to World War II to the present large building housing the Army Map Service and employing more than 2,000

persons. Various types of maps used during World War II were illustrated by colored slides with a discussion of map production under actual operational conditions. Colonel Ladd pointed out that logistics for battle attack usually remain the same except for maps which are dependent on the route of attack. He stressed the importance of military authorities keeping an adequate supply of maps on hand for any special military operation. Colonel Ladd, whose entire career has been devoted to maps and map making, spoke authoritatively and with great knowledge of the subject. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 42, No. 285, 1920 — 30th Anniversary — 1950 \(January-February 1950\), pp. 73-84*](#)

The regular meeting of the Post was held December 19, in the Burlington Hotel. Rear Adm. Leo Otis Colbert introduced the principal speaker, Mr. H. V. Darling, Head Engineer, Office, Chief of Engineers. Mr. Darling discussed the broad plan of the Corps of Engineers for flood control along the Mississippi. (The talk which he gave is published in this issue entitled "The Valley of the Giant.") His lecture was highlighted by a technicolor film, "Valley of the Giant," a presentation of conditions along the Mississippi. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 42, No. 286 \(March-April, 1950\), pp. 149-160*](#)

The 1950s

1950

The annual election of officers was held at the luncheon meeting of January 23. **Capt. A. D. Hunter**, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy, was elected President; Col. John G. Ladd, United States Army, Vice-President; and Mr. Edward F. Janke, Sr., Bureau of Standards, was continued as Secretary-Treasurer of the Post. Capt. C. D. Meany, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Comdr. John H. Heckathorn, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Naval Reserve, and Mr. H. V. Darling, Corps of Engineers, were elected directors of 'the Post. The speaker of the meeting was Mr. J. L. Shiely, President of the J. L. Shiely Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, whose subject was: "The Corps of Engineers from a Contractor's Viewpoint." The meeting was well attended and those present heard Mr. Shiely describe in humorous terms some of his experiences in supply construction materials. Mr. Shiely is a past president of the National Ready Mix Concrete Association. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 42, No. 286 \(March-April, 1950\), pp. 149-160*](#)

On the ballot for national SAME office from the Washington DC Post were **Joseph F. Jelly, Henery William Hemple, William Orme Hitabidle, Victor V. Martin**. Their biographies are in **Appendix B**. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 42, No. 286 \(March-April, 1950\), pp. 149-160*](#)

1951

1952

A notable link related to the DC Post for 1952 is "Topographic Features Relating to the Plan of Washington, D. C.", by H. Paul Caemmerer. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 44, No. 297 \(January-February, 1952\), pp. 15-19*](#)

Comdr. F. F. Kravath, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy, was the guest speaker at the post meeting of January 28. Using slides, Commander Kravath gave some 120 members and their guests a very interesting and instructive informal report on current trends in the Bureau of Yards and Docks in research. From a 150-barrel portable cracking plant to enable gasoline and diesel oil to be produced in the field from crude oil wells, to the newest airborne bull-dozer, he stressed the principles of Bureau of Docks research which restricts its efforts to developing only equipment required for military operations. New officers for 1952 as elected at the meeting were: **Col. Robert C. Cron**, president; Comdr. Palmer W. Roberts, vice-president; E. F. Janke, Sr., secretary-treasurer; Felix A. Peckham, assistant secretary - treasurer. Directors: Brig. Gen. C. H. Chorpening, Col. A. C. Welling, and Robert B. Parker. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 44, No. 298 \(March-April 1952\), pp. 142-150, 153-157*](https://www.jstor.org/stable/44569564)

Another notable link related to the DC Post for 1952 is "The Chesapeake Bay Bridge" by Walter C. Hopkins. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 44, No. 299 \(May-June 1952\), pp. 161-165*](#)

The regular monthly luncheon meeting was held on February 25, in the ballroom of the Burlington Hotel. Col. Robert E. Cron, Jr., president, presided. Guest of honor at this meeting

was the Honorable Dennis Chavez, New Mexico, Chairman of the United States Senate Public Works Committee, who spoke on the functioning of his committee. Senator Chavez emphasized the non-partisan nature of the Committee's activities. He discussed the great nation-wide benefits resulting from reclamation, flood control, rivers and harbors, and public roads projects and paid glowing tribute to the engineers who make such important projects possible. At this meeting announcement was made of the retirement from the Bureau of Standards of the Secretary, Edward H. Janke. Mr. Janke will reside in Philadelphia, where he expects to be active in The Society post, located there. Mr. Janke was given a rising vote of thanks by the post for the long and efficient service that he has rendered to it.

Guest of honor and speaker at the March 31 meeting was the Honorable Jonathan B. Bingham, Acting Administrator, Technical Cooperation Administration, United States State Department, who discussed "The Point Four Program." A special feature was the question period following his talk. Among the distinguished members present were General Gray, past president of The Society and Veterans Administrator, and General Grant, president of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. During the brief business session which preceded Mr. Bingham's talk, Harry F. Burns was elected secretary-treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Janke. A resolutions committee was appointed for the purpose of drawing up a suitable expression of appreciation for Mr. Janke's services. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 44, No. 299 \(May-June 1952\), pp. 223-230, 233-236*](#)

An enlightening and amusing account of the construction problems encountered among the natives of West Africa was given by Maj. Gen. W. H. Stratton, Commander, Army Staff, British Joint Services Mission, Washington, D. C., at the meeting on April 28. His talk entitled "Sticks and String - a Construction Incident in West Africa," described military engineering on the African Gold Coast in 1929, in which the natives were used as trucks, bulldozers, and shovels during the road construction. He discussed their superstitions and their efficiency; and gave a graphic account of the problems of a military engineer in deep Africa. The post unanimously adopted a resolution expressing its deep appreciation of the services of Edward F. Janke, Senior, as secretary-treasurer from January 1943 to February 1952 when he retired and moved away. The best wishes of the post were extended to Mr. Janke. He was replaced by Harry F. Burns, Room 2402, Bldg. T-7, Office, Chief of Engineers, Washington 25, D. C. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 44, No. 300 \(July-August 1952\), pp. 301-312, 315-318*](#)

One hundred and twenty members and guests attended the meeting on June 30, at which Lt. Col. Lewis A. Pick, Chief of Engineers, discussed the activities of the Corps of Engineers. In response to a request from the Office of Civil Defense, two teams have been organized from the post's membership to assist in the inspection of buildings in order to determine their suitability as air raid shelters. Sixty-nine buildings were apportioned to the Washington Post. The survey was scheduled for completion by August 30. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 44, No. 301 \(September-October 1952\), pp. 391-396, 399-401*](#)

Maj. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Veterans' Administrator, was the speaker at a meeting held on September 29. His subject was "Your Veterans' Administration." General Gray outlined the plans and aims of the Veterans' Administration and described the growth of the organization. He discussed, among other phases of the work, the building program, the cooperation of the Corps of Engineers in executing the plans, and the educational program. Among the guests were Danial A. Sullivan, Secretary of the Chicago Post, Admiral Studds, Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Admiral Colbert, past president of The Society. The post, at the request of the District of Columbia Council of Engineering and Architectural Societies, participated in the Shelter Survey for the District of Columbia Civil Defense Authority. Sixty-nine buildings were surveyed by forty-four members of the Post. Letters of appreciation were written to all members participating and letters of commendation were written to the two Grout) Leaders: Comdr. R. P. Long, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Naval Reserve, and Capt. R. H. Groves, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 44, No. 302 \(November-December 1952\), pp. 469-478*](#)

The above meeting was ~two weeks after the Semiannual Meeting of The Society during the "Convocation of Engineers in Chicago, September 13, 1952", also known as the 'Worlds Fair'. Also, of interest is "Reconstruction of the White House" by D. H. Gillette. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 45, No. 303 \(January-February 1953\), pp. 8-13*](#)

At the luncheon meeting held on October 31 the speaker was Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, Director, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. He gave a talk on "The Work of the Committee and Recent Developments in Aeronautics." At a brief business session preceding the talk it was announced that the post president, Commander Roberts, had received orders transferring him from Washington. At the November meeting the following new officers were elected: **R. L. Goetzenberger**, president; Col. A. C. Welling, vice-president; Harry F. Burns, secretary-treasurer; Capt. C. L. Strain, Civil Engineer Corps, United' States Navy, Col. E. G. Bliss, Brig. Gen. C. H. Chorpening, directors. The speaker was J. R. Ayers, an engineer in the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks, whose subject was "History of Dry Dock Construction." [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 45, No. 303 \(January-February 1953\), pp. 63-68, 71-76*](#)

1953

Seventy-eight members and guests attended the meeting on January 30, when Maj. Gen. Lee B. Washbourne, Director of Installations, United States Air Force, discussed "Effects of the Jet Conversion on Air Installations." General Washbourne gave an interesting and informative talk on the effects of the jet conversion program on such items as runways, storage facilities, lighting, maintenance, personnel, communications, noise range, fuel, radar, fence, costs, and the physical requirements for jet pilots [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 45, No. 304 \(March-April 1953\), pp. 145-154, 157-162*](#)

The 33d Annual Meeting Nearly 600 members and friends were guests at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, D. C., on Monday, May 11, where the United States Air Force was host at the 33d Annual Meeting of The Society.

More than 450 members and guests heard Maj. Gen. Samuel D. Sturgis, Jr., Chief of Engineers, speak to the post at the May meeting at the National Press Club. Many were turned away for lack of space. After meeting many old friends, General Sturgis speaking entirely off the record, gave what amounted to a status report on the work and problems facing the Corps of Engineers today. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 45, No. 306 \(July-August 1953\), pp. 308-320, 323-328*](#)



At the Washington Post Dinner
Left to right: General Gray, General Wheeler, General Sturgis, and Mr. Goetzenberger, president of the post.

Figure 5. 1953. Washington DC Post Dinner. Pictured are General Gray, General Wheeler, General Sturgis and Mr. Goetzenberger the Post president.

Eighty-nine members and guests were present at a meeting on October 5, to hear Under Secretary of the Interior, Ralph Tudor, give a brief but highly interesting talk on "Reorganization of the Department of the Interior." He outlined the difficulties which had been encountered and the measures taken to overcome them. Among those present were: Adm. J. J. Manning (Retired); Gen. John W. N. Schulz (Retired); Captain Ventres, Bureau of Yards and Docks; Adm. C. L. Strain, Bureau of Yards and Docks; Adm. Studds, Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey; Gen. David Tulley, Office, Chief of Engineers; Gen. A. A. Fries (Retired); and Col. E. G. Bliss, National Treasurer. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 46, No. 309 \(January-February 1954\), pp. 66-72, 75-80*](#)

Eighty-four members and guests were present at the meeting on December 14 to hear Capt. A. J. Hoskinson, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, discuss "Three Decades of Surveying Instruments." By means of lantern slides various instruments used by the Coast and Geodetic Survey for the past 30 years were shown.

1954

At a meeting attended by some 85 members and guests on January 25, Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, III, gave an illustrated address on canals of the Washington area, including the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal which George Washington initiated, the two city canals which connected the Chesapeake and Ohio at Georgetown with the Anacostia River east of the Capitol. The following officers for 1954 were installed: **Capt. Martin W. Kehart**, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy, president; Col. Leo J. Eler, United States Air Force, vice-president; Harry F. Burns, secretary-treasurer; and Col. A. C. Welling, Corps of Engineers, Albert A. Stanley, Col. E. G. Bliss, and James L. Geddes, directors. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 46, No. 310 \(March-April 1954\), pp. 150-158, 161-165*](#)

The "Construction Program for the Air Force" was the subject of a speech by John M. Ferry, Special Assistant for Installations, U. S. Air Force, at a meeting on April 26. Before the 142 members and guests, Mr. Ferry developed facts and figures on this vast subject. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 46, No. 312 \(July-August 1954\), pp. 302-310, 313-319*](#)

The 34th Annual Meeting was held at Annapolis, MD near Washington, D. C. in May 1954 where the United States Naval Academy was host.

Lt. Comdr. Mendel L. Peterson, Curator of the Department of History, Smithsonian Institute, spoke on underseas exploration in the Florida Straits at the September 27 meeting, following which these new officers were elected: **Col. Ray Adams**, president; Col. Robert R. Conner, vice-president; Col. William R. Ellis, secretary-treasurer; and Charles H. Tompkins and Ralph L. Goetzenberger, directors. Carryover directors are Col. A. C. Welling and Albert A. Stanley.

Maj. Gen. S. D. Sturgis, Jr., Chief of Engineers, was the honored guest speaker at the Army Map Service Night, October 23, which was attended by more than 400 members and guests. Preceded by a social hour beginning at 6 p.m., dinner was served in the AMS dining room which was taxed to capacity. Among the distinguished members present were Rear Adm. Leo Otis Colbert, past National President; Vice Adm. W. A. Hiltabidle, former National Director; Col. E. G. Bliss, National Treasurer; and Brig. Gens. T. D. Weaver, L. J. Rumaggi, Toastmaster Howard Ker, E. C. Itschner, G. E. Galloway, D. H. Tulley, C. R. Smith, and M. S. Johnson. Col. Ray Adams, post president, presented retiring post secretary Harry F. Burns a framed Certificate of Merit in recognition of his long and efficient service to the post. The meeting closed with an inspection of the AMS installation.

Capt. Wallace B. Short, Commander of Construction Battalions, United States Atlantic Fleet, gave an interesting talk on some of the present-day construction projects of the Seabees at a meeting on November 15. Among the 140 members and guests present were: Gen. Amos A. Fries, (Retired); Rear Adm. R. F. A. Studds, Chief, Coast and Geodetic Survey; Brig. Gen. Theron D. Weaver, Office Chief of Engineers; and Rear Adm. William O. Hiltabidle, (Retired). [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 47, No. 315 \(January-February 1955\), pp. 64-72, 75-79*](#)

1955

"Air Force Engineering" was the subject of a talk by Col. Robert R. Conner, USAF Director of Construction, at a meeting on January 17. Among the overflow audience present were Adm. Robert F. A. Studds, Chief, Coast and Geodetic Survey; Brig. Gen. John W. N. Schulz; Brig. Gen. Theron D. Weaver; and Col. Paul C. Brown, USAF.

Meeting on February 21, in the dining room of the officers mess at the Naval Gun Factory, an overflowing audience heard Capt. C. L. Frazer, Manufacturing Officer, describe the organization and operations of this naval factory, after which groups of 10 were conducted through the main installations. The officers and members of the post were outspoken in their appreciation of the Navy hospitality.

The construction of the Naval Air Station, Cubi Point in the Philippines, was the subject of a talk by Comdr. James Douglas, at the March 21 meeting. Using colored movies and still pictures Commander Douglas took his audience through the project from the tent camp first pitched on the tropically overgrown seashore to the completed 8,000-foot runway on which Adm. R. A. Radford made the first operational landing. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 47, No. 317 \(May-June 1955\), pp. 233-245*](#)



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1955**



Rear Adm. J. F. Jelley
PRESIDENT

Figure 6. 1955. Rear Adm. J. F. Jelley President, SAME (see Appendix B for biography). [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 47, No. 318 \(July-August 1955\)*](#)

It was announced at its May 16 meeting that the post had received a Citation Award from the District of Columbia Office of Civil Defense for the survey of buildings it had conducted throughout the Washington. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 47, No. 318 \(July-August 1955\), pp. 309-328*](#)

The annual meeting, on June 20, was a three-event affair which included a tour through the Dalecarlia Filter Plant, a buffet supper in the Dalecarlia grounds, and the election of officers: **Col. Robert R. Conner**, president; Adm. K. K. Cowart, USCG, vice-president; Comdr. Harry N. Wallin, secretary-treasurer; and Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Lane and Jack Kennedy, directors. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 47, No. 319 \(September-October 1955\), pp. 399-402, 405-410*](#)

The September 19 meeting, with 137 members and guests present, featured a timely and interesting address by Col. William F. Powers, on the tremendous damage caused in New England as a result of the August hurricanes and floods. Colonel Powers outlined in detail the Corps of Engineers' large-scale activities in Operation Noah in the reconstruction and rehabilitation following Hurricanes Connie and Diane.

The regular monthly meeting, held on October 17, was the occasion for an interesting address on the Air Force's Arnold Development Center at Tullahoma, Tennessee, by Col. S. T. Trotter, Center commander.

Modern techniques for earthmoving, especially for super-highway construction, was the subject of a talk by E. E. Howard, of the Caterpillar Tractor Company, at a meeting on November 21. One hundred sixty-two members and guests were present. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 48, No. 321 \(January-February 1956\), pp. 68-74, 77-82*](#)

1956

DC Post members on the slate for national SAME office were **William Orme Hiltabidle**, **Victor Martin**, and **Raymond A. Wheeler**, whose biographies are in **Appendix B**. Capt. Harry N. Wallin, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Dept., Washington 25, D. C. was DC Post officer. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 48, No. 322 \(March-April 1956\), pp. 149-164*](#)

Guest speaker for the February 9 meeting was Brig. Gen. Theron D. Weaver, president of the Beach Erosion Board, who pointed out some of the problems involved in beach erosion protective measures and explained research activities in progress at this time. Emphasizing that protective work for beaches is a cooperative undertaking, General Weaver said that erosion is a problem that will beset us for many years and that much remains to be learned before we can hope to control the movement of sand up and down our coasts. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 48, No. 323 \(May-June 1956\), pp. 234-247*](#)

At a meeting on March 19, Capt. H. G. Clark, assistant chief for construction, Bureau of Yards and Docks, was heard by 139 members and guests speaking on the Navy and Air Force construction program in Spain. He included background information on agreements affecting the program with particular attention being given to contract administration problems.

On April 16, Harrison P. Eddy, Jr., of Metcalf & Eddy, Boston, Massachusetts, illustrated his talk on "Arctic Engineering" with colored slides depicting construction at Thule Air Force Base. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 48, No. 324 \(JULY-AUGUST 1956\), pp. 307-330*](#)

The 36th Annual Meeting was at Ft. Belvoir and the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC, May 14 - 15. In attendance were 350 people. Vice President of the U.S. Richard Nixon presented the Gold Medal, and there were letters from President Eisenhower & General McArthur supporting the event.

U. M. Staebler, of the Atomic Energy Commission, was the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting on May 21. He discussed reactor development for civilian and military purposes.

The annual business meeting was held on June 19. Col. P. C. Brown, USAF, reported on the establishment of a student post, sponsored by the Washington Post, at the University of Maryland. New officers for 1956-1957 follow: **Capt. Joseph E. Rehler**, USN, president; Capt. R. T. Alexander, USCG, vice-president; Col. Paul D. Troxler, secretary-treasurer. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 48, No. 325 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1956\), pp. 400-409*](#)

"The Distant Early Warning Line" was the subject of a talk by Col. H. C. White, USAF, chief, Special Projects Branch, at the first fall meeting of the Washington Post on September 17. Colonel White illustrated his talk with colored slides. Of special interest was his description of the logistics of arctic supply, which involve snow-covered landing strips for C-123's, snow trains, and the time-honored arctic transportation - dog teams. The new president of the Washington Post, Capt. Joseph E. Rehler, Office of Chief of Naval Operations, welcomed 174 members and guests, and presented the new officers: the vice-president, Capt. R. T. Alexander, chief, Civil Engineering Division, US CG, and the secretary-treasurer, Col. Paul D. Troxler, Office of the Chief of Engineers. Society awards were made to Oliver W. Wilson, Comdr. H. W. Schleiter, and Comdr. N. L. Martinson for extension work. Among those present were Maj. Gen. Amos A. Fries; Rear Adm. Leo O. Colbert; Rear Adm. Kenneth K. Cowart; Brig. Gen. John W. N. Schulz; Brig. Gen. Thomas B. Lane; and Harold Sylvester. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 48, No. 326 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1956\), pp. 473-481*](#)



Capt. J. E. Rehler, New President of the Washington Post

Figure 7. 1956. Capt. J. E. Rehler Washington DC Post President.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 48, No. 326 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1956\), pp. 473-481*](#)

Also in 1956, Col. Paul D. Troxler, Room 2543 A, Bldg. T-7, Gravelly Point, Washington 25, D. C. was listed a Post officer, and two distinguished members of the Post passed. The biographies of **Brig. Gen. John W. Oehmann** and **Charles H. Tompkins** are in **Appendix B**.

The regular monthly meeting was held on October 15. The guest speaker, J. J. Irwin of the Caterpillar Tractor Company, presented a talk on "Big Tractors," which included slides, charts, and films. It depicted the trends developing in construction procedures which have created a demand for heavier tractors, and the applications of these machines to current construction jobs and other requirements. The president, Capt. Joseph Rehler, presented a certificate to Maj. Gen. Emerson C. Itschner, Chief of Engineers, making him an honorary member of the Washington Post. Col. Ray Adams was presented with a past president's pin.

Lt. Col. Clayton B. Lyle, Jr., Commanding Officer of the 87th Engineer Construction Battalion, discussed "Construction of the International Geophysical Year Rocket Facilities at Fort Churchill, Canada," at a meeting on November 19. Captain Rehler presented a certificate to Rear Adm. Robert H. Meade, Chief of Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks, making him an honorary member of the Washington Post. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 49, No. 327 \(January-February 1957\), pp. 64-79*](#)



Admiral Meade (right) Receiving a Certificate of Honorary Post Membership from Captain Rehler, President of the Washington Post

Figure 8. 1956. Admiral Mead and Captain Rehler.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 49, No. 327 \(January-February 1957\), pp. 64-79*](#)

The speaker at the regular luncheon meeting on December 17, was Harold M. Sylvester, special assistant for Maintenance, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Properties and Installations), who described the "Work of the Maintenance Directorate for Military Installations of the Army, Navy, and Air Force." Approximately 128 members and guests were present.

1957

At a meeting on January 14, Capt. A. S. Klay, director, Research Division, Bureau of Yards and Docks, gave a talk on Civil Engineer Corps research. The president, Capt. Joseph E. Rehler, announced that a \$200 donation had been made to First Aid for Hungary, Inc. He also mentioned that the present membership of the Washington Post is 815, an increase of almost 100 since last year. Vice Adm. W. O. Hiltabidle, Jr., was elected to the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of the late Charles H. Tompkins. The Society Emblem was presented to Lt. Col. M. R. Millard for extension work. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 49, No. 328 \(MARCH-APRIL 1957\), pp. 142-158*](#)

The regular meeting was held February 18, with 184 members and guests present. Capt. Charles Pierce, guest speaker, told of his recent trip to Ethiopia in connection with the proposed geodetic control of the Blue Nile River Basin. Capt. Joseph E. Rehler presented Society awards to Laurie Hess, Benjamin Rucker, and Achilles Tuchtan for extension work. Among the guests were Maj. Gen. Amos Fries, Rear Adm. Robert H. Meade and Maj. Gen. E. C. Itschner.

The guest speaker at the luncheon meeting on March 18, was Gannett Herwig, a partner in the firm of LaPierre, Litchfield & Partners, who gave a slide-illustrated talk on "Arctic Military Construction." Capt. Joseph Rehler presented a Society award for extension work to Col. Morton Soloman. Among those present were Rear Adm. Joseph F. Jelley; Rear Adm. Martin Kehart; Maj. Gen. Walter K. Wilson, Jr.; Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Lane and Brig. Gen. John L. Person. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 49, No. 329 \(May-June 1957\), pp. 227-242*](#)

Maj. Gen. Lee B. Washbourne, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installations, USAF, was guest speaker at the regular monthly luncheon meeting on April 15, at which 153 members and guests heard him describe "A Day in the Life of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installations."

Seabee construction and operations in the Antarctic was the subject of a slide-illustrated talk at the monthly luncheon meeting on May 13, at which 144 members and guests were present. The following officers were elected for 1957-1958: **Capt. Robert T. Alexander**, president; Capt. Charles Pierce, vice president; Col. W. A. McCarty, secretary-treasurer; Capt. Daniel B. Ventres and John Heckathorn, directors. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 49, No. 330 \(JULY-AUGUST 1957\), pp. 302-323*](#)



Washington Post Honorary Member

Maj. Gen. L. B. Washbourne, right, receives the certificate of honorary post membership from Captain Rehler, president.

Figure 9. 1957. MG Washborne and Captain Rehler.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 49, No. 330 \(JULY-AUGUST 1957\), pp. 302-323*](#)



Group at Washington Post Luncheon

Left to right, Col. W. R. Smith, Jr.; Col. Paul D. Troxler; Capt. Joseph E. Rehler; Capt. J. A. Stelger, Capt. James Douglas; Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Lane; Col. E. Goring Bliss; and Col. R. R. Conner.

Figure 10. 1957. Group at Washington DC Post Luncheon.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 49, No. 331 \(September-October 1957\), pp. 399-411*](#)

The first regular luncheon meeting of the season was held on September 16. Robert R. Philippe, Special Engineering Branch, Office, Chief of Engineers, spoke on research activities of the Corps in Greenland, using color slides to illustrate his talk.

At the October 21 meeting John Rodgers, of the Amercoat Corporation, gave an illustrated talk on systems of surface protection for off-shore oil drilling platforms and petroleum pipe lines. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 50, No. 333 \(January-February 1958\), pp. 70-82*](#)

1958

Lt. Charles Curione, CEC, USN, was honored by the Engineers and Architects of the District of Columbia as the outstanding young engineer of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. Lieutenant Curione was presented with a "Certificate of Recognition," in connection with Engineers and Architects Day, February 21. The award was presented by Rear Adm. E. J. Peltier, CEC, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 50, No. 335 \(May-June 1958\), pp. 224-232, 235-239*](#)

Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, U. S. Army, Retired, was awarded the George W. Goethals Medal for 1958 recognition of his exemplary duty while serving as the United Nations Commander of Salvage and Clearing Operations of the Suez Canal. Also, Brig. Gen. William F. Cassidy, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, was awarded the Wheeler Medal in 1958. See **Appendix A** for more information about the award.



Goethals and Wheeler Medal Winners
General Wheeler, right, having just received the George W. Goethals Medal, congratulates General Cassidy, to whom he presented the Wheeler Medal.

Figure 11. 1958 Award winners General Wheeler and General Cassidy. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 50, No. 336 \(July-August 1958\), pp. 303-325*](#)

Capt. Peter Corradi, deputy chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks, spoke on "The Functions of the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps," at the meeting of May 19. The following officers were then elected: **Rear Adm. Charles Pierce**, president; Col. F. OšDiercks, vice president; Capt. L. E. Root, secretary- treasurer; and John J. Kennedy and Col. William A. McCarty, directors. Maj. Gen.

Emerson C. Itschner spoke on the organization and duties of the Corps of Engineers at the meeting held on June 16. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 50, No. 337 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1958\), pp. 399-406, 409-412*](#)

Dr. Martin A. Mason, dean of the School of Engineering, George Washington University, was guest speaker at the luncheon meeting on September 15, at which he discussed "Engineering Administration." [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 50, No. 338 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1958\), pp. 483-490*](#)

An excellent reception was given to the talk on "Russia Today As Seen By An IG Y Delegate" by Capt. E. B. Roberts, chief of the Geophysics Division, Coast and Geodetic Survey, at the luncheon meeting on October 13. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 51, No. 339 \(January-February 1959\), pp. 64-74, 77-82*](#)

At the luncheon meeting on November 17, Capt. W. T. Greenhalgh of the Office of Naval Materiel spoke on "Geo-political Aspects of the USSR." The Honorable Dewey Short, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil and Military Affairs, spoke on the role of engineers in the Armed Forces and their importance to the nation, at the December 15 luncheon meeting. The Secretary's talk was inspiring, pertinent to his audience, and well received. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 51, No. 340 \(March-April 1959\), pp. 152-170*](#)

1959

At the luncheon meeting on January 19, members and guests heard an outstanding talk on "Military Construction for Ballistic Missiles" by Lt. Col. L. A. Caldwell, USAF. A slide-illustrated talk by Lt. J. E. Wesler, USCG, entitled "The Coast Guard Builds a Lighthouse" was the program feature at the February 16 meeting. Nearly 200 members and guests were present at each meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 51, No. 341 \(May-June 1959\), pp. 236-253*](#)

On February 19, 1959, over 300 people attend the award dinner where General Wheeler revived the Hoover Medal. Additional information is in **Appendix A**. Amongst the guests were the Hon. Kenneth Keating, United States Senator of New York; the United States Ambassador to Afghanistan, Henry A. Byroade; J. J. A. Jessel; and O. B. Shier, Jr. All the officers of The Society; Danial Sullivan, Midwest regional vice president; Comdr. John A. Volpe, Northeastern regional vice president, and twelve directors also attended. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 51, No. 342 \(July-August 1959\), pp. 318-346*](#)



Introduction of General Edgerton at the Hoover Medal Award Dinner
 L to r, Mrs. Faul L. Holland, Maj. Gen. Glen E. Edgerton, O. B. Schier, II, and Col. and Mrs. Enoch R. Needles.

Figure 12. 1959. Introduction of General Edgerton at the Hoover Medal Award Dinner.

At the meeting on March 16 a capacity crowd was present to hear John M. Ferry, special assistant for Installations, Office of the Secretary, USAF, discuss "The Air Force Housing Program." The talk was illustrated by slides.

John S. Kelly, chief of the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Branch, Atomic Energy Commission, spoke on "The AEC's Plowshare Program" at the meeting on April 20. There was a "full house," as usual. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 51, No. 342 \(July-August 1959\), pp. 318-346 Published by: Society of American Military Engineers*](#)

The 39th Annual Meeting was May 18 and 19, 1959 at White Oak, MD. **General R.A. Wheeler** was the **TOULMIN MEDAL WINNER**. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 51, No. 343 \(September-October 1959\), pp. 419-434*](#)

New officers were elected at the June 15 meeting: **Col. Leonard L. Haseman**, president; Brig. Gen. H. K. Kelley, vice president Col. Robert P. Tabb, Jr., secretary-treasurer; Comdr. John H. Heckathorn and Capt. Theodore J. Fabik, directors. Carry-over directors are John J. Kennedy and Col. William A. McCarty. Rear Adm. R. K. James was the program speaker and gave an excellent, slide-illustrated account of subsidence in the Long Beach, California, area and its effect upon the Naval Shipyard. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 51, No. 343 \(September-October 1959\), pp. 419-434*](#)

Richard H. Kraft, director, National Capital Regional Planning Council, Department of Interior, was guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of September 21. Among those present to hear Mr. Kraft discuss "Exploitation and Protection of Today's Inventions" were: Vice Adm. W. O. Hiltabidle, the president of The Society; and the two immediate past presidents, Lt. Gen. E. C. Itschner, and Rear Adm. H. Arnold Karo. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 51, No. 344 \(November-December 1959\), pp. 505-515*](#)

"Earthquakes and Tidal Waves" was the title of an outstandingly interesting speech by Capt. Elliott B. Roberts, Special Assistant to the Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey, at the November 16 luncheon meeting. Special attention was centered on the cataclysmic and unprecedented tidal wave in Lituya Bay, result of a major earthquake in July 1958. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 52, No. 346 \(March-April 1960\), pp. 155-172*](#)

The 1960s

1960

The 40th Annual Meeting May 19, 1960 The 40th Annual Meeting of The Society of American Military Engineers convened at 9 a.m. at the Mayflower Hotel.

On June 20, R. Lawrence Swanson was sworn in as an ensign in the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey by Rear Adm. Charles Pierce, Assistant Director, USC&GS, in the presence of his father, Capt. Lawrence W. Swanson, Chief of the Photogrammetry Division. Admiral Pierce is a past president of the post and the two Swansons are members. New officers were elected at the meeting on June 20: **Brig. Gen. Harold K. Kelley**, president; Capt. Peter Corradi, vice president; Jack Amatt, secretary-treasurer; Myles B. Golbranson, director. The guest speaker was Col. James E. Harper, Jr., Headquarters, Defense Atomic Support Agency, who gave an illustrated talk on space propulsion systems and orbital vehicles. Projected plans for lunar and interplanetary exploration were explained together with some of the problems inherent in design of propulsion systems. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 52, No. 349 \(September-October 1960\), pp. 421-437*](#)

"Aerospace Nuclear Propulsion" was the title of an illustrated talk given at the luncheon meeting on September 19 by Brig. Gen. Irving L. Branch, chief of the Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Office, USAF. At the meeting on October 17, Capt. G. S. Morrison of the Astronautics Development Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, gave a talk on "Satellites and Sea Power" in which he defined the categories of Naval space projects and reviewed their progress, their relation to the Navy's mission, and to the mission of other Department of Defense agencies. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 53, No. 351 \(January-February 1961\), pp. 68-84*](#)

Dr. A. C. Mason, project chief of Lunar Studies for the Geological Survey, was speaker at the luncheon on November 21. In his illustrated talk on "The First Photogeologic Study of the Moon," Dr. Mason discussed methods of computing topographic surveys from photographs, how geologic formations are determined, and the finding of possible areas for lunar landings.

At the December 19 luncheon, J. Lewis Powell of the Office of the Secretary of Defense spoke on "Muscles to Missiles." His talk, illustrated by charts, demonstrated that man has made more progress since 1945 than in the previous 50,000 years. Mr. Powell suggested that today's thinking, because of rapid technological developments, cannot be based on precedents of the past. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 53, No. 352 \(March-April 1961\), pp. 147-167*](#)

1961 Distinguished Post

Col. John H. Kerkering, director of the Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Fort Belvoir, spoke at the January 16 luncheon meeting. His subject, "A Trip to Camp Century," covered problems encountered during the building of this installation under the Greenland icecap. At the February 20 meeting, Harry N. Lowe, deputy chief, Missile and Space Office, ERDL, gave a stimulating talk on "Extraterrestrial Construction." He pointed out that such

construction is not possible at present and recommended increased research and orientation of the engineering profession towards space problems. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 53, No. 353 \(May-June 1961\), pp. 228-246*](#)

John P. Lynch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations and Logistics, discussed "New Concepts of Design in the Space Age" at the April 17 meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 53, No. 354 \(July-August 1961\), pp. 305-334*](#)

New officers have been elected as follows: **Rear Adm. Peter Corradi**, president; Rear Adm. James A. Alger, Jr., vice president; and Capt. George A. Nelson, secretary-treasurer, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Room 2C14, Navy Dept., Washington 25, D. C. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 53, No. 356 \(November-December 1961\), pp. 475-485*](#)

John D. Nicolaidis, technical director for astronautics, Bureau of Naval Weapons, was guest speaker at the September 18 meeting. His subject was the relative accomplishments of the Russians and Americans in space. Brig. L. J. Harris, director of Military Survey, British War Office, and Col. R. A. Lindsell, Royal Engineers, British Army Staff, were guests at the meeting.

Don C. Lindsten, chief of the research section, Sanitary Sciences Branch, Army Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, spoke on present knowledge of the atmospheres of the nearby planets, at the meeting on October 16. Mr. Lindsten described how this information was developed, and discussed the possibility of life under the conditions envisioned. The members of the Civil Engineer Corps Conference attended the meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 54, No. 357 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1962\), pp. 56-75*](#)



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Alan McCone, special assistant for installations for the Air Force, displays a Society Certificate of Membership presented to him by Rear Adm. Peter Corradi, post president, as Maj. Gen. A. M. Minton, Air Force Director of Civil Engineering, right, looks on.

Figure 13. 1961. Alan McCone, RADM Peter Corradi and Maj. Gen. A.M. Minton.

At the November 20 meeting, The Honorable Harry R. Sheppard was made a distinguished member of the post in recognition of his many years of efforts on behalf of the military facilities construction program. Dr. Harris B. Stewart, Jr., of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, spoke on "The Challenge of Oceanography."

Herbert A. Swenson of the U. S. Geological Survey spoke on "Geological Survey Research in Water" at the December 18 meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 54, No. 358 \(March-April 1962\), pp. 133-152*](#)

1962

On January 15 Albert W. Nowicki of the Army Map Service spoke on mapping the moon. A feature of his presentation was a closed-circuit television picture simulating landing on specified areas of the moon which were already mapped. Frank Turner, assistant Federal highway administrator and chief engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads, spoke on construction in the Soviet Union at the meeting of February 19. Mr. Turner stated that Russian highway construction in particular was "shoddy and unacceptable" compared with America's lowest standards. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 54, No. 359 \(MAY-JUNE 1962\), pp. 209-228*](#)

The guest speaker for the March 19 meeting, Brig. Gen. Thomas H. Lipscomb, North Atlantic Division Engineer, discussed the activities of engineers in the Civil War, comparing their work with that of military forces of the present time.

Merrill R. Bennett of the International Harvester Company spoke on the "Universal Engineer Tractor" at the April 16 meeting, using films to illustrate his talk.

Also, for 1961 the DC Post was 1 of 14 Distinguished Posts, receiving the award for the first time by Col. F. H. Kohloss in May 1962.



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To Rear Adm. Peter Corradi

Figure 14. 1962. Rear Adm. Peter Corradi.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 54, No. 360 \(July-August 1962\), pp. 289-316*](#)

The Forty-Second Annual Meeting in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, the 21st day of May, 1962, memorialized the death of **Maj. Victor V. Martin** who died on May 11, 1962 and other distinguished members, which occurred during the year passed. See **Appendix B** for his biography. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 54, No. 360 \(July-August 1962\), pp. 289-316*](#)

The following officers were elected at the June 18 meeting: **Rear Adm. James A. Alger, Jr.**, president; Rear Adm. James C. Tison, Jr., vice president; Capt. Thomas R. Sargent, III (USCG HQ), secretary-treasurer; and Capt. George A. Nelson and Glen E. Morrow, directors. Jack Amatt and Capt. John C. Bull will continue as directors. Comdr. Elmer M. Lipsey of Coast Guard Headquarters spoke on "Applications of the Precise Electronic Time Signals Obtained from Loran-C to Scientific Uses Such as Mapping and Travel in Outer Space." [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 54, No. 361 \(September-October 1962\), pp. 383-396*](#)

Post member David V. Auld received the Washington Society of Engineers Award for 1962 as the outstanding member of that society "whose accomplishments have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of engineering knowledge and practice."

At the September 17 meeting, a film on the erection of a 1,500-foot television antenna tower in Texas and slides on the erection of a 1,350-foot Coast Guard loran tower in Alaska were presented by Roger Hayden of the Dresser Ideco Company. At this meeting, a citation from the Subie Bay Post was presented to Capt. Thomas J. Doyle for fostering the educational program of the Subie Bay Post.

Guest speaker for the October 15 meeting was Capt. C. J. Merdinger, Head of the Department of English, History, and Government at the U. S. Naval Academy. Captain Merdinger gave an informative and amusing talk on the importance to engineers of effective means of communication. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 55, No. 363 \(January-February 1963\), pp. 58-60, 62-75*](#)

Col. Henry J. Stehling, Base Maintenance Division, Air Force Directorate of Civil Engineering, was guest speaker at the November 19 meeting. His illustrated talk on the "Air Force Approach to Controlling the Operation and Maintenance of Real Property" outlined new concepts for solving the complex problems involved.

Lt. Gen. Walter K. Wilson, Army Chief of Engineers, was guest speaker at the December 17 meeting. Supplementing his presentation with a film, General Wilson discussed the missile program and projects that will confront engineers of all services in the coming decade. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 55, No. 364 \(March-April 1963\), pp. 129-134, 136-148*](#)

1963

Leonard N. Murphy of the Coast and Geodetic Survey was guest speaker at the January 21 meeting. His talk was concerned with the relation of seismology to other fields of engineering, such as exploration for natural resources, structures and road design, nuclear explosion detection, meteorology, planetary exploration, and oceanography. "The Status of the National

Topographic Mapping Program" was the subject discussed by George D. Whitmore of the U. S. Geological Survey at the February 18 meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 55, No. 365 \(May-June 1963\), pp. 207-212, 214-226*](#)

The film "Construction of an Offshore Light Station - a Prototype," depicting the prefabrication and erection of the Buzzards Bay Entrance Light Station, was shown at the March 18 meeting. Capt. T. R. Sargent, chief, Civil Engineering Division, Coast Guard, made brief introductory remarks on the future replacement of lightships with offshore structures.

Slides and films accompanied the talk given by Col. J. Kerkering, chief of the Army Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, at the April 15 meeting. He discussed the ERDL contribution to mobility, which is essential on the modern battlefield. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 55, No. 366 \(July-August 1963\), pp. 283-305*](#)

New officers are: **Rear Adm. James C. Tison, Jr.**, president; Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Hayes, III, vice president; Comdr. Hal P. Demuth, secretary-treasurer; and Capt. Thomas R. Sargent and Lt. Col. Robert W. Gunther, directors. Glen E. Morrow and Capt. John Bull continue as directors. Featured speaker at the luncheon meeting on June 17 was Harvey E. Larsen, liaison officer for the Inter American Geodetic Survey and the Army Map Service, who discussed "Field Activities of the Inter American Survey Organization. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 55, No. 367 \(September-October 1963\), pp. 368-370, 372-384*](#)

At the September 16 meeting, Maj. Gen. R. H. Curtin, Society vice president, presented The Society Certificate of Appreciation to Col. Arthur C. Nauman for outstanding service as Society Representative for the Middle Eastern Area, and The Society Certificate of Merit to Lt. Col. C. H. Chamberlain, Jr., for outstanding service to the Los Angeles Post. Lt. Comdr. Eugene A. Taylor of the Coast and Geodetic Survey spoke on the Survey Satellite Triangulation Program. Col. Eugene W. Weber, deputy director of civil works for policy, Office, Chief of Engineers, was recently presented with the Army Exceptional Civilian Service Decoration for his outstanding contributions to the formulation of sound Federal policies and development standards for the nation's water resources. Colonel Weber has also been chosen to receive the 1963 Rockefeller Public Service Award in the field of administration, the highest private honor for Government career service. He is an international authority on water resources planning, development, and administration.

At the October 21 meeting, Maj. Gen. William A. Carter, former Governor of the Panama Canal, presented a film on its operations and a short discussion of its activities. Gen. Charles G. Holle introduced the following special guests, all former or present members of the Panama Canal Government: Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, Lt. Gen. T. B. Larkin, Maj. Gen. J. L. Schley, Maj. Gen. G. E. Edgerton, Maj. Gen. D. L. Weart, Brig. Gen. H. D. Yogel, and Merrill Whitman.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—L to r: Secretary of the Army Cyrus R. Vance and Acting Chief of Engineers Maj. Gen. Robert G. MacDonnell with Joseph I. Boswell and Col. Eugene W. Weber, who received awards for exceptional civilian service.

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Figure 15. 1963. Washington DC awards for exceptional civilian service.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 56, No. 369 \(January-February 1964\), pp. 57-60, 62-75*](#)

Guest at the November 18 meeting, Harold Matson of the United States Steel Corporation, gave an illustrated talk on "New Applications of Steel." His program, concerned with current and future construction at the Cape Kennedy Space Center, included a description of unusual structural design problems encountered there. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 56, No. 370 \(March-April 1964\), pp. 137-142, 144-154*](#)

1964

At the January 20 meeting, Col. Ward Van Atta, director, Army Geodesy, Intelligence and Mapping Research and Development Agency, discussed "Mapping in the Space Age." His presentation, illustrated with color slides, showed the rapid progress being made by GIMRADA in meeting and anticipating mapping system requirements.

Guest speaker at the February 17 meeting was Comdr. Custer F. Krickenberger, Jr., director, Naval Construction Forces Division and Military Readiness Planning Division, Bureau of Yards and Docks. Commander Krickenberger spoke on present-day activities of the Seabees, illustrating with color slides and a short film on Seabee units engaged in counterinsurgency efforts in Southeast Asia.

At the March 16 meeting, Donald J. Looft, chief, Electric Power Branch, Army Engineers Research and Development Laboratory, gave a talk on engineering power for the modern mobile Army, and answered questions from the audience afterwards. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 56, No. 371 \(May-June 1964\), pp. 211-216, 218-231*](#)

Col. Julian V. Sollohub, deputy director of construction for NASA, was guest speaker at the April 20 meeting. Discussing engineering in the space age, he emphasized the impressive actions taken by the engineering profession to fulfill the requirements of space age projects. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 56, No. 372 \(July-August 1964\), pp. 285-310*](#)

The last meeting of the season, on June 15, was highlighted by a talk on "Map Substitute Products" by Lynn R. Wickland of the Army Map Service. New officers elected are: **Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Hayes III**, president; Stanley C. Partei, vice president; Lt. Col. Clifton H. Chamberlain, secretary- treasurer; and Coles B. Bason and Capt. James Henry Etter, directors. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 56, No. 373 \(September-October 1964\), pp. 370-374, 376-388*](#)

At the September 21 meeting, Col. Taylor B. Zinn of the Air Force Systems Command described "The Titan III Space Vehicle System" which will support missions varying in scope from Dynasoar to supplying the Manned Orbiting Laboratory. Fay R. Marvin has been elected 1st vice president, and two post members, Wendell Johnson and Lt. Col. Victor Wilson, have been appointed representatives to the Washington, D. C., Council of Engineering and Architectural Societies.

The Honorable William P. Durkee, administrator for Civil Defense, discussed recent actions in the field of civil defense at the October 19 meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 57, No. 375 \(January-February 1965\), pp. 61-62, 64-74*](#)

One hundred and fifty members and guests at the November 16 meeting heard Col. Kenneth Sawyer discuss the damage and recovery operations incident to the earthquake in Alaska. His talk was illustrated with a number of slides.

Howard W. Merrill, special assist- ant to the Secretary of the Navy, was a guest at the December 21 meeting, at which Lt. Comdr. R. D. Keegan of the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks discussed the supplying of water to the Guantanamo Naval Base. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 57, No. 376 \(March-April 1965\), pp. 133-138, 140-152*](#)

1965 Distinguished Post

At the January 18 luncheon meeting C. Darwin Stolzenbach, director of the National Capital Transportation Agency, discussed the planned \$431,000,000 subway and surface rail transportation system for the area. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 57, No. 377 \(May-June 1965\), pp. 208-214, 216-225*](#)

New officers were elected at the meeting on June 21: **Fay R. Marvin**, president; Col. Ben A. Scarbrough, vice president; William J. Davies, secretary- treasurer; and Capt. Douglas B.

Henderson, Col. Andrew P. Rollins, Jr., Lt. Col. Herbert Gall, and Capt. Harley D. Nygren, directors. Three winners selected by the post for their exhibits in the Washington High School Science Fair were presented with gold medals. Edward Herbert Abraham (10th grade) had worked on laser communications; Marc G. Munan (9th grade) had produced an imaginative urban renewal and city planning project; and Stanton L. Wormley, Jr., (8th grade) contributed a theory on capsule reentry in the field of aerospace engineering. Col. Hillel Aldaag, former Chief of Engineers of the Israeli Army, gave an enlightening talk on "Water Resource Development in Israel.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—High School Science Fair winners Marc Munan (left) and Stanton Wormley, Jr. (right), with Brig. Gen. T. J. Hayes, post president, who presented the medals.

Figure 16. 1965. Brig. Gen. T.J. Hayes with high school science fair winners.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 57, No. 379 \(September-October 1965\), pp. 365-368, 370-379*](#)

Those present at the November 15 luncheon meeting heard an excellent talk on "Future Transportation Systems in the Washington Area" given by Cody Pfanstiehl, manager of community relations for the National Capitol Transportation Agency. The presentation included not only a review of studies made of the city's present transportation problems, but also a look at the high-speed combination surface-subway system now being planned.

There were 192 persons at the December 20 meeting when Lt. Gen. William F. Cassidy, Chief of the Corps of Engineers, spoke on military engineering in Vietnam. His remarks, illustrated with

interesting slides, gave a thorough coverage of the Vietnamese situation - problem areas, with reasons for them, and corrective actions which are being taken.

1966

"Current Air Force Research and Development Programs" was the subject discussed by Maj. F. R. MacKenzie, Air Force Systems Command, at the January 17 meeting. Major MacKenzie described, with slide and movie illustrations, each of the AFSC Centers and Research Laboratories and outlined the nature of the work done in each. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 58, No. 382 \(March-April 1966\), pp. 132-153*](#)

The post's first annual dinner-dance, celebrating National Engineers' Week, was held at Boiling Air Force Base Officers Club on February 23, 1966, and was attended by 200 members and their wives. During the cocktail hour a film of the astronaut's walk in space was shown. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 58, No. 383 \(May-June 1966\), pp. 208-227*](#)

The Chief of the Royal Engineers, Maj. Gen. J. H. S. Bowring, outlined the organization and deployment of the Royal Engineers at the April 18 meeting.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—L to r: Lt. Gen. William F. Cassidy, Maj. Gen. J. H. S. Bowring, Col. B. G. Rawlins, and Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Hayes at the April meeting.

Figure 16. 1966. Lt. Gen. Cassidy, Maj. Gen. Hayes and others at the April meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 58, No. 384 \(July-August 1966\), pp. 291-300, 302-314*](#)

At the September 23 luncheon meeting, Maj. Gen. Robert H. Curtin, Director of Civil Engineering, talked about the role of the Air Force Engineers in base civil engineering maintenance and stressed their activities in Vietnam. Two hundred members attended the meeting.

The activities of the Federal Government in the field of desalinization were reviewed at the October 18 meeting by J. W. O'Meara, Office of Saline Water, Department of Interior. He also said that new methods, as well as combined energy systems such as nuclear reactor and power generating stations, have greatly increased the efficiency of the desalinization techniques which are being used in the water purification processes. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 59, No. 387 \(January-February 1967\), pp. 56-72*](#)

1967

Current and potential problems in urban areas were discussed at the September 19 meeting by Brig. Gen. Robert E. Mathe, Engineer Commissioner for the District of Columbia. New officers were installed at the meeting by Rear Adm. Walter M. Enger; they are **Capt. Charles Bittenbring, III**, president; Capt. James W. Moreau, vice president; Comdr. Neal W. Clements, secretary-treasurer; Col. LeRoy C. Porter, Jr., Lt. Comdr. Charles L. Clark, Col. William L. Starnes, and William J. Davies, directors.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—L to r: Rear Adm. W. M. Enger, the installing officer, and new post officers: Capt. C. Bittenbring, Capt. J. W. Moreau, Comdr. N. W. Clements, Col. W. L. Starnes, Col. L. C. Porter, Lt. Comdr. C. L. Clark, W. J. Davies, and Col. S. R. Young.

Figure 17. 1967. Rear Adm. W.M. Enger, Capt. C. Bittenbring and other DC Post officers. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 60, No. 393 \(January-February 1968\), pp. 61-63, 66-76*](#)

In 1967 Edward J. Fletcher, a past post president of the DC Post ran for national SAME officer. His biography is in **Appendix B**.

Maj. Gen. Jackson Graham spoke at the November 28 meeting about the planning and development of the proposed Washington, D. C., metropolitan rapid transit system, including such aspects as design features, costs, and community constraints. This meeting was attended by 187 persons.

A program entitled "Market Time Operations in South Vietnam" was presented at the December 19 meeting by Coast Guard Commander John B. Hayes. After a short description of the Coast Guard role in the operations, a film showing the stages from initial training to action operations on station completed the program. It is reported that Lansing G. Simmons has retired from the Coast and Geodetic Survey after 43 years of government service.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Shown at the December 19 meeting are, l to r: Capt. Charles Bittenbring, III, post president; Dr. Arsham Amirikian, a guest at the meeting; Comdr. John B. Hayes, the speaker; Harold Whitwer, and Capt. James B. Moreau, post vice president.

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Figure 18. 1968. December Washington DC Post meeting.

[*The Military Engineer*, Vol. 60, No. 394 \(March-April 1968\), pp. 137-143, 146-157](#)

1968 Distinguished Post

Maitland Pennington, chief of the Office of Maritime Promotion, gave a talk at the January 23 meeting about maritime developments, particularly the increased use of new large cargo ships. It is reported that the post has established a Junior Advisory Board consisting of six younger members of the post. Post member Wendell E. Johnson has been elected chairman of the U. S. Committee on Large Dams of the International Commission on Large Dams for 1968. [*The Military Engineer*, Vol. 60, No. 395 \(May-June 1968\), pp. 221-225, 228-239](#)

The Annual Meeting in 1968 was in FL, not DC. This was the start of alternating meeting locations.

The program of the March 19 meeting consisted of a panel discussion on "The Challenges and Problems of the Military Engineering Services in the Post-Vietnam Era" by Rear Adm. Walter M. Enger, vice commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Maj. Gen. Frederick J. Clarke, deputy Chief of Engineers; and Maj. Gen. Guy H. Goddard, deputy director for

construction in the Air Force Directorate of Civil Engineering. A question and answer period followed. Among the guests at the meeting were Juergen Reher and Richard West, students from Hammond High School, who were selected by the post as winners of the Science Fair for their "Demonstration Fuel Cell." The project was on exhibit at the meeting.

Thomas D. Morris, assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations and Logistics, discussed the future of defense logistics at the April 16 meeting. New officers are **Capt. James W. Moreau**, president; Capt. Miller J. Tonkel, vice president; Comdr. Howard W. Pagel, secretary-treasurer; Lt. Col. John E. Peterson, Theodore F. Mariani, Capt. Worthen A. Walls, Capt. Harlan L. Bowman, Lt. (jg) David M. Wilson, Lt. Col. Walter D. Stone, Jr., Buford W. Duke, Jr., William J. Davies, Col. William L. Starnes, Lt. Comdr. Charles Clark, and Lt. Col. L. C. Porter, directors.

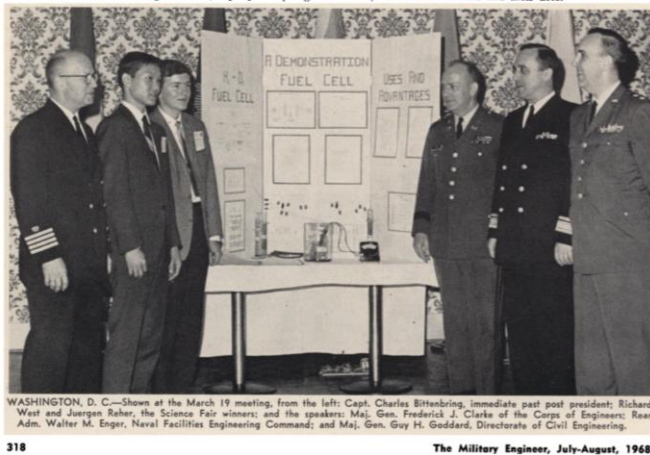


Figure 19. 1968. March Meeting.

[The Military Engineer, Vol. 60, No. 396 \(July-August 1968\), pp. 298-307, 310-322](#)

Distinguished Local Posts The Distinguished Post Awards Committee recently selected the following twelve winners for 1967-1968: Anchorage, Canaveral, Denver, Detroit, Honolulu, Okinawa, Oxnard- Ventura, San Diego, Siam, South Florida, Tulsa, and **Washington, D. C.** The competition is believed to be the closest in the history of selection of distinguished posts. The records of all local posts were examined and over fifty received detailed study. [The Military Engineer, Vol. 60, No. 398 \(November-December 1968\), pp. 459-461, 464-469](#)

An illustrated talk on construction in Vietnam was presented at the September 17 meeting by Brig. Gen. Daniel A. Raymond, director of the Southeast Asia Construction Division in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics).

Brigadier H. W. Love, executive director of the Montreal Office of the Arctic Institute of North America, was the speaker at the October 15 meeting; his topic was construction on permafrost. Following this, a Russian film about building on the Siberian permafrost was shown. [The Military Engineer, Vol. 61, No. 399 \(January-February 1969\), pp. 57-59, 62-74](#)

Capt. Blake Van Leer of the Navy Civil Engineer Corps discussed "The Development and Use of New Tactical Hardware for Seabee Operation in Vietnam" when he spoke at the November 19 luncheon meeting.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Capt. James W. Moreau (left), the post president, is shown at the November meeting with (l to r) Maj. Gen. R. R. Ploger; Capt. R. F. Jortberg; Capt. H. L. Bowman; Capt. B. Van Leer, the speaker; and Rear Adm. T. R. Sargent, III.

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Figure 20. 1968. November, CAPT James W. Moreau Washington DC Post President.
[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 61, No. 400 \(March-April 1969\), pp. 135-141, 144-155*](#)

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Engineering and engineering management of NASA bases and equipment was the topic discussed at the January 21 meeting by Maj. Gen. Robert H. Curtin, Director of Facilities, NASA. On February 21, the post held its annual formal dinner dance at the Fort McNair Officers Club. A talk on the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration - its organization, function, accomplishments, etcetera - was presented at the March 11 meeting by Joe Moore, the Administration commissioner.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—L to r: Navy Capt. Harlan L. Bowman; Brig. Gen. Maurice R. Reilly of the Air Force; Rear Adm. Don A. Jones, ESSA; Rear Adm. Thomas R. Sargent, III, Coast Guard Chief of Staff; Lt. Gen. William F. Cassidy, Army Chief of Engineers; and Capt. James W. Moreau, Coast Guard.

Figure 21. 1969 Senior Officers in Washington, DC.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 61, No. 401 \(May-June 1969\), pp. 220-223, 226-237*](#)

A talk on the effect of medicare on hospital construction was given at the April 15 meeting by Dr. H. McDonald Rimple of the Health, Education, and Welfare Department. New officers elected at the meeting are **Capt. Miller J. Tonkel**, president; Col. Avery S. Fullerton, vice president; Comdr. Edwin K. McCaffrey, secretary-treasurer; Col. Richard H. Groves, Xavier S. Hutchins, Capt. John O. Boyer, Lt. Col. Robert W. Anderson, and Rear Adm. Lewis C. Coxe, directors. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 61, No. 402 \(July-August 1969\), pp. 290-299, 302-313*](#)

The Annual Meeting was May 12, 1969 in Washington, DC.

The May 20 luncheon meeting was held jointly with the Marine Technological Society. At the meeting Rear Adm. Alexander Goodfellow, deputy chief of Naval Materials for Development, spoke on the hardware of oceanography. He described the advances which have been made in this field and pointed out the problems still remaining in underwater work. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 61, No. 403 \(September-October 1969\), pp. 375-377, 380-389*](#)

Capt. John W. Crawford, assistant director for engineering standards at the Atomic Energy Commission, spoke on "The Civilian Nuclear Power Program" at the September 16 meeting which was held at Fort Myer, Virginia.

Southeastern Regional Conference With the Washington Post of The Society as host, the Southeastern Regional Conference was held October 16-17, 1969, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C. The theme of the conference, "Military Engineering in Tomorrow's Environment," was reflected by the papers which were presented: "Nuclear Construction Technique," by Col. J. H. Tormey, Army Corps of Engineers; "Design and Construction of Facilities in the Ocean," by Comdr. N. G. Grady, Jr., Navy Civil Engineer Corps; "Water Resources Comprehensive Planning," by R. Johnson, Acting Director of the Water Resources Council; "Engineering for Mobility to Include Modular Units," by Col. R. G. Gardner, Air Force Civil

Engineering; "Engineering Challenges in the Design and Construction of Safeguard Facilities," by Brig. Gen. Robert P. Young, Army Corps of Engineers; "Advances in Navigation Aids," by Comdr. K. D. Urfer, Coast Guard; and "Vast Con- glomeration of Cities," by W. V. Hurley of the Port of New York Authority. Lt. Gen. F. J. Clarke, Army Chief of Engineers and President of The Society, spoke at the luncheon meeting on October 16. The concluding event of the conference was the banquet on October 17 at which the featured speaker was the Dean of the School of Engineering and Architecture of the Catholic University of America, Dr. D. E. Marlowe. Rear Adm. John B. Oren, a Past President of The Society, was chairman of the Conference, and **Capt. J. O. Boyer**, president of the Washington Post, presided over the Conference. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 62, No. 405 \(January-February 1970\), pp. 55-57, 60-68, 70-71*](#)

The speaker at the November 25 meeting was Lt. Col. Donald Sennich, acting chief of the Apollo Lunar Sampling Program. In his talk entitled "The Moon - What Steps Next," he pointed out the possibility of recovering from the moon valuable minerals such as titanium and then briefly discussed future experiments which will supplement existing discoveries.

A résumé of Navy ocean engineering activities was given at the December 16 meeting by Lt. Comdr. Neil T. Monney, project officer for the Naval Materials Command, Ocean Engineer- ing Development Branch. Among the subjects described were the "Man-in- the-Sea" program, deep submerging vehicles, and the development of underwater facilities and engineering materials. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 62, No. 406 \(March-April 1970\), pp. 126-131, 134-145*](#)

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1970 Honorable Mention for Distinguished Post

Annual Awards of Merit The Society offered Certificate of Merits William J. Davies and Maj. Charles D. Ham, Washington, D. C., Post. See **Appendix A** for more award information.

Top Twenty Posts in Membership According to membership reports received this year, the top 20 posts in membership are as follows: 1. New York City 2. San Francisco **3. Washington, D. C.** [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 62, No. 408 \(July-August 1970\), pp. 272-283, 286-296*](#)

Distinguished Post Awards Honorable mention was awarded to Washington, D. C. Selections were based on membership trend, post reports, attendance at meetings, and special activities, including utilization of young members, sponsoring student posts, awarding scholarships, enrolling sustaining members, and providing community support.

New officers are **Col. Claude A. Hays**, president; Col. Loren D. Clark, vice president; Maj. Bruce M. Cowan, secretary-treasurer; Col. Joseph A. Jansen, Lt. Col. E. Gordon Moffatt, Capt. William E. Wynne, Comdr. R. A. Bowers, Maj. George E. Ellis, James J. Claps, Comdr. Ronald L. Newsom, Kennard Underwood, and Comdr. Henry Lohmann, directors. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 62, No. 409 \(September-October 1970\), pp. 353-355, 358-367*](#)

On September 3, the post's \$500 scholarship award was presented to Robert Emerson, a junior in civil engineering at the Federal City College.

At the September 15 meeting Col. John R. Oswalt, Jr., Acting Commander of the Army Topographic Command, described the evolution of the orthopictograph map which is used to locate key terrain features precisely.

"Environmental Protection for Navigable Waters" was the topic discussed at the October 20 meeting by Maj. Gen. Francis P. Koisch, Director of Civil Works in the Office of the Chief of Engineers. In his talk, he traced the development of the environmental problems associated with navigable waters, described the laws and federal agencies involved in alleviating those problems, and concluded with a summary of the present situation and of what can be expected in the future. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 63, No. 411 \(January-February 1971\), pp. 58-61, 64-74*](#)

Edward J. Fletcher, Colonel, U. S. Air Force, Retired, is now employed with Furman Builders, Inc., in Silver Spring, Maryland. He is a Military Engineer Member of The Society, a past president of the Washington Post, and is serving on the Board of Direction.

The present power shortage in the Northeast and its effect on the Washington, D. C., area was the subject of the talk given at the November 17 meeting by D. C. Vaughan, vice president for electrical engineering in the Potomac Electric Power Company.

At the December 15 meeting, Rear Adm. Walter M. Enger, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, discussed new concepts in dry docking ships, with emphasis on the

Ammi floating dry dock developed by a member of the Washington Post, Dr. Arsham Amirikian. The meeting was attended by 228 members and guests. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 63, No. 412 \(March-April 1971\), pp. 132-135, 138-149*](#)

1971

Top Twenty Posts in Membership According to membership reports received as of June 1, the top 20 posts in membership are as follows: 1. San Francisco 2. New York City 3. Boston 4. Philadelphia *5. **Washington, D.C** Asterisks indicate posts improving their position since last report. Posts not reporting membership in last six months are not included.

In February, the post held its annual scholarship fund dinner dance at the Fort McNair Officers Club.

The speaker at the March 16 luncheon meeting, which was attended by more than 350 persons, was Lt. Gen. Frederick J. Clarke, the Chief of Army Engineers. In his talk, General Clarke touched on several topics: the future of combat engineering, the demands that will be placed on engineering because of the new and rapid advances in science and technology, and the impact of concern for the environment on the Corps of Engineers construction program.

At the recent D. C. Architects and Engineers Day luncheon held at the George Washington University, the post was represented by 15 members and their guests who included Robert Emerson, recipient of the post's scholarship award. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 63, No. 414 \(July-August 1971\), pp. 283-291, 294-304*](#)

A report on Coast Guard activities in the environmental field was presented at the May 18 meeting by Rear Adm. H. S. Pearson, Chief of the Coast Guard Office of Engineering. Following the meeting, approximately 30 members went on a field trip to the Washington Aqueduct.

On June 29, post members visited the Naval Ship Research Development Center at Carderock, Maryland, where they were taken on a guided tour of the research facilities. New officers are **Col. Cliff M. Whitehead**, president; Capt. William E. Wynne, vice president; Capt. David Kenyon, junior vice president; Maj. Jack L. Hendrix, secretary-treasurer; Capt. Eugene A. Taylor, Comdr. R. L. Newsom, Kennard Underwood, Jr., Louis E. Desmond, Comdr. John A. Witkowski, Comdr. Henry Lohmann, Col. Ernest J. Denz, Maj. James M. Scott, Col. James R. Aichele, Harry P. Rietman, Capt. J. C. Sowers, and Lt. F. B. Bankert, III, directors. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 63, No. 415 \(September-October 1971\), pp. 359-361, 364-372*](#)

Top Twenty Posts in Membership According to membership reports received as of October 1, the top 20 posts in membership are as follows: 1. San Francisco 2. Boston 3. Philadelphia 4. **Washington, D. C.** [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 63, No. 416 \(November-December 1971\), pp. 433-435, 438-444*](#)

Martha W. Griffith of the 17th Congressional District in Michigan spoke at the September 21 luncheon meeting on the position of women in management. During the meeting, two \$500

scholarship awards were made to Thomas G. Hollingsworth of the University of Maryland and Joseph Hadeed from the Catholic University of America. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 64, No. 417 \(January-February 1972\), pp. 57-59, 62-72*](#)

At the November 16 meeting Maj. Gen. Robert H. Curtin, Director of Facilities, NASA, gave a slide-illustrated talk on the development of NASA and described some of the projects underway there. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 64, No. 418 \(March-April 1972\), pp. 133-146*](#)

1972

A. S. Damiani, manager of facilities for the Fairchild Hiller Corporation in Germantown, spoke at the January 18 luncheon meeting about disposal problems and possible solutions. Mr. Damiani had recently headed a team of college and civic groups that sponsored a symposium on solid waste in Montgomery County, Maryland.

On February 26, the post held its seventh annual dinner dance on behalf of its scholarship fund at the Fort Mc- Nair Officers Open Mess. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Air Force Band Dance Combo. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 64, No. 419 \(May-June 1972\), pp. 208-222*](#)

New officers elected at the May 16 meeting are **Capt. William F. Reed**, president; Capt. Robert C. Munson, vice president; Lt. Comdr. William G. Matthews, secretary-treasurer; William B. Pacheco and Col. John W. Everhart, directors. Speaker at the meeting was Hugh Kaufman from the Office of Noise Abatement and Control, Environmental Protection Agency; he discussed current noise pollution problems and the legislation under consideration for their control. Post member Benjamin H. Munroe has retired from the Army Topographic Command after more than 45 years of federal service. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 64, No. 421 \(September-October 1972\), pp. 362-376*](#)

On September 20 the post held a joint meeting with the American Institute of Plant Engineers. Speaker at the meeting was John W. Ward, Jr., special assistant to the Director of Air Force Civil Engineering for Legislation. Society President Donald C. Bentley was present.

Some of the problems encountered by the Atomic Energy Commission in obtaining approvals for the construction of the Calvert Cliffs, Maryland, nuclear power plant were discussed at the October 17 meeting by A. Giambusso, deputy director, Directorate of Licensing, Atomic Energy Commission. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 65, No. 423 \(January-February 1973\), pp. 51-62*](#)

The speaker at the November 14 meeting was Richard J. Sullivan, chief counsel for the Public Works Committee of the House of Representatives. Mr. Sullivan, who helped in the drafting and redrafting of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (the Clean Water Bill) explained the purpose of the bill and expressed his views for future cleaning up of the nation's water. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 65, No. 424 \(March-April 1973\), pp. 123-138*](#)

1973

The program of the March 20 meeting was presented by five junior officers representing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force. Each gave a summary of the duties and challenges facing a junior engineer officer in his respective service. The discussion was led by Capt. A. J. Sailer, the post's junior vice president. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 65, No. 426 \(July-August 1973\), pp. 274-291*](#)

According to membership reports received as of April 1, the top 20 posts in membership are as follows : 1. San Francisco (~850) 2. New York City 3. Philadelphia 4. **Washington, D. C.** (~350) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 65, No. 425 \(May-June 1973\), pp. 203-216*](#)

Brig. Gen. H. B. Brodie of the Canadian Army gave a talk at the April 17 meeting about the Canadian Arctic and conditions existing there which affect the operations of the Canadian Forces. He particularly emphasized the need to preserve the fragile environment, especially in the permafrost zones. General Brodie is the Army Attaché at the Canadian Embassy and the senior liaison officer with the Canadian Defense Liaison Staff in Washington, D. C. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 65, No. 426 \(July-August 1973\), pp. 274-291*](#)

The speaker at the May 15 meeting was Col. John T. Rhett, Jr., deputy assistant administrator for water programs operations of the Environmental Protection Agency. During the meeting, awards were presented to three high school students who were winners in the post's annual Science Fair Program. New officers are **Capt. Robert Munson**, president; Col. William Wray vice president; Maj. Allen J. Sailer, John W. Everhart, Louis E. Desmond, William B. Pacheco, Lt. Col. C. A. Kiefer, Col. Howard L. Sargent, Jr., and Lt. Col. George L. Rutland, directors. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 65, No. 427 \(September-October 1973\), pp. 355-363*](#)

Top Twenty Posts In Membership According to membership reports received as of November 15, the top 20 posts in membership are as follows: 1. San Francisco (914) 2. New York City (750) 3. **Washington, D. C.** (407)

At the September 19 meeting, which was held jointly with the local chapter of the American Institute of Plant Engineers, the post's two \$450 scholarship awards were presented to Sam Alberstadt of the George Washington University and Bert Black of the University of Maryland. Speaker at the meeting was Congressman Clarence J. Brown of the Seventh District of Ohio.

Russell J. Cameron, president of Cameron Engineers, Inc., a synthetic fuels consulting firm in Denver, Colorado, gave a talk on oil shale reserves at the October 16 meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 66, No. 429, Anniversary Issue \(January-February 1974\), pp. 60-61, 63-70*](#)

Land use planning and how it relates to the military engineer was the subject discussed at the November 20 meeting by 1st Lt. Gary D. Vest of the Air Force. The meeting was held at the Fort Myers Officers Club. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 66, No. 430 \(March-April 1974\), pp. 131-139*](#)

1974 Honorable Mention for Distinguished Post

Retirements at Society Headquarters MANAGING EDITOR AND BUSINESS MANAGER **Mary Katharine Lutz** retired in April 1974. With her retirement an era will end which spans 46 of the Society's 54 years of existence. Miss Lutz was born and educated in Washington, D.C. and her full biography is in **Appendix B**. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 66, No. 431 \(May-June 1974\), pp. 198-209*](#)



Mary K. Lutz

Figure 22. 1974. Miss Mary K. Lutz.

Middle Atlantic Region On March 1, the new Middle Atlantic Region of The Society - the sixteenth region - was established with Brig. Gen. W. T. Meredith named as Regional Vice President. The Region will cover the area of the District of Columbia, Virginia, and North Carolina including the following local posts: Bragg-Fayetteville, Fort Belvoir, Hampton Roads, Virginia Peninsula, and Washington, D. C., and student posts at the George Mason University, the University of Maryland, the University of Virginia, and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The George Mason University Post is the newest one, having been chartered on January 24, 1974, with Andrew K. Phelps as president.

The new officers are **Capt. Robert C. Munson**, president; Brig. Gen. William Wray, vice president; Capt. Max W. Day, junior vice president; Comdr. Wesley V. Hull, secretary; Maj. Allen J. Sailer, John W. Everhart, Lawrence E. Kennedy, Lt. C. J. Fehlig, Lt. Comdr. G. S. Robinson, Col. Donald H. Hildebrand, Lt. Col. G. L. Rutland, and William B. Pacheco, directors. The Ninth Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance was held at Fort McNair on February 1. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 66, No. 431 \(May-June 1974\), pp. 198-209*](#)

Griswold L. Moeller has been made vice president of Michael Baker, Jr., of New York, Inc., a subsidiary of Euthenics Systems Corporation. The tracking and data use of the Earth Resources Technology Satellite (ERTS-1) were discussed at the April 16 luncheon meeting by Frederick Gordon, Jr., from the Mission Utilization Office, Goddard Space Flight Center. The post awarded slide rules to three winners at regional science fairs.

The speaker at the May 21 meeting was Timothy N. Gallagher, special assistant for Energy, Air Transport Association. Mr. Gallagher discussed the fuel supply and price situation as well as government programs and regulations. The following officers were elected: **Brig. Gen. William**

Wray, president; Comdr. Theodore J. Wojnar, vice president; and Lt. Col. Ancil R. Pressley, secretary-treasurer. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 66, No. 432 \(July-August 1974\), pp. 255-269*](#)

Top Twenty Posts in Membership According to membership reports received as of August 1, the top 20 posts in membership are as follows: 1. San Francisco (912) 2. New York City (750) 3. **Washington, D.C** (309).

TME articles relate to the Washington DC Post were "Washington's Metro: A Progress Report" by Roy T. Dodge [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 66, No. 433 \(September-October 1974\), pp. 292-294*](#) and "A New Walter Reed Army Medical Center" by John H. Kenworthy [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 67, No. 435, ANNIVERSARY ISSUE \(January-February 1975\), pp. 29-31.*](#)

Two hundred and seventy-one persons gathered at the November 20 luncheon meeting to hear retired Maj. Gen. Jackson Graham, general manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro), report on the construction status of the Metro's 98-mile rapid rail transit system.

The speaker at the December 18 luncheon meeting was George M. White, the ninth architect of the United States Capitol, who outlined his responsibilities for administrative, legal, contractual, and engineering activities pertaining to the Capitol and other office buildings on the "Hill." Capt. John O. Boyer of San Jose, California, past member and 1971 recipient of The Society's Colbert Medal, has been appointed commanding officer of the NOAA Ship Researcher. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 67, No. 436 \(March-April 1975\), pp. 105-115*](#)

1975 Distinguished Post

At the January 15 meeting, Capt. Ernest R. Stacey, the officer in charge of construction for Trident-support facilities, discussed the plans and progress on components of the program.

On February 1, post members held their annual dinner dance at Fort L. J. McNair in support of the post's scholarship fund.

Top Twenty Posts in Membership According to membership reports received as of March 15, the top 20 posts in membership are as follows: 1. San Francisco (912) 2. New York City (750) 3. **Washington, D.C.** (412). [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 67, No. 437 \(May-June 1975\), pp. 172-181*](#)

The new officers are **Capt. Theodore J. Wojnar**, president; Col. John T. Cunningham, III, vice president; and Lt. Henry J. Dresch, secretary-treasurer. At the March 19 luncheon meeting, which was held with the local chapter of the American Institute of Plant Engineers, Congressman Robert Sikes, D.- Florida, discussed "The Outlook on Appropriations for Military Construction." Maj. Gen. Robert H. Curtin, Director of Facilities, NASA, spoke at the April 16 meeting on "Management of NASA Facilities." [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 67, No. 438 \(July-August 1975\), pp. 241-247*](#)

New officers elected at the April meeting were installed at the May 21 luncheon meeting by Brig. Gen. William R. Wray, the immediate past post president. Speaker at the meeting was

Allen G. Poppino, president of Benham, Blair & Associates, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; he discussed his company's work on the design, engineering, and construction of the United Services Automobile Association Building in San Antonio, Texas. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 67, No. 439 \(September-October 1975\), pp. 305-311*](#)

The post opened its 1975-1976 program year by holding a joint meeting with the Department of Defense Chapter, American Institute of Plant Engineers, September 17. Dr. Anthony R. Curreri, President of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, was the guest speaker. Dr. Curreri presented a speech on the new medical school complex now under construction in Bethesda, Maryland. The discussion included a history of the project, its present status, and its impact on the uniformed services. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 67, No. 440 \(November-December 1975\), pp. 367-370*](#)

A published TME article of interest was "The Bethesda Project" by A. R. Marschall [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 441 \(January-February 1976\), pp. 14-17*](#)

The post held a joint meeting on October 15 with members of the Fort Belvoir Post. Guest speaker was Rear Adm. A. R. Marschall, The Society President and Chief of Navy Civil Engineers, who discussed the hospital and university construction at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Daniel H. Lufkin was guest speaker at the post's November 19 meeting. He traced the history of solar energy, outlined the technology of its present applications, and offered a projection of the future role of solar energy. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 442 \(March-April 1976\), pp. 129-135*](#)

1976 Honorable Mention for Distinguished Post

At the January 21 meeting, Lt. Comdr. Pat Drennon discussed his experiences, while on an exchange program with the Corps of Engineers, as the project manager during the planning phase of a 50,000- person city to be constructed in the Saudi Arabian desert. The post held its annual Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance on January 30. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 443, Bicentennial Issue \(May-June 1976\), pp. 237-245*](#)

56th Annual Meeting The 56th Annual Meeting of The Society was held in Washington, D.C., from April 28 to 30, 1976. The Washington and the Fort Belvoir Posts were co-hosts. The Quality Inn, Pentagon City, 300 Army-Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia, was the official site of the Annual Meeting. President Ford wrote a letter to the Society acknowledging its celebration of the Nation's Bicentennial. A Distinguished Post streamer was given to the Washington, D.C. for 1975, and received by DC Post President, Capt. T. J. Wojnar.

Distinguished Post Members - In late 1975, all post presidents were asked to submit the name of an outstanding member of their post to be recognized in the Bicentennial Issue. Over 30 were received - too many to put in one issue of the TME, so they were carried as a series in Post News. All are certainly deserving - each of the first four has won The Society's Gold Medal for

Distinguished Service. In total, 27 individuals recognized; ten individuals were submitted by the Washington DC Post, and their biographies are in **Appendix B**:

Col. Fabius H. Kohloss, Maj. Gen. Charles G. Holle, Rear Adm. Eugene J. Peltier, Rear Adm. Peter Corradi, Brig. Gen. Herbert D. Vogel, Rear Adm. John B. Oren, Rear Adm. Walter M. Enger, John W. Ward, Jr., Lt. Gen. Walter K. Wilson and Rear Adm. James W. Moreau [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 443, Bicentennial Issue \(May-June 1976\), pp. 237-245*](#), [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 444 \(July-August 1976\), pp. 331-337*](#), [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 445 \(September-October 1976\), pp. 407-413*](#), [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 446 \(November-December 1976\), pp. 481-484*](#) and [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 69, No. 447 \(January-February 1977\), pp. 54-60*](#).

New officers are **Lt. Col. Elton D. Scheideman**, president; Capt. Clayman C. Myers, Jr., vice president; and Capt. Terry M. Fenstad, secretary-treasurer. Senator Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona spoke to 297 members and guests at the March 17 meeting. After an interesting talk on politics, the economy, and our defense posture, the Senator answered a Series of questions with candor and clarity. Post member Capt. William F. Reed, Jr., Deputy Commander for Facilities Management at the Headquarters, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, has been named one of the "Top Ten-Public Works Men-of-the-Year" for 1976 by the American Public Works Association. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 444 \(July-August 1976\), pp. 331-337*](#)

The September 15 meeting was held jointly with the Department of Defense chapter of the American Institute of Plant Engineers. The speaker was Hall Stroube of the Potomac Electric Power Company. He talked on the status of nuclear power plants as well as PEPCO's proposal for one at Douglas Point, Maryland. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 69, No. 447 \(January-February 1977\), pp. 54-60*](#)

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WASHINGTON, D.C.- The guest speaker at the January 19 meeting was Maj. Robert Holcumb of the Air Force Preparatory School. He talked on the \$400 million Aerospace Engine Test Facility at the Arnold Air Development Center, Tennessee.

The University of Maryland student post has successfully recruited 30 members, it was announced at its February 3 meeting. The annual post ball was held February 19, with the profits from the dance going to the post scholarship fund. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 69, No. 449 \(May-June 1977\), pp. 208-215*](#)

At the March 16 meeting A. P. Zechella, president of Offshore Power Systems, spoke on the siting of floating nuclear plants.

The speaker at the April 20 meeting was Congressman John P. Murtha (D-Pennsylvania), a member of the Military Construction Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations. Post member Brig. Gen. Herbert D. Vogel, Herbert D. Vogel Associates, Washington, D.C., was recently elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering.

Election to the Academy is the highest professional distinction that can be conferred on an engineer and honors those who have made important contributions to engineering theory and practice or who have demonstrated unusual accomplishments in the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology. General Vogel was selected for his "contributions to hydraulic model experimentation, water resource development, and military engineering. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 69, No. 450 \(July-August 1977\), pp. 283-290*](#)

President, **Capt. Thomas Stallman**; Secretary, Lt. James L. Delker, NAVFACENCOM (Code 0632), 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332. Recently elected officers are R. A. Wood, assistant secretary-treasurer; Maj. D. Bull, Capt. R. R. Cababa, W. J. Davies, Lt. Comdr. H. A. Dresch, W. T. Helm, L. Howard, Capt. W. Hull, D. F. Hurlburt, Comdr. J. Kau, L. Keller, Lt. Col. G. T. LaBlonde, Jr., Capt. R. Nelson, W. Pacheco, W. Ritchie, C. Smith, Capt. D. Thomas, J. Ward, Capt. T. J. Wojnar, Dr. Mg Yachnis, and Comdr. A. Yeager, directors.

"The Naval Petroleum Reserves - Their Importance to the Nation" was the subject of a talk at the post's September 21 meeting by Capt. R. H. Nelson, director of the Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves.

At the October 19 meeting, Capt. D. W. Wittschiebe, Commander, Chesapeake Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, discussed the design and construction of the Atlantic Offshore Towers for aircraft maneuvering range instrumentation. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 70, No. 453 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1978\), pp. 51-57*](#)

At the post's November 16 meeting, Maj. Gen. Robert H. Curtin, USAF (Ret.), Director of Facilities, NASA, discussed the Facilities input and involvement in the Space Shuttle program. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 70, No. 454 \(MARCH-APRIL 1978\), pp. 130-135*](#)

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Shown from left to right at the March 15 meeting are Seymour S. Greenfield, past Society President; Capt. Thomas F. Stallman, past post president; and Thomas R. Kuesel, the guest speaker.

Figure 23. 1978. March meeting.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 70, No. 456 \(JULY-AUGUST 1978\), pp. 279-285*](#)

Top Twenty Posts in Membership According to membership reports received as of August 1, the top 20 posts in membership are: 1. San Francisco (755) 2. New York City 3. Boston *4. New Jersey 5. Pittsburgh *6. **Washington, D.C.** (352)

At the September 20 luncheon meeting, Congressman Ray Roberts of Texas spoke on "Future Trends in Water Resources." This meeting was held jointly with the American Institute of Plant Engineers and the American Public Works Association. Several members of the University of Maryland Student Post also attended.

On October 18, post members participated in an all-day field trip through the Naval Academy facilities, followed by a tour of the Corps of Engineers Chesapeake Bay Model. Eight cadets from the University of Maryland Post were guests of the post on the tour.



WASHINGTON, D.C.—Shown above (from l to r) at the September 20 meeting are John W. Ward, Jr., Treasurer of The Society; Darrell B. Ridgely and Richard P. Lockwood, University of Maryland Student Post; and Col. Edwin P. Geesey, post president.

Figure 24. 1978. Col. Edwin P. Geesey, Post President.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 71, No. 459 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1979\), pp. 48-54*](#)

At the November 15 luncheon meeting, Rear Adm. Donald G. Iselin, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and Vice President of The Society, gave a talk on energy. Some 187 members and guests heard Admiral Iselin's talk, making the meeting one of the best attended in several years. "New Perspectives in Ocean Policy" were discussed at the post's December 20 meeting by Dr. James Curlin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Policy.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 71, No. 460 \(MARCH-APRIL 1979\), pp. 124-129*](#)

1979 Distinguished Post

The speaker at the January 17 luncheon meeting was Larry Murphy, project manager for the Analysis of Solar Energy Systems Project (ASES), Federal Systems Division, IBM. He discussed the design and function of the ASES. The post's 14th annual dinner dance was held on February 3. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 71, No. 461 \(MAY-JUNE 1979\), pp. 202-207*](#)

Salute to Top 20 Posts

Based on membership reports received as of July 31, we salute the following top 20:

1. Washington, D.C. 893
2. San Francisco 783
3. New York City 675
4. Boston 397¹
5. Philadelphia 360¹
6. Omaha 331
7. Pittsburgh 329
8. San Diego 324
9. Chicago 258
10. Portland 256¹
11. Louisiana 250²
11. Seattle 250²
12. Baltimore 247²
12. Greater Kansas City 247²
13. Vicksburg 234
14. Fort Belvoir 216
15. Guam 214
16. Hampton Roads 212¹
17. Minneapolis-St. Paul 202
18. Rock Island 186¹
19. Buffalo 180
20. Atlanta 175



Posts not reporting membership in the past six months are not shown.

Figure 25. 1979. Washington DC Post is the #1 Top 20 Post.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 71, No. 463 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1979\), pp. 358-360*](#)

Recently elected post officers are **Rear Adm. Herbert R. Lippold**, president; Col. Joseph A. Ahearn, vice president; and Lt. Comdr. Donald L. Suloff, secretary-treasurer. At the September 19 meeting, Fred Naef, regional marketing manager for the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, spoke on "Mini-OTEC - An Experiment in Offshore Thermal Energy Conversion." [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 71, No. 464 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1979\), pp. 435-438*](#)

The October 17 luncheon meeting featured a talk by Maj. Gen. William A. Carter (USA, Ret.) on "The Itaipu Hydroelectric Project in Brazil." [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 72, No. 465 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1980\), pp. 52-56*](#)

In November, some 130 post members and guests toured the headquarters and a construction site of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. At the December 19 luncheon meeting, John H. Robinson of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Hazards Materials Response Project discussed the Campeche Oil Spill. After the talk, post academic scholarships of \$500 each were presented to two area students. Two local science fair winners were also presented with awards at the meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 72, No. 466 \(MARCH-APRIL 1980\), pp. 129-134*](#)

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George Gray of the Gray International Corporation spoke at the January 16 meeting on the transition from active military service to private industry for the career engineer. This meeting was held jointly with the American Institute of Plant Engineers. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 72, No. 466 \(MARCH-APRIL 1980\), pp. 129-134*](#)

The post held its 15th annual dinner dance on February 9. Some 282 members and guests attended, including 12 members of the University of Maryland Students. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 72, No. 467 \(MAY-JUNE 1980\), pp. 201-207*](#)

At the March 19 luncheon meeting, Rear Adm. Donald G. Iselin, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and immediate past President of The Society, spoke on "The Naval Facilities Posture in the Western Pacific."

Col. Guy York, Project Manager, Aeropropulsion Systems Test Facility, Arnold Air Force Station, gave a talk at the April 16 meeting on engineering construction, research, and management at the Station. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 72, No. 468 \(JULY-AUGUST 1980\), pp. 282-287*](#)

New post officers are **Col. Joseph Ahern**, president; Capt. John Stanley, vice president; Maj. Ronald MacDaniel, secretary-treasurer; Bob Wood, assistant secretary-treasurer; Col. Ted Geesey, Lee Howard, Capt. Wes Hull, Dana Hurlburt, Bill Jacob, Bob Masterson, John W. Ward, Jr., Capt. J. Austin Yeager, Bob Anderson, Capt. Tom Stallman, Bob Wood, Rear Adm. H. R. Lippold, Jr., E. E. Kessler, Col. Frank M. Akiyama, Fred D. Jackson, Col. John Cunningham, Col. Morris Harlan, Lt. Col. Stuart H. Williams, and Lt. Charles Wurster, directors.

At the May 21 meeting, Robert Gants, Executive Vice President and Treasurer, U.S. Overseas Tax Fairness Committee, Inc., spoke on "A Campaign to Remove Tax Barriers to U.S. Competition the International Marketplace."

Arlene Dietz, Study Manager of the National Waterways Study, discussed this program at the June 18 meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 72, No. 469 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1980\), pp. 358-364*](#)

Top 20 Posts Based on membership reports as of September 15, these are the top 20 posts: 1. San Francisco (853) 2. **Washington D.C.** (829)

At the September 17 meeting, Maj. Gen. William D. Gilbert, President of The Society, discussed The Society's national programs for 1980- 1981. Afterwards, Kennard Underwood from the Terex Division, General Motors Corporation, spoke on air-transportable construction equipment. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 72, No. 470 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1980\), pp. 442-445*](#)

At the September 17 luncheon meeting, Kennard Underwood Jr., District Manager and Manager of Washington Sales, Terex Division, General Motors Corporation, spoke on "Air-transportable Construction and Materials-handling Equipment as an Aid to Readiness."

Dr. Robert R. Werner, Director of the Planning and Environmental Systems Division of Dalton-Dalton-Newport, discussed "Environmental Problems of the 1980's: A Call for Increased Sophistication in Engineering" at the October 22 luncheon meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 471 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1981\), pp. 50-56*](#)

The challenges that face designers as a result of the energy crisis were highlighted in a talk at the November 19 meeting by Richard H. Stanley, President of Stanley Consultants, Inc., of Muscatine, Iowa. During the meeting, two scholarships, each worth \$500, were awarded to two local college students.

Dr. Clifford L. Sayre, Jr., Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Maryland, spoke at the December 17 meeting on "Engineering Manpower: A Campus Perspective." In his talk, he pointed out the variables which influence the education and employment of engineering students and graduates today. He concluded that, eventually, colleges will have to restrict enrollments to limit faculty/student ratios to an acceptable level.

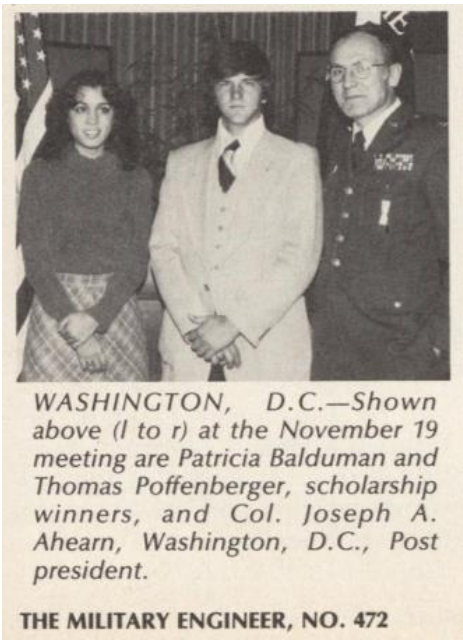


Figure 26. 1980. Scholarships and Col. Joseph A. Ahearn.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 472 \(MARCH-APRIL 1981\), pp. 131-139*](#)

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Top 20 Posts Based on membership re- ports as of January 23, 1981, these are the top 20 posts:

1. **Washington, D.C.** (911) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 472 \(MARCH-APRIL 1981\), pp. 126-130*](#)

Note, SAME HQ transitioned to the Century House around this time, and note the location of the Annual Meeting.

Top 10 Posts in Sustaining Memberships Based on Sustaining Membership reports as of March 19, 1981, these are the top 10 posts (posts which have the most Sustaining Members): 1. San Francisco (66) 2. New York City (29) 3. **Washington, D.C** (28)

Top 20 Posts Based on membership reports as of March 23, 1981, these are the top 20 posts: 1. **Washington, D.C.** 911 [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 473 \(MAY-JUNE 1981\), pp. 219-225*](#)

At the March 18 luncheon meeting, Charles Ralph M. Weaver, Project Manager, Bath County, Virginia, Pumped Storage Project, Harza Engineering Company, spoke on the engineering and architectural challenges encountered in constructing the project in western Virginia. Dr. (Col.) Raymond G. Troxler, a cardiologist at the Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, Texas, gave a talk at the April 16 luncheon meeting entitled "Success Without Stress."



WASHINGTON, D.C.—Shown above at the April 16 meeting, Col. Joseph A. Ahearn, post president (left), presents a Sustaining Member certificate to Denis Baron, president, The Fund for Ready Income.

Figure 27. 1981. Col. Ahearn presents certificate to a sustaining member.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 474 \(JULY-AUGUST 1981\), pp. 288-295*](#)

Top 10 Posts in Sustaining Memberships Based on Sustaining Membership as of July 15, 1981, these are the top 10 posts that have the most Sustaining Members: 1. San Francisco 69 2. New York City 31 3. **Washington, D.C.** 28 [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 475 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1981\), pp. 364-368*](#)

Top 20 Posts Based on membership reports as of August 30, 1981, these are the top 20 posts: 1. **Washington, D.C.** 1,107 2. San Francisco 877 3. New Jersey 436

Top 10 Posts in Sustaining Memberships Based on Sustaining Membership reports as of September 2, 1981, these are the top 10 posts that have the most Sustaining Members: 1. San

Francisco 2. New York City 3. **Washington, D.C.** [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 476 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1981\), pp. 412-414, 419-420*](#)

New post officers are **Capt. John Stanley**, president; Capt. James Doebler, 1st vice president; Lt. Patrick Higbie, secretary-treasurer; and Robert Wood, assistant secretary-treasurer. At the September 16 luncheon meeting, Dr. Irwin P. Lazarus, a management consultant with Lester B. Knight & Associates, Inc., gave a talk entitled "The Great Productivity Race - Can the A/E Keep Up?" [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 476 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1981\), pp. 422-427*](#)

Top 20 Posts Based on membership reports as of October 30, 1981, these are the top 20 posts:
1. **Washington, D.C.** 1,048

Top 10 Posts in Sustaining Memberships Based on Sustaining Membership reports as of October 31, 1981, these are the top 10 posts that have the most Sustaining Members: 1. San Francisco 76 2. **Washington, D.C.** 40

1982 Distinguished Post

The post will hold its Annual Dinner Dance at Boiling Air Force Base on February 20. The host will be Lt. Gen. J. K. Bratton, the Chief of Army Engineers; leading engineers from the military, government, and private sectors are expected. Any members who may be visiting Washington at that time are cordially invited. For details, contact Cary Jones, U.S. Coast Guard (G- ECV-2), Washington, D.C. 20593. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 74, No. 477 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1982\), pp. 48-54*](#)

Top 10 Posts in Sustaining Memberships Based on Sustaining Membership reports as of January 31, 1982, these are the top 10 posts that have the most Sustaining Members: 1. San Francisco 78 2. **Washington, D.C.** 51 [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 74, No. 478 \(MARCH 1982\), pp. 112-117*](#)

At the December 16 luncheon meeting, Comdr. Steve Beuby, Director of the Indian Ocean Project Office, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, gave a slide-illustrated talk on military construction on Diego Garcia, Kenya, and Somalia. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 74, No. 478 \(MARCH 1982\), pp. 118-124*](#)

Some 300 members and guests attended the post's recent Annual Dinner Dance.

At the March 17 luncheon meeting, Capt. Grace Hopper, U.S. Naval Reserve, discussed the evolution of the computer.

Prof. Rich Johnson, Air Force Institute of Technology, gave a talk at the April 21 luncheon meeting entitled "Happiness is a Warm Six Pack." His presentation covered the six kinds of people normally found in organizations and how a proper mixture of these types ensures a well-run group. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 74, No. 481 \(JULY-AUGUST 1982\), pp. 322-329*](#)

☆☆☆ **Sustaining Members- Over 1,000!** ☆☆☆ Due to the efforts of our regions, posts, and members, over 1,000 companies have become Sustaining Members of The Society. Through

their Sustaining Membership, these companies are showing their support of The Society and their dedication to the National Defense. They are truly our "Partners in Preparedness - and Peace." The companies and the names of their principal and alternate representatives at [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 74, No. 482 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1982\), pp. 400-406*](#) Note, the DC Post had 62 sustaining members, second to the San Francisco Post's 83.)

Recently installed new post officers are **Capt. James C. Doebler**, president; Col. Brian J. Branagan, vice president; Lt. Herbert R. Hribar, secretary-treasurer; Bob Wood, assistant secretary-treasurer; Col. Don Svendsen, Comdr. Melvin Grunthal, Charles Ellis, Cary Jones, Lt. Comdr. Joseph Bryson, Lt. Comdr. Robert Knowlton, Ed Halley, Maj. Erik Beshore, Maj. Earl Prechtel, Col. Joseph Ahearn, Col. George Romero, Comdr. Mike Sherman, Comdr. John Wallace, John Ward, Bob Wood, Bob Anderson, Maj. Gen. Henry Schröder, Minnie Cobey, Dr. Richard Hesse, Brig. Gen. John Peterson, Lt. Col. John Howard, Capt. Wesley Hull, Col. Les Savage, and Capt. John Stanley, directors.

At the May 19 luncheon meeting, Prof. Robert Waters, Acting Chairman of Engineering Administration, The George Washington University, spoke on the "Contingency Theory of Engineering Management."

The post held its annual business meeting on June 16, which featured displays by 15 of the post's Sustaining Members. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 74, No. 483 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1982\), pp. 481-489*](#)

Top 10 Posts in Sustaining Memberships Based on Sustaining Membership reports as of September 30, 1982, these are the top 10 posts that have the most Sustaining Members: 1. San Francisco 2. San Diego 3. **Washington, D.C.**

"Military Support to Air Florida Flight 90 Crash Recovery Operations" was the topic of a talk given at the September 15 luncheon meeting by Lt. Col. Hyatt Wight, U.S. Army. Afterward, three local university students were each presented with \$500 post scholarship awards. A slide-illustrated talk on the "Investigation of the Kansas City Hyatt Walkway Collapse" was given at the October 20 meeting by Dr. Edward Pfrang of the National Bureau of Standards.

Ernest Schröder, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers, spoke at the November 17 meeting on roller-compacted concrete.

At the December 15 meeting, Alton Bradford, Assistant Commander for Engineering and Design, NAVFACENCOM, discussed computer-aided design and how it is being used at NAVFACENC-COM. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 75, No. 485 \(MARCH 1983\), pp. 161-172*](#)

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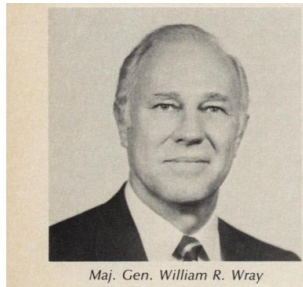


Figure 28. 1983. Maj. Gen. William R. Wray, a new RVP, and past post president.
(See Appendix B for his biography)

Top 10 Posts in Sustaining Memberships Based on Sustaining Membership reports as of April 30, 1983, these are the top 10 posts that have the most Sustaining Members: 1. San Francisco
2. **Washington, D.C.**

Top 20 Posts Based on membership reports as of April 30, 1983, these are the top 20 posts: 1. **Washington, D.C.** 2. San Francisco. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 75, No. 488 \(JULY-AUGUST 1983\), pp. 367-370*](#)

A TME article of interest is "The Renaissance of Pennsylvania Avenue" by Rennold G. Hanson [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 75, No. 489 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1983\), pp. 398-403*](#)



The Washington, D.C., Post's July 20 meeting was devoted to displays by the post's Sustaining Members.

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Figure 29. 1983. Some sustaining members.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 75, No. 489 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1983\), pp. 459-463*](#)

D.C.- New post officers elected at the May 18 meeting are **Col. Brian Branagan**, president; Col. James McCarthy, vice president; Maj. Robert Cross, secretary; Ruth Mann, treasurer; Bob Wood, assistant secretary-treasurer; R. Corrigan, A. Gravellese, Capt. J. Wallace, Col. L. Savage, Maj. R. Cross, Maj. J. Marapoti, R. Anderson, R. Hesse, A.F. Plant, Col. F. Gersh, Brig. Gen. J.

Peterson, J. Ward, P. Leahy, and B. Wood, directors. Afterward, Rear Adm. Wayne E. Meyer, Project Manager for the acquisition of the AEGIS shipbuilding project weapon system, spoke on the rapid build-up of the Soviet fleet since the Cuban missile crisis and of the U.S. response through the AEGIS program.

At the June 15 meeting, Tom Miller spoke on how to observe, predict, and manage human behavior in a way that can be applied to our work and personal lives.

The July 20 luncheon meeting featured displays by the post's Sustaining Member firms and the showing of the film "Gateway to the West". [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 75, No. 490 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1983\), pp. 536-546*](#)

The September post meeting featured Maj. Gen. John F. Wall, Director of Civil Works for the Army Corps of Engineers, who spoke on his experiences as commander of the Corps' Near East Project Office in Tel Aviv and construction projects in conjunction with the U.S. commitment in the Camp David Accord. The post awarded four \$500 scholarships at this meeting. Brig. Gen. John Peterson was presented a Society Pen Set at the October luncheon meeting for services to The Society in recruiting six Sustaining Members for the post. Col. James Adams, TRADOC Engineer, made an excellent presentation on stress management - a professional development subject for executives at all levels. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 76, No. 491 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1984\), pp. 49-59*](#)

Note, at this time in Society history, TME altered its publishing format of post events to the "Post Speakers Roster". This change instituted herein.

Post Speakers Roster Washington, D.C. 11/23/83 Walter Senus Topic: Impact of the Global Positioning System 12/21/83 James Lutz Topic: Repair of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The Washington, D.C., post cited Chuck Ellis for his outstanding service to The Society at the December meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 76, No. 492 \(MARCH-APRIL 1984\), pp. 141-146*](#)

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Post Speakers Roster Washington, DC 3/21/84 Tom Lewis Topic: "Innovations in Mass Transit in the State of Florida". [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 76, No. 494 \(JULY-AUGUST 1984\), pp. 329-330, 333-339*](#)

DC Post photos – In TME, several photos, without caption, but with corresponding numbers were published relevant to the DC Post: (Names are from left to right on each photo) 1. BG Bachus, MC Wright, and outgoing Washington, DC post president, Col. Brian Branagan. 2. George Alter in Washington. 3 Col. Branagan and Bob Wood in Washington. 9. Pamela Leahy and Col. Branagan in Washington. 12. MC George Rebb and MG Hank Schrader chat in Washington 15. MG George Rebb and MG Hank Schrader chat in Washington. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 76, No. 495 \(SEPTEMBER 1984\), pp. 410, 413-419*](#)

Post Speakers Roster Washington, DC 5/23/84 Dr. Eric Winslow Topic: Observations on Innovation.



Maj. Gen. Clifton D. Wright, Jr., USAF, Society National President, inducts new officers and board members of the Washington, DC, post.

Figure 30. 1984. Induction of new post officers.

Maj. Gen. Clifton D. Wright, Jr., USAF, Society National President, inducts new officers and board members of the Washington, DC, post. (The names of the new officers were not published.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 76, No. 495 \(SEPTEMBER 1984\), pp. 410, 413-419*](#)

Post officers were: President **Col. Frances DeMartino** v.p. Capt. J. Austin Yeager secretary Russell Milnes treasurer Ruth Mann membership sec. LTC J. Cuscheri directors R. Anderson, R. Corrigan, Maj. R. Cross, Col. F. Gersh, A. Gravallese, CDR M. Grunthal, E. Halley, Col. R. Hesse, Col. S. Johnson, P. Leahy, Capt. H. Lewis, R. McSevency, BG J. Peterson, A. Plant, Capt. S. Quigley, LTC V. Rusinak, Col. H. Savage, D. Spivey, B. Thompson, CDR P. Valade, Capt. A. Valenti, Capt. J. Wallace, J. Ward, R. Wood. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 76, No. 497 \(NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1984\), pp. 530-536*](#)

Post Speakers Roster Washington, DC 11/21/84 Robert E. Stone Topic: "Model Installations" [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 77, No. 499 \(MARCH/APRIL 1985\), pp. 140, 143-149*](#)

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Post Speakers Roster Washington, DC 2/23/85 LTC J. A. Abrahamson Topic: Strategic Defense Initiatives Organization [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 77, No. 500 \(MAY/JUNE 1985\), pp. 219-226*](#)

Post Speakers Roster Washington, DC 3/20/85 RADM Kenneth Wiman Topic: Coast Guard Engineering Programs 4/17/85 William Wallace Topic: Hazardous Waste Management

Post officers were president **Capt. Austin Yeager** 1st v.p. Capt. Robert Swain secretary William Stanley treasurer Ruth Mann membership sec. Robert Wood directors R. Anderson, R.L. Corrigan, Col. F.S. Gersh, A. Gravallese, M. Grunthal, R.J. Hesse, Capt. D.L. Hoffer, R.J. Hubbard, L. Hunkele, Col. S. Johnson, N. Kolesnikoff, P. Leahy, Capt. H. Lewis, R.A. McSeveney, BG J. Peterson, A.F. Plant, Capt. S.J. Quigley, Capt. R.E. Quinn, LTC V. Rusinak, Col. H. Savage, Capt. J.K. Schmitt, D.A. Spivey, B. Thompson, CDR P. Valade, J. Ward [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 77, No. 501 \(JULY 1985\), pp. 396-404*](#)

Note, "The Washington Report" was introduced as a monthly feature of TME, describing happenings within the federal government.

Post Speakers Roster 7/17/85 W. Gregory Halpin Topic: "Port of Baltimore" 9/85. Richard Stine and Robert Brite Topic: Waste Plant Construction at the Norfolk, Virginia, Naval Shipyard [The Military Engineer, Vol. 77, No. 504 \(NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1985\), pp. 614-616, 619-623](#)

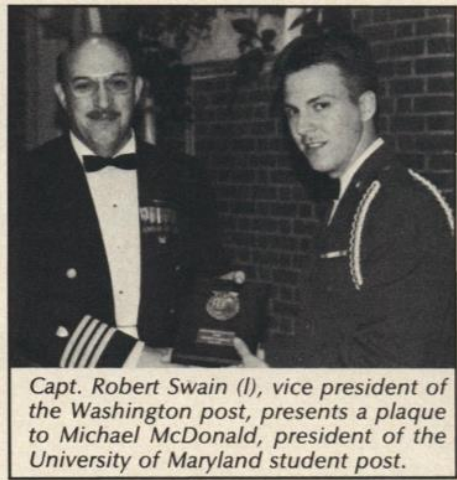


Figure 31. 1985. Capt. Robert Swain with UMD student post president Michael McDonald.

Post Speakers Roster 10/16/85 MG Mark J. Sisinyak Topic: Corps Initiatives in Producing 'More Construction for the Money'.

The University of Maryland student post held its Second Annual Fall Banquet on November 8th. Col. William Sims, Director of Engineering and Services, Air Force Systems Command, was the featured speaker. The festivities also included the presentation of an S.A.M.E. flag to the post, and a plaque honoring the post for its selection as an outstanding student post by the National Honor Society, both gifts from the Washington post. Capt. Robert J. Swain, vice president of the Washington post, was on hand for the awards.

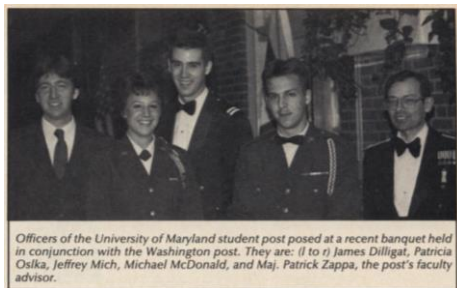


Figure 32. 1985. Officers of the UMD Student Post at an event with the Washington DC Post. [The Military Engineer, Vol. 78, No. 505 \(JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1986\), pp. 56, 59-64](#)



Figure 33. 1985. Maj. Gen. Wright and William Shepard discussing terrorism.

Post Speakers Roster 12/12/85 Dr. Robert K. Dawson Topic: U.S. Army Engineering Programs for Civil Works. 1/15/86 William Shepard Topic: Combating Terrorism. The Washington post met at the Key Bridge Marriott to listen to William Shepard's five-point plan to combat terrorism. His plan is based on his experience as a career foreign service officer. [The Military Engineer, Vol. 78, No. 506 \(MARCH/APRIL 1986\), pp. 141-144, 147-149](#)

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Top 20 Posts	Top 10 Posts in Sustaining Memberships
Based on membership reports as of March 31, 1986, these are the top 20 posts.	Based on reports as of March 31, 1986, these posts have the most Sustaining Members.
1. Washington, D.C. 1,313	1. San Francisco 122
2. San Francisco 971	2. Washington, D.C. 122
3. Omaha 580	3. Frankfurt 97
4. New York 558	3. New York City 96
5. Fort Belvoir 549	4. San Diego 78
6. Frankfurt 533	5. Seattle 54
7. Boston 498	6. Orange County 52
8. Philadelphia 495	7. Baltimore 42
9. Seattle 471	8. Minn.-St. Paul 40
10. Baltimore 463	9. Atlanta 39
11. San Diego 429	10. Los Angeles 36
12. Louisiana 406	10. Louisiana 36
13. New Jersey 371	
14. Atlanta 365	
15. Los Angeles 347	
16. Chicago 325	
17. Vicksburg 322	
18. Honolulu 304	
19. Dhahran 295	
20. Minn.-St. Paul 291	

Correction
Last issue erroneously reported Maj-Gen George E. Ellis as a Past President and author of SAME's 1984/85 themes. This credit actually belongs to MajGen Clifton D. Wright (RET).

Figure 34. 1986. DC is #1 for Individual Members and tied w/ SF at 122 Sustaining Members.



Figure 35. 1986. CAPT Bob Swain with LTG Jack Morris.

Post Speakers Roster 2/19/86 LTG John Morris (RET) Topic: What Construction Management is Today at Our Universities [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 78, No. 507 \(MAY/JUNE 1986\), pp. 324-328*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 5/21/86 Sustaining Member Day. 6/18/86 BG W.T. Meredith (RET) Topic: Industry Liaison - SAME [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 78, No. 510 \(SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1986\), pp. 542-548*](#)

Top 20 Posts	
Based on membership reports as of September 30, 1986, these are the top 20 posts:	
1. Washington, D.C.	1,314
2. San Francisco	946
3. New York City	658
4. Omaha	544
5. Frankfurt	538
5. Ft. Belvoir	538
6. Seattle	521
7. Philadelphia	503
8. Boston	489
9. San Diego	429
10. Louisiana	409
11. Baltimore	393
12. Los Angeles	340
13. New Jersey	334
14. Atlanta	329
15. Vicksburg	324
16. Mpls.-St. Paul	311
17. Honolulu	308
18. Riyadh	305
19. Kittyhawk	299
20. Chicago	294

Top 10 Posts in Sustaining Memberships	
Based on reports as of September 30, 1986, these posts have the most Sustaining Members:	
1. Washington, D.C.	127
2. San Francisco	118
3. Frankfurt	99
4. New York City	97
5. San Diego	72
6. Seattle	59
7. Orange County	50
8. Baltimore	45
9. Mpls.-St. Paul	42
10. Atlanta	40

Figure 36. 1986. Washington DC Post is #1 and #1!

Washington, D.C. president **CAPT Robert J. Swain** 1st v.p. CAPT Charles M. Maskell secretary CAPT Peter K. Valade treasurer Ruth Mann [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 78, No. 511 \(NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1986\), pp. 628, 631-633*](#)

Post Speakers Roster Washington, D.C. 9/17/86 F. Ross Holland, Jr. Topic: Restoring Liberty 10/15/86 Rear Adm. John Paul Jones Topic: Quality First: A Mandate for the Future [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 79, No. 512 \(JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1987\), pp. 48-52*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 11/19/86 Ray A. Barnhart Topic: Current Legislation, Policy, and Funding Affecting Future Highway Programs 12/3/86 Dr. Douglas Mose, Dr. Ned Mamula, and Dan Eagan Topic: Radon Gas [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 79, No. 513 \(MARCH/APRIL 1987\), pp. 130-134*](#)

1987 Distinguished Post

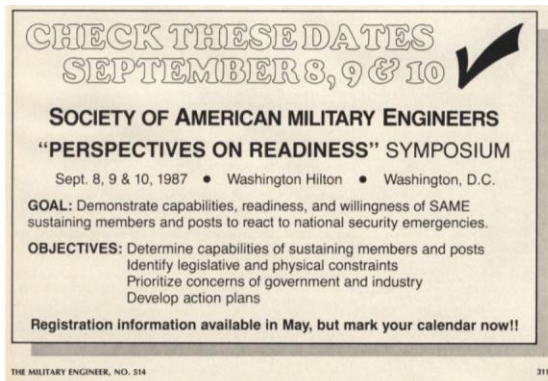


Figure 37. 1987. Advertisement for the Perspectives on Readiness symposium in Wash. DC.

Post Speakers Roster 1/21/87 Speaker: L. Wayne Amy Topic: FY88 Budget & Gramm, Rudman, Hollings Requirements 2/18/87 Speaker: William Ensign Topic: Restoring the U.S. Capitol's West Front [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 79, No. 514 \(MAY/JUNE 1987\), pp. 316-322*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 3/18/87 Speaker: Harold R. Denton Topic: Nuclear Reactor Safety and Safe- guards in the USA. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 79, No. 515 \(JULY, 1987\), pp. 392-396*](#)

Post officers are: president **Capt. Charles M. Maskell** v.p. Col. Dale F. Means secretary Cmdr. C. Ray Allshouse treasurer: Robert Haupt.

Post Speakers Roster 4/15/87 Speaker: Lt. Col. Paul Heartquist Topic: National Space Station Program Overview. 5/20/87 Speaker: J. L. Sibley Jennings Topic: Restoration and Preservation of Washington's Most Pleasurable Places. 6/17/87 Speaker: Gen. Robert A. Rosenberg Topic: The Eyes of the Department of Defense. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 79, No. 517 \(SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1987\), pp. 519-526*](#)

[READINESS SYMPOSIUM *The Military Engineer, Vol. 79, No. 517 \(SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1987\) pp. 594-595*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 7/16/87 Speakers: G. Farquhar, William McCormick, Jr., W. Eric Meyer
Topic: Insurance Liability Panel Discussion.

The Washington, DC Post also had 152 sustaining members and over 1400 members. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 79, No. 518 \(NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1987\), pp. 612-618*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 9/16/87 Speaker: Brig. Gen. Charles W. Lamb Topic: Superconductor
Supercollider Project. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 519 \(JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1988\), pp. 48-52*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 10/21/87 Maj. Gen. Robert H. Curtin Topic: Northeast Corridor
Improvement Project.

■ **Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference**, Industry Liaison Committee Symposium and Army/Air
Force Briefings, September 7-9 - Washington, D.C [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 520 \(MARCH/APRIL 1988\), pp. 133-138*](#)

1988 Distinguished Post

Post Speakers Roster 1/20/88 Brig. Gen. William A. Navas, Jr. Topic: National Guard Exercises in
Latin America. 2/17/88 Francis J. Conlon Topic: Dulles International Airport Expansion Plans.
3/16/88 Richard L. Siegle Topic: Smithsonian Institution Underground Museum Construction
[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 521 \(MAY/JUNE 1988\), pp. 320-324*](#)

MIDDLE ATLANTIC – RVP - Maj. Gen. Joseph Ahearn, Deputy Director of Engineering & Services,
HQ, USAF/LEE, Pentagon, Washington, D.C; Secretary, Capt. Jim Fraser, Woodbridge, VA

WASHINGTON, D.C.- President, **Capt. C M. Maskell**; Secretary, Cmdr. Ray C. Allshouse,
NAVFACENCOM [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 521 \(MAY/JUNE 1988\), pp. 332-335*](#)

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REGIONAL CONFERENCE [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 522 \(JULY 1988\)*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 4/20/88 Brig. Gen. Egbert Topic: Washington Metro - Past & Future. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 522 \(JULY 1988\), pp. 412-416*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 5/18/88 Brig. Gen. (Ret.) P. W. Thompson Topic: Normandy Invasion -
Personal Reflections. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 524 \(SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1988\), pp. 539-544*](#)

1988 MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND INDUSTRIAL LIAISON SYMPOSIUM [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 525 \(NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1988\), pp. 606-607*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 6/29/88 Maj. Gen. George E. Ellis, USAF Topic: SAME Issues and Goals,
1988. 7/20/88 John P. Elmore Topic: Corps Drought Emergency Actions. 8/17/88 Dr. Franklin
Martin Topic: Construction of the Space Station in the 1990's. 9/7-9/88 Mid-Atlantic Regional
Conference.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Pres: **Col. Dale F. Means** VP: Col. Donald J. Thomas Sec: Glenn E. Burg
Treas: Barry Wiegand Membership Sec: Cmdr. George Tzavaras Dirs: Capt. Walter S. Sim-
mons, Capt. Lawrence E. Welborn (Ret.), Col. Joe C. La Foy, Jr., Maj. Patrick T. Fink, Capt. C.M. Maskell,
William A. Stanley, S. Alexander Yellin, Roger J. Frank, Helen Lovejoy.



Figure 38. 1988. Three-way meeting of Washington, Ft. Belvoir and Baltimore posts.
[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 525 \(NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1988\), pp. 630-636*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 10/19/88 Capt. Tracey Tucker, USN Topic: Naval Facilities Construction at Diego Garcia. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 81, No. 526 \(JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1989\), pp. 53-58*](#)

Post Speakers Roster 11/16/88 Lt. Gen. Henry J. Hatch Topic: Commander's Perspective of the Corps of Engineers. 12/15/88 Field Trip: Tour of Air Force One Support Complex.

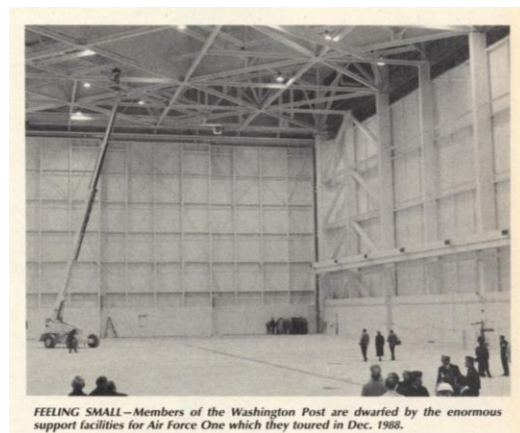


Figure 40. 1988. Washington DC Post tour of Air Force One support facilities.
[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 81, No. 527 \(MARCH/APRIL 1989\), pp. 58-64, 67*](#)

1989

Spotlight Posts [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 81, No. 529 \(JULY 1989\), pp. 55-57*](#)



Figure 41. 1989. RADM Benjamin Montoya and Barbara Myerchin at a DC Post meeting. The meeting was on May 17, 1989.



Figure 42. 1989. Washington DC Post scholarship recipients with their parents. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 82, No. 534 \(MARCH/APRIL 1990\), pp. 28-30*](#)

The 1990s

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1991

WASHINGTON, DC-William A. Stanley [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 83, No. 542 \(MAY-JUNE 1991\), pp. 57-58*](#)

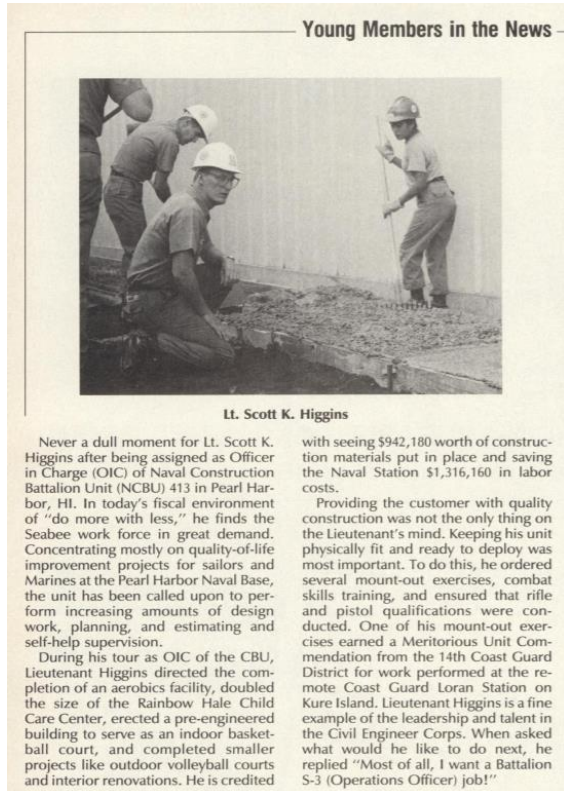


Figure 43. 1990. LT Scott K. Higgins, 18 years before becoming the 2018 DC Post President! [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 83, No. 546 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1991\), pp. 60-61*](#)

1992

Washington- President, **CAPT James H. Donahue** [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 84, No. 549 \(MAY-JUNE 1992\), pp. 43-46*](#)

1993

Washington- President, **CAPT Richard E. Brown** [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 85, No. 556 \(May-June 1993\), pp. 51-54*](#)

1994

RVP of the Mid-Atlantic Region Jim Donahue; Washington- **Thomas B. Delaney, Jr.**, [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 86, No. 565 \(August-September 1994\), pp. 77-80*](#) Note, around 2010, Tom Delaney provided Nelson Mix with a list of Washington DC Past Post Presidents, based on

memory, dating back to about 1990. This list was the genesis of the list in **Appendix D** until research in the TME archives occurred for Run to 2020.

1995

TME article of interest is “REDEVELOPING NATIONAL AIRPORT” [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 87, No. 574 \(December 1995\), pp. 16-20*](#)

1996

The first Golden Eagle Awards Dinner took place on Saturday, February 17, 1996, at the historic Willard Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 107, No. 693 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2015\), pp. 76-78*](#)

1997

The 1997 National Conference and Professional Training Workshops were held in Washington, DC. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 89, No. 582 \(January 1997\), pp. 189-196*](#)

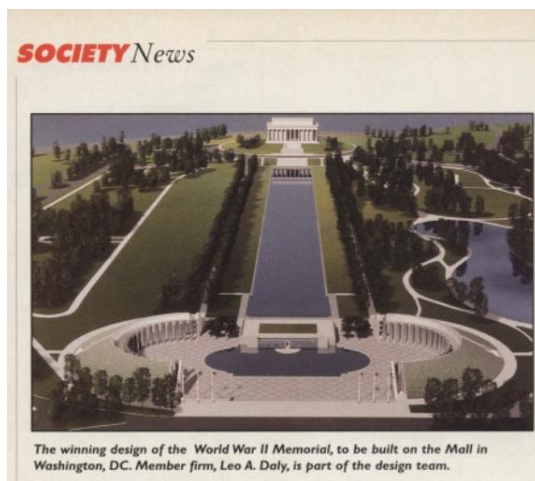


Figure 44. 1997. World War II Memorial design picture.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 89, No. 584 \(April-May 1997\), pp. 73-76*](#)

Article of interest in TME are “Sustainable Design for EPA” (about facilities in Washington, DC) by Robert E. Manfredi and Karl Stumpf [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 89, No. 587 \(October-November 1997\), p. 44, 46*](#) and “Protecting an American Icon” (the 34’x30’ Star Spangled Banner flag at the Smithsonian) by Michael J. Rzenik [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 90, No. 591 \(April-May 1998\), pp. 29-30*](#)

1998

A revised design of WWII Memorial was reported on in the TME. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 90, No. 594 \(October-November 1998\), p. 8, 10*](#)

1999

SOCIETY News

Successful Young Member Programs: Washington, D.C. Post



Tracy A. Knott	Program Highlights:	Lucian L. Niemeyer
	Young Member Industry Tours Tour of Special Air Mission Aircraft, Andrews Air Force Base D.C. Race for the Cure Monthly Young Member Socials	
Title: Business Development Manager Position: Federal Programs Firm/Agency: The RJA Group, Inc.		Title: Major Position: Legislative Liaison Firm/Agency: U.S. Air Force

Figure 45. 1999. Tracy (Knott) Allen and Lucian L. Niemeyer of the Washington DC Post.
Note, in August 2017, Hon. Lucian L. Niemeyer was appointed by the President and confirmed by Congress as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 91, No. 601 \(October-November 1999\), pp. 70-71, 74-75*](#)

The 2000s

2000

Washington D.C. Post Awards At its 1999 awards luncheon in January, the Post recognized Tracy A. Knott, Rolf Jensen and Associates, for distinguished service to the Post; Robert A. Bank and Bruce C. Riley, U.S. Army, for outstanding contributions to the engineering profession; Carol S. Mowder, Dames & Moore, for outstanding professional contributions by a young civilian member; Air Force Capt. Dwayne E. Thomas, for outstanding contributions by a young military member; and, RTKL as the Sustaining Member of the Year. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 92, No. 604 \(March-April 2000\), pp. 65-66*](#)

2001

2002 Top Post Bronze, and Grand Slam Post

1st Annual Congress on INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (ISBE) was held in Washington, DC. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 94, No. 619 \(September - October 2002\), pp. 33-36*](#)

2003

Three individuals from the Washington DC Post went on to win the national SAME awards: The Urbahn Medal (David V. Thompson, RTKL), The Goethals Medal (Arthur H. Wu) and a Gold Medal, for conspicuous and meritorious service to The Society by a member (Rose M. Dela Vega, RTKL Associates Inc.). Also nominated by the Washington D.C. Post for the J. W. Morris Sustaining Member of the Year Plaque, for eminent contributions to The Society by a Large Business was the winner ARCADIS G & M.

Posts & Region to Receive Society Annual Awards The outstanding Posts and Region in calendar year 2002 will be awarded at the 2003 National conference during the Post Awards and Leadership Transition session on May 29. Awards will be given in these categories: • Top Posts - Gold: Greater Kansas City; Silver: Minneapolis-St. Paul; **Bronze: Washington D.C.** • Grand Slam Posts - Minneapolis-St. Paul; Rock Island; Vicksburg; **Washington D.C.**; Greater Kansas City; St. Louis; Boston; Piscataqua; Huntington; Anchorage; Charleston; Jacksonville; Los Angeles; San Diego; Southern Nevada; Fort Worth; Houston/Galveston • Top Region - New England

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 95, No. 623 \(May - June 2003\), pp. 59-62*](#)

Washington D.C. Post Hosts Sustainable Design Program The Washington D.C. Post recently featured a panel of government and industry experts who discussed sustainable design projects at the Pentagon and the development of sustainable design policy and standards within a government agency. Three distinguished speakers told how Sustainable Design and construction principles are being used by their organizations.

- [Pentagon Renovation Program](#) Teresa Pohlman, Ph-D., a leader of the Pentagon Renovation Program's (PENREN 's) Integrated Sustainable Design and Constructability team highlighted five Pentagon projects that have employed or now use sustainable design standards: the completed Wedge 1 and the ongoing construction or renovation of the Remote Delivery Facility (RDF), the Metro Entrance Facility (MEF), Wedges 2-5, and the Pentagon Athletic Center (PAC) (see below)- Pohlman said, "Sustainable construction is not only the right thing to do for the environment and the sustained life cycle of buildings, it is the smart thing to do. Sustainable Design adds people and the environment into the picture, and a tracking system gives you a way to measure how you are doing in your construction projects." PENREN is using the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), to track building performance and progress toward achieving sustainable goals. LEED Certification is based on a four-level rating system of points for meeting requirements in five areas: site, water, energy, material and indoor

- Pentagon Athletic Center. Lidia Berger, National Program Director for Sustainable Design at HNTB Architecture, explained how PENREN is using sustainable concepts in the design and construction of the new Pentagon Athletic Center (PAC). "PAC's overall design goals are: functional, durable, maintainable, modern, flexible and built for 50 years." Environmentally preferable materials are being used throughout. "Our material selection process takes into consideration their overall environmental impact as well as performance, maintenance and function," said Berger. The facility will be able to achieve a 20% water use reduction over the water use baseline. Green roof will be installed to provide outdoor garden space, improve insulation and perform as a natural storm water filtration system. An ozone pool purification system will be used in place of more conventional chlorine treatment to address force protection and indoor air quality concerns. Progress on this project is measured using a LEED checklist and the LEED Evaluation Chart that are submitted to the PENREN team for review. "This ensures an ongoing record of the decision-making process and the capability to compare progress on a monthly basis," said Berger.

- NAVFAC on Sustainable Design. Michael Chapman, AIA, Senior Architect at headquarters Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) related the development of sustainable design policy and standards for the Navy's shore facilities. "Reduced total cost of ownership, enhanced customer satisfaction and operations effectiveness, are just some of the benefits of Sustainable Design implications," said Chapman. NAVFAC is working with other agencies (DOD, DOE, NIBS, U.S. Green Building Council, AIA Committee on the Environment) to develop the "Whole Building Design Guide" that aims to incorporate sustainable systems management tools from a number of planning and design guides. Chapman said, "The planning process of Sustainable Design includes not only the processes of the design and construction but also the processes that should be implemented and followed up once the project is built." The challenge is to encourage those who work and live at such a project to commit to using Sustainable Design principles for up-keep of the facility in order to receive maximum value throughout its lifetime. (Drawn from a release by Anna Ross, Chair, Post Communications Committee and

Marketing Specialist at Michael Baker Jr., Inc.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 95, No. 624 \(July - August 2003\), pp. 43-46*](#)

2004

Awards - The DC Post was recognized as a Top Post in all Membership Categories and received four (4) national awards with distinction. The DC Post was recognized as the SAME Post with the most members (over 1,200), the most Young Members (151), the most Sustaining Members (140), and most Life Members (105) and the most Fellows (81). Also, one of its members, LCDR Eileen D'Andrea, was awarded the national SAME Outstanding Young Member award.

2005

Awards – The DC Post achieved ‘Top Post’ and ‘Distinguished Post’ in 2005, and was awarded it during the 2006 Convention

Education and Community Outreach Initiatives – The DC Post members were very active in reaching out to the local community, helped foster public-private partnerships, and contributed to the A/E/C industry. In 2005, the DC Post launched a new Global Outreach Initiative to support and help other Posts in times of need, such as the Baghdad Post. The DC Post also hosted a Welcome Home luncheon to honor returning troops and their families. One person from each branch of service attended and represented their fellow branch members at the luncheon. Also, the DC Post organized a trip to the Defense Intelligence Agency Center for students at Lake Braddock High School. This event was part of the DC Post’s Education Committee’s initiative to provide education and mentoring opportunities to students who are interested in the architecture, engineering, and construction industry. 30 students participated in this event. The DC Post also participated in the opening ceremony for the 2005 National Engineers Week and was on the planning committee for the “ZOOM Into Engineering Family Festival” which is the opening event for all National Engineering Week events across the nation.

Construction Camp – Two high school students were sponsored by the DC Post to attend the U.S. Navy Seabees Camp in Port Hueneme, CA where they spent a week living and working on a construction site to learn about engineering and construction. Upon returning, one of the students briefed the Post membership during one of the luncheons.

Scholarship Fund Raising – The Golf Tournament Chair, James Peck (2004 Post President), did an outstanding job planning and executing the annual DC Post Golf Tournament and as a result, raised a record \$15,000 for the Scholarship Program. This allowed the Post to award \$24,000 in scholarships, another new ‘high-water mark’ for the Post.

Andrews Air Force Base Chapter – The Andrews AFB (now Joint Base Andrews) Chapter of the DC Post was inaugurated during in 2005. With the coordination of the DC Post leadership and the Base Civil Engineering Squadron officers, their charter was established and the new members began participating in various DC Post activities and events. Introducing these engineering officers to the principles and networking value of SAME will have a long-term

positive impact on their careers, both in and out of the service. Refer to Appendix C – Chapters of the DC Post for an extended history of the Andrews Chapter.

Young Member Program – The success of the Young Members initiatives throughout this year was evident with the growth of the group and the engagement by an increasing number of these young professionals at the over six events held/planned for the year.

2006 Distinguished Post

Society of American Military Engineers: National Medals and Awards Recipients [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 99, No. 647 \(May - June 2007\), pp. 43-46*](#)

The year 2006 was typical year for the Post in the mid-2000s. Activities and meetings started with the annual awards program in January. Other highlights included:

(28 February 2006) (100+ in attendance) USPHS Program and Scholarship Awards. In addition to the Scholarship Recognition Ceremony, RADM Richard Barror, United States Public Health Service (USPHS) gave an excellent presentation on Engineering Opportunities in the Public Health Service and the environmental issues that affect our personnel and environment that need to be paid attention to, and presented history of the PHS Commissioned Corps and described engineering opportunities, including the COSTEP (Commissioned Officers Student Training Extern Program). In the 11 years prior, the Washington DC Post awarded over 80 Scholarships, over \$95,000 under the program, including \$52,600 awarded to 38 recipients as named Scholarships since 1996.

(23 March 2006) (76 in attendance) The SAME Washington DC Post held the Combat Engineering program at the Washington Navy Yard on 23 March 2006, that was attended by more than 75 SAME members and guests. Navy Commander Scott Bernotas, who recently returned from overseas, gave an excellent presentation on Military Engineering Projects being conducted in the Region of Bagdad and Fallujah Iraq.

(25 April 2006) (over 90 in attendance) ^{[[SEP]]}Don Basham, Chief Engineer for Construction, US Army Corps of Engineers, gave an excellent presentation at the Washington Navy Yard on Army MILCON Transformation that included recommendations on how to account for various lifecycle management issues when facing challenges on numerous projects as part of the MILCON transformation effort, and how to incorporate best practices in the facility management.

(Spring 2006) As part of the SAME Washington DC Post Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, to raise funds for the Scholarship Program, the SAME Washington DC Post raised a record \$21,000.

(23 May 2006) (over 70 in attendance) Panel: ^{[[SEP]]}HOWARD JENSEN, Vice President, The Peterson Companies. BOB PRIEST, P.E., DBIA, Principal Associate, Regional Market Director for HSMM. ED FEINER, AIA, F.SAME, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP. ROD GARRETT, AIA, Skidmore, Owings &

Merrill LLP. Location: Conference/Catering Center, Washington Navy Yard Program: Howard Jensen, VP, The Peterson Companies gave a fantastic presentation on the Design and Construction of the National Harbor Project on the Potomac River. Bob Priest, PE, DBIA, Principal Associate, Regional Market Director for HSMM, gave an excellent presentation on the Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Complex for HMX-1 at Quantico Marine Corps Base. And Ed Feiner, AIA, F.SAME, Director, Nationwide Government Program and Rod Garrett, AIA, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP gave a first-rate presentation on the Patent and Trade Office, Alexandria, VA.

(27 July 2006) (over 106 in attendance) Steve Iselin, Director of Base Development and Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection, NAVFAC gave an excellent presentation on Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection initiatives and Base Development Opportunities that included recommendations on what environmental and green building issues need to be considered when preparing for best practices in base development initiatives in keeping with force protection measures. The program was held on 27 July at the Washington Navy Yard, in Washington DC. Over 100 SAME members and guests attended the program.

(24 August 2006) (over 80 in attendance) Presenter: George Foresman, Under Secretary for Preparedness Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Mr. Foresman gave an excellent presentation on DHS Preparedness Programs and explained how small and large businesses can participate in mentor protégé programs for the benefit of our overall national security. This was an excellent program attended by over 80 SAME members and guests that was held at the Conference Center Washington Navy Yard in Washington DC.

(30 September 2006) The Inaugural Washington DC Post Scholars and Honors Gala, held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington DC raised \$51,000 for the DC Post's Scholarship Program.

(26 October 2006) Over 200 SAME members and guests attend the SAME Washington DC Post's Annual Federal Opportunities Industry Day. Will Colston, Deputy Directory, Design and Construction, Overseas Building Operations, US Department of State, Jim Jones, Director, Project Management, Baltimore District, US Army Corps of Engineers, Kurt Kuhn, Planning Director, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, and Mary Ellen Seale, US Department of Homeland Security gave excellent program overview and upcoming federal opportunities presentations including the water and waste water programs and the management of water projects, including planning and management of the projects, at numerous federal facilities both with parameters in the US and with requirements applicable to overseas projects.

(9 November 2006) This seminar incorporated study aids for those who are planning to consider certification. The program was attended by more than 50 SAME members and guests, and held at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington DC, was hosted by the SAME Washington DC Post and the CMAA NCC. The program presentations introduced emerging technology that will enhance project delivery. A panel of speakers, including a construction manager, an owner,

and from academia, will present their perspectives on the features and benefits of this technology - including case study applications, with focus on schedule analysis, communications, constructability, and decision making. By engaging audience participation, the seminar will also seek to explore current perceptions of 4D technology applications and potential advancements in service delivery. The speakers were Stephen Hagans, Project Knowledge Center and GSA; John Messner, PhD, The Pennsylvania State University.

(9 November 2006) Over 60 SAME members and guests attended this excellent program at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington DC. CAPT Hugh Hemstreet, PE, Operations Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, gave an excellent presentation that spotlighted excellent design and construction efficiencies the challenges and solutions encountered on this unique \$82.5-million 156,896-sq-ft steel framed two-story multi-use project, featured in ENR, and now under construction. The presentation included designing in chaos, integrating high-tech pyrotechnics, special effects, and managing the sometimes diverse perspectives of the entertainment, construction and training industries and the Navy.

(9 November 2006) Students from the Lake Braddock High School traveled to the Architect of the Capitol Visitor Center. The tour enabled those students interested in potentially pursuing a career in the architectural/engineering/construction industry, the opportunity to see- first hand – what takes place in the construction of a building. This tour was the result of the coordinated efforts of the SAME Washington DC Post Education Committee and Grunley Construction. Grunley graciously volunteered to schedule the tour and assign someone from their firm to tour the students. This event is part of the Education Committee's initiative to provide education and mentoring opportunities to students who are interested in the architecture, engineering and construction industry. Marsha Miller, Chair of the DC Post Education Committee, was instrumental in organizing the tour.

(5 December 2006) Over 200 SAME members and guests attended the full day Industry Day at the Fairview Park Marriott, in Falls Church, VA. The Tri-Service Industry Day included sessions with presentation by USACE, Air-Force and the Navy representatives. Presentations focused on the workloads for the individual services and how they convey business. Services represented identified innovative methods required to accomplish the workload. The Industry Day was an excellent opportunity for the services to obtain market research and become familiar with the firms that are interested in their mission. Presenters at Industry Day included: Dr. James W. Wright, Ph.D., P.E., Chief Engineer and Director for Capital Improvements, NAVFAC HQ; Kurt W. Kuhn, RA Head of Design and Construction, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Washington; James R. Jones, P.E., PMP Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management, Chief, Programs and Project Management Division, USACE - Baltimore District; and Ms. Anne Rathmell Davis Deputy Commander, Navy Installations Command. Veterans were also recognized on this day.

Also in 2006, the Washington DC Post participated in sponsoring the SAME National Building Fund, and became a 1-Star Sponsor of the SAME National Century House Fund to raise funds for

the Society's building program. Further, the post was a sponsor for the Builders Ball, Fisher House, Toys for Tots, and other K-12 STEM activities.

2007 Distinguished Post

In 2007 the SAME DC Post hosted its first (of many) joint industry conference with ACEC Metro Washington on Current Industry Trends, Challenges and Opportunities. Post programs were focused on topics relevant to membership. These programs also satisfied streamer requirements. For example:

K- 12, including but not limited to science fairs, Learning for Life and MATHCOUNTS – On January 19, 2007, Twenty Project Lead The Way (PLTW) students from the Henry E. Lackey High School, Arlington, VA, toured the Pentagon. A photo of the students standing behind the lectern in the Pentagon Press Room was the March-April 2007 Washington DC Post Newsletter. The students made their way through the five ring corridors receiving an extremely comprehensive explanation of the history of the Pentagon, its structure and design as well as the various functions that military and civilian employees perform in their daily work.

Efficient Design and Constructon – The March 22, 2007 “Mega Programs” meeting at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC with over 100 in attendance was a luncheon at the Washington Navy Yard about mega construction projects currently being worked on by our DC Post members. One presenter, Mr. James Brogan, of Facchina-McGaughan discussed the \$250 million Turnberry Tower residential project in Rosslyn, VA. His presentation went into detail about multiple modifications of the design and the challenges of constructing a multistory structure in an already developed downtown piece of property, which is small in acreage.

Corporate Information Management Systems – Mr. Matt Hass, Clark Construction reviewed the construction progress of the \$611 million Washington Nationals Ballpark. The presentation discussed innovative technology transfer of shops, structural steel and steel detail drawings amongst several contractors during this extremely fast paced bid-design-build project. Also, the presentation contained information about Knowledge Management internet-based systems to monitor real-time construction progress via visuals and live webcams. This was presented on March 22, 2007.

Golf - SAME DC Post Sustaining Members and Board of Direction Director Fred Parker of Tetra Tech Facilities Construction (TtFC) and Turner Construction jointly sponsored a fund-raising golf tournament to benefit our wounded warriors. The tournament was played May 2, 2007 at Andrews Air Force Base. The event raised money, some of which will go to Mrs. Nelida Bagley, the mother of Staff Sergeant Jose Pequeno, a soldier who was wounded last year in a grenade attack in Iraq was still in a coma at Walter Reed. Staff Sergeant Pequeno's story is remarkable. He served first as a Marine and was discharged medical reasons, and went on to become the Chief of Police of his hometown. After 9/11, Staff Sergeant Pequeno joined the Army Reserves, and volunteered to go to Iraq where he was severely wounded in a grenade attack.

Combat Engineering – During the post program on May 24, 2007 at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC Mr. Larry Walker of the Louis-Berger Group, Inc. gave a presentation entitled “Reconstruction of Afghanistan, Military and Civilian Contractor Integration”. The large-scale USAID program used to rehabilitate the economic infrastructure that requires the collaboration of civilian contractors, the

military (military & combat engineering and specific forces), US Department of State and the Afghanistan government was discussed.

Facility Infrastructure and Life Cycle Management - Session A, one of the concurrent 45 minute sessions on June 21, 2007 occurred at a joint program between the Washington DC post and the American Council of Engineering Companies Metropolitan Washington Chapter (ACECMW.org) at the Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC and was entitled: Federal Agencies: Local Military BRAC (Base Realignment And Closure) Update. The moderator was Mr. Jerry Kavadias, A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc., and presenters were Kurt Kuhn, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and Jim Jones, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. In these discussions the facility infrastructure life cycle management of military facilities was discussed.

Water Resources Planning and Management – Session B, one of the concurrent 45 minute sessions on June 21, 2007 at the joint Washington DC Post and American Council of Engineering Companies Metropolitan Washington Chapter (ACECMW.org) program at the Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC was entitled “Water Infrastructure: Civil Works and Utilities”. Speakers were Mr. Gary Well of CH2MHill, Craig Frickle of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and Ms. Jodi Beauchamp of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Award PDHs – The June 21 program that was held jointly with the American Council of Engineering Companies Metropolitan Washington Chapter (ACECMW.org) at the Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC awarded 4 PDHs for those who attend in its entirety.

Environmental Sustainability & Stewardship – On July 26, 2007 at the Washington Navy Yard, Ms Teresa Bernhard, of the US Navy Facilities Command in Washington, DC gave a presentation about the National Environmental Policy Act and expansion of the US military presence on Guam. This DC Post program was attended by over 80 SAME members, some who came from as far as Atlanta, GA to hear the message of how a small island can undergo a large increase of population in a short period of time, without much of an environmental strain.

Emerging Technologies – On August 21, 2007 at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC over 30 people attend a program on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Highlights in the latest in design, construction and operation in performance for ‘Green’ buildings and a review of LEED performance measures and documentation were presented. The presenter was Russell Perry of the Smith Group.

Award scholarships – On Saturday September 15, 2007 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC the SAME Washington DC Post awarded \$30,000 in scholarships to 10 college students during its Gala. Also during the event, the Washington DC Post donated airfare and lodging in Orlando, FL to First Lieutenant Joseph C. Bogart, US Army Combat Engineer, and his family, valued at over \$3,000 to honor his bravery, dedication and service to this country. First Lieutenant Bogart was severely wounded in Iraq, and attended our Gala event (with his wife and companion – sight- service dog) and received a long standing ovation from all in attendance. It was by far the most emotional, inspiring and worthwhile moment of any post program all year.

Future program, project, and contract opportunities for Department of Defense programs in the local area or region – On November 18, 2007 at the post’s “Industry Day” program at the Navy Yard in

Washington, DC, BGen Bo Temple of the US Army Corps of Engineers gave an overview of contracting opportunities and projected agency funding into Fiscal Year 2103.

Small Business – The Post hosted a full day, small business conference on October 18, 2007 at the University of Maryland. Over 100 people attended. Companies in attendance were both large and small businesses, and several were in either mentor or protegee relationships. This conference brought together members from the public and private sectors to engage in constructive dialogue and involve our small businesses who bring value to our industries and to our Society. Our gratitude is extended to Linda Wright, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Col. Mike Rossie, Ft. Belvoir BRAC office; Carlen Capenos, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Chrisy Kyrgos, Department of Veterans Affairs; and to Angela Williams, Department of Homeland Security for participating in this event. There were 16 large firms represented, and 23 small businesses in attendance.

Future program, project, and contract opportunities for non-DOD programs at the Federal, State or local levels – On November 18, 2007 at the post's "Industry Day" program at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC, Capt. Chris Mills, PE, of the US Coast Guard gave an overview of the expansion of the St. Elizabeth's campus in Southeast Washington, DC which will house a majority of the Department of Homeland Security agencies, including the USCG, FEMA, and others, scheduled to be completed by Fiscal Year 2103.

Holiday Party- On December 12, 2007 at the Army Navy Club in Washington, DC the Washington, DC Post hosted a special event featuring Community Outreach, with the special guest Mr. Derek Donovan, Vice President, Operations of the Fisher House Foundation. His presentation detailed the work of the Fisher House Foundation and provided Post Sustaining Members with the opportunity to donate to one of the most efficient charities relevant to Post membership.

2008 Distinguished Post

The first modern era student chapter of the Post was established at George Washington University, by Mr. Philios Angelides, PE (2011 Post President). Refer to Appendix C – Chapters of the DC Post for an extended history. The Washington DC Post President, 1st Vice President and other elected Directors on the BOD met with deans at UMD, Catholic, Howard, and George Washington University in 2008 to formalize the already existing and informal mentoring agreements and establish student chapters.

The Post presented annual awards on Thursday January 24, 2008 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Sustaining members and individuals were recognized and forwarded to SAME HQ for consideration for National awards.

The February 21, 2008 'Army BRAC and Grow the Force' DC Post program at the Navy Yard featured Col Jim Balocki, USACE. While the program was predominately focused on Base Realignment and Closure, it did address combat engineering support.

On March 20, 2008 at the Navy Yard the program was presented by Mr. Marko Bourne, FEMA Director of Policy and Analysis. He addressed 'planning'.

On April 18, 2008 at the Ft. Meyer Officer's Club in VA, CDR Nelson Mix represented the Post and SAME during the 2008 Georgetown Hoya Military Battalion Ball. At this ROTC formal dinner he awarded a graduating cadet Stephen Sikes with an SAME award, and spoke about the Society.

The Post sponsored DC Post Young Members and Board Members Lauren Myer and Katherine Ollinger at the May 2008 Joint Engineering Training Conference in Minneapolis, MN.

On May 20, 2008 at the Food and Drug Administration consolidated campus in White Oak, MD the Post had presentations and a field trip of the on-going GSA-constructed facility.

On June 4, 2008 at the Hilton McLean in VA, the DC Post combined with the ACEC/MW for the second year to partner on an annual program. Session B – "BIM – The Engineering Impact" featured 3 speakers who discussed Building Information Systems – from 3 different companies (Michael Baker, Gilbane, and the Smith group) and Session D, "Local Governments – Keeping Up with Infrastructure" featured Mr. David McLaughlin, Deputy Director of Engineering and Technical Services from the Washington DC Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA) who addressed these topics.

The DC Post also sponsored Caroline Schwieter, a high school junior interested in civil engineering, to attend the Seabee Construction Camp which was July 20-26 in Ventura County, CA. She gave an excellent presentation about her trip at the August 2008 Post lunch meeting at the Washington, DC Navy Yard.

On July 31, 2008 at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC, CDR J.D. Mitchell, USN spoke about the consolidation of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center with the Bethesda National Navy Medical Center. His presentation, like many others this year, addressed specific issues and questions about LEED certification and green building technologies

On August 28, 2008 at the Washington Navy yard, MG (Ret) Clair F. Gill, Director and Chief of Staff, Office of Facilities & Operations, Smithsonian Institute discussed the SI's most recent plans and projects for the maintenance and renovation of existing facilities and the construction of new facilities. The SI has 710 facilities, 12 million square feet, and 19,000 acres.

On September 4, 2008 the Washington DC Post co-hosted a small business program at Ft. Belvoir that had both small and large businesses present, with booths, networking, lunch and presentations. The speakers were from the USACE and NAVFAC.

DC Post 1st Vice President Al O'Konski and YM Board Member Marsha Miller, the Post Education Chair also both attended the September 2008 Post Leaders workshop in Northern VA.

On September 21, 2008 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC the DC Post awarded \$30K in scholarships to 12 students from 6 colleges/universities during its Gala.

On October 16, 2008 at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC, Mr. Brian Sanders spoke about the USMC's FY 09 \$2.1B "Grow the Force" initiative. He is the Director of Military Construction Programming under Installations and Logistics (Facilities), Headquarters, USMC. His presentation included challenges with the concurrent Guam build-up and the Grow the Force Bachelor Enlisted Quarters construction program. He addressed efficient design and construction in these programs to counter rising construction costs and the shortage of construction resources.

On November 20, 2008 at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC, Mr. Paul Bosco, PE, PMP, the Director of the Office of Engineering and Construction Management of the US Department of Energy, spoke about "FY09 DOE Programs". His entertaining and informative talk speculated about future department leadership, compared and contrasted DOD and DOE programs, and provided information on DOE budget initiatives, up-coming programs, future facilities, and on-going and future construction projects. He was presented with a post coin and his briefing was posted the Post's website. His talk included several cases of leading technologies, for "atom-smashing" and other innovative energy projects, and emerging technologies within the DOE and construction industry.

The December 11 DC Post Holiday party at the Army Navy Club in Washington, DC heard from Mr. Howard Snow, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (and the Marine Corps) for Installations & Facilities about energy and stimulus packages on Capitol Hill for A&E and construction companies to bid on.

2009

An article of interest is "Conservation on Capitol Hill" by Scott Shapleigh and Andy Wakefield. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 101, No. 661 \(September-October 2009\), pp. 75-76*](#)

TME, in **Society News**, published a table of "Top Post For Membership for 2009". **The DC Post was #1 in all five membership categories!** The Post had more than twice as many Individual Members (814), Life Members (197), and Fellows (110) as the #2 posts. The Post was # for Young Members (136) and #1 for Sustaining Members (600 - tie with Baltimore Post). [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 102, No. 667 \(September-October 2010\), pp. 83-84*](#)

The 2010s

2010 Distinguished Post

The Post presented annual awards on Thursday January 28, 2010 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Sustaining members and individuals were recognized and forwarded to SAME HQ for consideration for National awards. The 25, 20, 15, 10, & 5 Year Sustaining Member Firms were recognized.

The February 22, 2010 program “Headquarters US Air Force Joint Basing Overview” was an example of the power of corporate information management tools in conglomerating US armed services on government property.

The March 25, 2010 “US Army Corps of Engineers SAME Post Brief” detailed Army Engineer Units at the Washington Navy Yard heard by Mohan Singh PE, SES, Chief, USACE Interagency & International Services.

The April 22, 2010 program was “DOE Environmental Management Brief”. This program touched on emerging technologies and trends DOE employed by DOE environmental programs.

In May 2010 Washington DC Post had a booth on the National Mall as a part of the USA Science and Engineering Festival, which was geared towards high school students. This huge, well planned, new event furthers Society goals, and was in response to a request from SAME HQ.

The Washington DC Post Golf Tournament on May 11, 2010 also generated over \$15K for the Post scholarship fund.

The June 8, 2010 program in Bethesda, MD with the American Council of Engineering Companies, Metropolitan Washington Chapter had several technical sessions and featured a sustainable economy. One of the sessions had to do with water.

The Washington DC Post sponsored three high school students to attend the SAME Engineering and Construction Camps in the summer of 2010. The students (and camps) were Grant Hemberger (Seabees), Kevin Corcoran (USAF), Justine Strickland (Seabees).

The Young Member Committee had a field trip on June 29, 2010 to the Capitol Complex. The Architect of the Capitol’s Stephen Ayers led the tour. The Washington DC post sponsored several Young Member Networking Happy Hours every month of the year, except in June, September, October and December.

The July 22, 2010 program featured “FBI Facility Acquisition Programs”. This program addressed way the Federal Bureau of Investigation views its real property and manages its life cycle.

The Post, along with the NOVA (Northern Virginia) Post, co-hosted a full day, small business and industry forum on September 16, 2010 at Ft. Belvoir, VA. Companies in attendance were both large and small businesses, and several were in either mentor or protégé relationships. This conference brought together members from the public and private sectors to engage in constructive dialogue and involve our small businesses who bring value to our industries and to our Society. Small and large business sustaining members were highlighted.

On September 22, 2010 at the Army Navy Club in Washington, DC the DC Post awarded \$30K in scholarships to 12 students from 7 colleges/universities.

The October 28, 2010 presentation from Ms. Debbie Dietrich, SES, Associate Administrator for US Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Homeland Security addressed a variety of EPA emergency response activities that emphasized on environmental sustainability and stewardship.

The November 2010 post luncheon presentation about "Government In-sourcing" from Mr. Robert Burton of Venable, LLP lent itself to demonstrate efficient design and construction practices for the US Government. The speaker had served as the nation's top career federal procurement official, with over 30 years of experience.

In December 2010 the DC Post featured the USO and Team River Runner at its monthly meeting. Team River Runner is a non-profit organization that supports wounded veterans by providing life experiences. An example is service member amputees white-water kayaking.

[2011 Distinguished Post and Top Large Post](#)

The DC Post was recognized as **2011 Top Large Post and Distinguished Post** at the May 2012 Joint Engineering Training Conference.

Recognizing SAME Superstars by Robert C. Wolff - Maj. Gen. Joseph (Bud) Ahearn, P.E., F.SAME, USAF (Ret.), was recognized with an Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award for Government. Gen. Ahearn not only had a distinguished 34-year career in the U.S. Air Force, but has distinguished himself by his active involvement with ASCE and Engineers Without Borders for the past 20 years. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 103, No. 671 \(May-June 2011\), p. 114*](#)

2011 Walter O. Bachus Gold Medal was awarded For outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of the SAME mission over one's entire period of membership in SAME. Capt. Julian Sabbatini, P.E., F.SAME, USN (Ret). [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 104, No. 677 \(May-June 2012\), pp. 53-59*](#)

Also the SAME Executive Forum was held in the Washington, DC area and DC Post events were:

02/24/11 Veterans Affairs FY11 and Future Program

03/16/11 NAVFAC Pacific Guam Military Construction Program Update

03/16/11 BIM Educational Workshop: The DC Post held an educational seminar on BIM presented by Brian Ward, AIA, LEED GA, from Michael Baker Jr. Inc., John Sullivan from Autodesk, and David Rushforth, PE, LEED AP BD+C, from Vanderweil Engineers. Attendees earned 1.5 PDHs. The speakers covered what BIM is and what it is NOT, the current use of BIM as a tool for both design and documentation, how BIM is used by the construction industry, and the future of BIM for facilities management.

05/20/11 Joint Basing: Andrews AFB Experience

06/08/11 SAME DC Post in Association with ACEC/MW 2011 Annual Conference titled "Re-Energizing our Infrastructure". The conference attracted over 140 participants from government and private sectors. Attendees had the opportunity to earn 5 PDHs. Presentations focused on the latest industry trends and upcoming business opportunities, with a focus on Energy and Infrastructure. The keynote address was presented by Sean T. Connaughton, Virginia Secretary of Transportation. Dr. Stephen Fuller also gave the group an economic update at the regional and national levels. Esteemed speakers spoke at breakout educational sessions including representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MWAA, Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, DDOT, and VDOT. Panelists from SAME Member Firms such as A. Morton Thomas, Alpha Corporation, Parsons, and AECOM provided invaluable input.

06/23/11 USACE Program

07/28/11 Millennium Challenge Corporation Program Update

08/25/11 GSA's BRAC Consolidation of Federal Office Space Program

09/22/11 The DC Post hosted an educational workshop "Go for the Gold - Building Science Application to Achieve LEED Gold." Robert G. Andrews, Jr., PE, CEA, LEED AP, from AHA Consulting Engineers, discussed which technologies and strategies work and how to use one strategy to combine and synergize credits. In addition, he explained how to review costs for different approaches and documentation strategies for project team leaders. He shared project case studies with the group to demonstrate the application of these strategies. Commander Glenn Hubbard, Energy Branch Head at Commander, Navy Installations Command, also spoke regarding the Navy's goals to meet LEED GOLD Certification for new facilities. Participants earned 1.5 PDHs for attending the workshop.

10/06/11 Small Business/Industry Forum - Opportunities with the VA, NAVFAC, and USACE

11/17/11 DHS Program

The SAME Small Business Conference was held at National Harbor, MD, Nov 28-30, 2011.

Post events concluded in 2011 with a holiday party in December at the Army Navy Club.

2012 Distinguished Post

TOP POSTS FOR PUBLIC AGENCY MEMBERSHIP Large Post Public Agencies Houston 9 San Antonio 9 **Washington DC** 6 Northern Virginia 5 Omaha 4 and **TOP POSTS FOR SUSTAINING MEMBER COMPANY MEMBERSHIPS** Large Post Companies Baltimore 167 **Washington DC** 162 San Antonio 132 Jacksonville 128 Savannah 128 [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 104, No. 678 \(July-August 2012\), pp. 75-76*](#)

The January Board of Direction meeting occurred before the annual awards program at the National Press Club, at the US Environmental Protection Agency. Members of the Readiness Committee participated with members of the Post Board of Direction in touring the US Environmental Protection Agency Emergency Operations Center in Washington DC on January 19, 2012.

In February the post luncheon speaker Mr. Lucian Niemeyer, Professional Staff Member on the Senate Armed Service Committee presented information on the Federal Budget Outlook.

In March, SAME National HQ held the Federal Programs Brief in Bethesda, MD.

The DC Post held an educational workshop on March 22nd prior to the luncheon where attendees could glean key insights into developing and implementing an energy security strategy from leading industry experts. Speakers included Dr. Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary of Installations and Environment, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Scott Pugh, Director, Interagency Programs Office, Science & Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and Paul Bollinger, Director of Government Solutions for Boeing Energy.

Also, in March the SAME DC Post hosted a luncheon program to discuss the U.S. Army's Energy Initiatives. Our speaker, LTC Kevin J Lovell, PMP, is an Engineer and Installation Analyst for the Office of the Secretary of the Army, Office of Business Transformation Directorate of Business Operations. LTC Lovell discussed how the Energy Initiatives Office (EIO) Task Force will provide expertise to Army installations currently pursuing renewable energy infrastructure with a focus on working with the private sector to execute large-scale renewable energy projects by streamlining existing acquisition processes.

The May luncheon covered the USACE – MILCON and Civil Works program in our area and NCO's were actively involved with our Andrews Field Chapter in organizing and executing one of our Post's luncheon programs at Andrews's Air Force Base in May 2012.

CAPT Julian Sabbatini, P.E., F.SAME, USN (Ret.) also received the Walter O. Bachus Gold Medal at this year's JETC conference in May.

At a joint meeting in June with our post and ACEC we had two speakers from DoD and one from DOT. Dr. Fuller spoke regarding the national state of the economy then two speakers from DoD spoke about a regional perspective and from USACE Baltimore.

The Post held a Homeland Security workshop on 16 August 2012. Ms. Heather King from the Program Office for Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) National Preparedness discussed the National Preparedness Process spoke. The process includes the directive document, PPD-8, the National Preparedness Goal, the National Preparedness System (Operating Plans and Frameworks), and the National Preparedness Report including the Threat and Hazard identification Risk Assessments. Many states, cities (Urban Area Security Initiative areas) and the FEMA regions are preparing the required deliverables by contract thus providing opportunity for our sustaining members.

In September, 12 \$3000 Scholarships were presented to college students attending 8 universities at a ceremony in September.

On October 4, 2012 the SAME DC Post and Northern Virginia Post conducted the Annual Small Business Conference. Representatives from government agencies presented informative sessions and provided an overview of procurement opportunities, agency forecasts, and how best to secure federal contracts. Also, attendees participated in one-on-one Matchmaking Sessions with federal agencies, military commands and large business representatives and spent focused time discussing compatibilities.

As part of the Post-Holiday Party, Navy, Army, Marine Corps, Public Health Service, Air Force, Coast Guard recognized their outstanding service member and the DC Post made a donation to Wounded Warriors in their honor.

2013

TOP POSTS FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS LARGE POST Baltimore 164 **Washington, D.C.** 142 **and TOP POSTS FOR PUBLIC AGENCY & NON-PROFIT MEMBERSHIP LARGE POST** Houston/Galveston 10 San Antonio 9 **Washington, D.C.** 7 Northern Virginia 7 Omaha 4 [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 105, No. 682 \(March-April 2013\), pp. 81-84*](#)

2013 Gerald C. Brown Mentoring Award Named in honor of Brig. Gen. Gerald C. "Jed" Brown, USA (Ret.), for outstanding mentoring efforts by an SAME Fellow Capt. James H. Donahue, P.E., F.SAME, USCG (Ret.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 105, No. 683 \(May-June 2013\), pp. 49-57*](#)

The DC Post held its 18th Annual Awards Luncheon on January 23rd at the National Press Club.

In February, House Armed Services Committee staff member David Sienicki presented his insights on the federal budget outlook, including the MILCON appropriation.

In March, a panel of speakers from the Federal Highway Administration, Virginia DOT, the National Council for Public Private Partnerships and the firm Jones Lang Lasalle presented information on P3 trends and opportunities.

Army, Navy and Air Force engineering representatives presented a panel discussion on the DoD contracting opportunities in April.

On May 14, there was a Fort Myer Barracks Project Tour: The SAME DC Post Young Members Committee planned a tour of the Fort Myer Barracks project, constructed by Suffolk Construction. The project achieved LEED silver and utilized the design-build delivery method for a 216-person barracks with blast walls, a girder slab system, and a solar panel hot water system. Darick Edmond, Project Executive of Suffolk Construction Company, lead the group of young members on the tour. Afterwards, the group headed to Sine for networking and socializing with young Wounded Warriors.

In July, CAPT Randall Gardner, PE, discussed the Indian Health Service program.

Mr. Sajeel Ahmed, Deputy Director of the Washington Headquarters Services, provided an overview of the current and future WHS priorities and programs for the August meeting.

Twelve \$3000 scholarships were presented to college students attending seven universities at a ceremony in September.

On October 29, there was a Fellows and Young Members Dinner at Cityhouse. The evening was planned as an opportunity not only for networking but to develop mentor relationships between our young and senior members. These connections, no matter how small, lead to learning opportunities from both ends of the career spectrum.

In November, Department of State Mechanical Engineering Director in the Office of Design and Engineering presented the DoS program and opportunities.

On December 4, prior to the DC Post's annual Holiday Party Young Members were invited to arrive early to network with the Board of Directors and its associated Fellows. This event gave Young Members the opportunity to learn about leadership opportunities in the Post, get to know their Board of Directors, and network with other young members. Among other young members, eight members of the GWU student chapter attended this networking event. The annual Post holiday party followed.

2014

TME article of interest "Closing Down Walter Reed" by DANIEL L. TAYLOR [*The Military Engineer*, Vol. 105, No. 686 \(November-December 2013\), pp. 69-70](#)

TOP POSTS WITH THE MOST PUBLIC AGENCY MEMBERSHIP (Includes Non-Profits and Educational Institutions) LARGE POSTS Houston/Galveston 9 **Washington DC 6** *and* **TOP POSTS WITH THE MOST SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS** LARGE POST Baltimore 169 San Diego 130 San Antonio 128 **Washington DC 122** [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 106, No. 688 \(MARCH-APRIL 2014\), pp. 83-86*](#)

RVP Report: Middle Atlantic Region The Washington DC and Northern Virginia Posts co-hosted their 8th Annual Joint DC/NoVA 2013 Small Business and Government Conference. And Nov. 12–14, they also will co-host the Middle Atlantic Region JETS in Chantilly, Va., with the theme “Navigating the New Normal, Partnerships for our Future.”

The DC Post supports the Team River Runner, a non-profit that provides active duty service members and veterans an opportunity to find health, healing, and new challenges through whitewater rafting and other paddling sports. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 106, No. 691 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2014\), pp. 83-86*](#) and [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 107, No. 695 \(MAY-JUNE 2015\), pp. 82-86*](#)

2015 Distinguished Post

The DC Post Scholarship Endowment Fund surpasses \$1,000,000 in February 2015. The scholarship program was expanded to assign mentors (i.e. Fellows) to each scholarship winner under the leadership Mr. Al O'Konski (the 2019 Post President). The support for wounded warriors was strengthened through sponsorship of Final Salute and Team River Runner (TRR). Mr. John Thrower, post Program Chairperson led active engagement of the Post with TRR for several years. 2015 was also the first year of leadership lab, also known as the Leadership and Mentoring Program, led by Dr. Robert W. Wolff. The leadership lab's young members, post members TRR enjoyed a memorable BBQ on the Potomac River in August. Also seeds for new student posts at Howard and CUA were planted along with continued good mentorship at GWU.

The Post young members supported the DC Central Kitchen support, thanks to Ms. Corinn Bovi. The emergency preparedness committee was strengthened by publishing Post-wide capabilities and contacts, thanks to Scott Higgins (2018 Post President). The Post sponsored three high school students for STEM camps and surveyed the membership on their social media engagement to better connect with each other, thanks to Ms. Shirley and Ms. Amanda Sanderson. The Post began a reorganization of the Post board of direction to align better with 2020 Vision, thanks to CDR Craig Clutts, PE USN (2016 Post President). There were several great speakers and the Post received all streamers with distinction.

2016

It was announced the 2015 WALTER O. BACHUS GOLD MEDAL recipient for outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of the SAME mission over one's entire period of membership in the Society was Robert Wolff, Ph.D., P.E., F.SAME [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 108, No. 701 \(MAY-JUNE 2016\), pp. 88-89*](#)

I was also announced the 2015 GERALD C. BROWN MENTORING AWARD recipient for outstanding mentoring efforts by an SAME Fellow was Philios Angelides, P.E, F.SAME, Alpha Corp. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 108, No. 701 \(MAY-JUNE 2016\), pp. 88-89*](#)

On Sept. 29, 2016, SAME conducted a CEO Roundtable at the Army-Navy Club in Washington, D.C., with a number of industry and government leaders, including the Service Engineering Chiefs. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 109, No. 706 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2017\), pp. 76-81*](#)

2017 Distinguished Post

Post Membership Growth, year to date: 1. NOVA (47) 2. **Washington DC** (46).

In June, more than 100 people attended 10th Annual Joint Conference on “Construction Program Trends, Strategies and Opportunities” at the Army and Navy Club, hosted by the Washington DC Post with the local chapters of ACEC and CMAA. The keynote speaker was Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, USA, U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Scott McMillan, Division Chief of the International Monetary Fund, and Karen Durham-Aguilera, SES, Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries, also gave presentations on their respective agencies’ programs.



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Figure 46. 2017. Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, USA at the Army Navy Club.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 109, No. 710 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2017\), pp. 73-83*](#)

DC Post Leads Joint Event on Construction Trends and Opportunities (From “Bricks and Clicks Blog”)

<https://sameneews.org/dc-post-leads-joint-event-on-construction-trends-and-opportunities/>

2018

TME published “IN MEMORIAM - MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH A. “BUD” AHEARN, P.E., F.SAME, USAF (RET.)” See **Appendix B** for more biographical information.

POST NOTES In April, the Northern Virginia Post and Washington DC Post hosted their 11th Annual Small Business & Government Conference at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington,

Va. The event drew 250 attendees, including military representatives and government agencies along with more than 30 exhibitors. This year's general session speakers included Col. Ed Chamberlayne, USA, Commander, USACE Baltimore District; Capt. Andrew Hascall, CEC, USN, Commander, NAVFAC Washington; and Dwight Deneal, Director of Small Business & Industry Liaison Programs for the U.S. Coast Guard. Additionally, there were education sessions and matchmaking sessions, along with a networking reception. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 110, No. 716 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2018\), pp. 76-83*](#)

In 2018 the Post awarded 9, \$4,000 scholarships to college students this year and assigned them each mentors to encourage their SAME participation. SAME senior members have also worked with students on leadership skills and professional development, as well as resume workshops. Jonathan Salley was awarded a DC Post Scholarship in 2017 and 2018 - the Howard University Student Chapter Point of Contact was a fourth-year architecture student.

February 15, 2018 – NAVSEA and NAVFAC Program featuring CAPT Philip Malone, Program Manager Shipbuilding, Navy Sea Systems Command.

March 15, 2018 – Regional Economic Outlook and Infrastructure Planning, Arlington and Fairfax Counties and the District of Columbia

In March 2018, the Washington DC Post also funded a table at the ASCE OPAL Awards Dinner and invited Service Chiefs and Leadership and Mentoring Program Graduates to attend as an opportunity to give back to our local military members, strengthen our relationship with the various branches, and communicate how we can be a resource to them. Our joint programs with ACEC, DBIA, and CMAA also serve as excellent recruitment opportunities since we can demonstrate SAME's value to their members.

April 11, 2018 - 11th Annual Joint SAME DC & NoVa Post Small Business Conference included speakers from Federal, state, and private sector entities share with our membership regional opportunities including USACE, Veterans Affairs, WHS, Pepco, AOC, USAID, and many more.

At the April luncheon Alexandria, District of Columbia, and Prince William County planners Stephanie Landrum, Chad Shuskey, and Tom Flynn, respectively, discussed potential infrastructure expansion based on initial discussions with Amazon about locating their new second Headquarters in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

On May 12, 2018, the SAME-DC members organized to greet an Honor Flight arrival at Regan National Airport, where they welcomed Veterans to Washington, DC.

June 21, 2018 – Joint SAME/ACEC-MW/CMAA NCC Conference: concerning Major Construction Program Trends, Strategies, and Opportunities 2.5 PDHs

The SAME Washington DC Post successfully nominated and supported five local high school students (Jennifer Donohue, Cora Haefner, Matthew Baba, Ellen Yoo, and Shaan Sandhoo) for

attendance at the SAME STEM Engineering & Construction Camp at the USAFA, the USCG AIM program, the US Army Engineering and Construction Camp, the Scott AFB STEM Engineering and Construction Camp, and the USMC STEM Engineering and Construction Camp.

August 16, 2018 – Defense Health Agency, featuring Mr. Nathan Price, Chief Facilities Enterprise

August 19, 2018 – On August 19th, we joined with DBIA in our third annual TRR volunteer event where members and their families joined up with the Wounded Warriors at Riley's Lock on the Potomac River in Poolesville, MD for a kayaking trip and picnic lunch. SAME-DC hosts a potluck picnic and cooks for the wounded warriors that are supported by Team River Runner. Both SAME participants and wounded warriors socialize and paddle on the Potomac River throughout the day. Kayak lessons are provided by TRR, and a group trip is organized to paddle down river.

Aug 19-21, 2018 – Al O'Konski, Post Vice President, and Corinn Bovi, Special Programs Director, attended the August PLW in Bonita Springs, FL.

The DC Post hosted an educational workshop in October with CMAA focused on DC Water's Commissioning Program. The workshop, "Integrated Commissioning at DC Water: The Case Study of the Start-Up of Filtrate Treatment Facilities," speakers included three directors, the construction supervisor, and a process engineer from DC Water. The workshop detailed the need for large-scale water treatment how water treatment technologies can be made more sustainable and resilient in Washington, DC. Speakers included:

- Diala Dandach, Director of Wastewater Engineering, DC Water
- Salil Kharkar, Director of Operations, DC Water
- Christine Debarbadillo, Director of Clean Water Technology, DC Water
- Aaron Montgomery, Construction Supervisor, DC Water
- Shwana Martinelli, Process Engineer, DC Water
- Miguel Miranda, Process Engineer, DC Water
- Vernon New, PC Construction

November 15, 2018 – Infrastructure Resiliency and Cybersecurity Program, featuring Mr. Jonathan Page, Facility Cybersecurity Program Manager, Navy Installations Command .

K-12 Outreach and MATHCOUNTS: LtCol Robin Ernstrom, DC Post Camps Co-Director, participated as a volunteer for two Washington, DC Regional MATHCOUNTS events. Kurt Maldovan, Sustaining Members Director, assisted with the Tests Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) essay competition judging which was promoted by National.

At our Annual Holiday Event and Services Appreciation Night held December 6th, we made a \$1,500 donation on behalf of the servicemen and women we recognized to TRR. Joe Mornini, Executive Director and Co-Founder for TRR, spoke to the Washington DC Post at the event about their outreach efforts and programs for Wounded Warriors.

2019

In 2019, SAME entered into a partnering agreement with the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) at the nation level, to strengthen cooperation, national security, and underlying infrastructure. It should be noted that Mr. Philios Angelides, PE, F. SAME, FACEC of the Post helped begin the ACEC relationship with ACEC Metro Washington and the DC Post in 2007 by co-hosting combined events annually.

The Washington DC Post also hosted 10 programs during the year which covered contract opportunities and government programs. • February 21, 2019 – Resiliency: Navy Energy Security Framework • March 27, 2019 – U.S. Customs & Border Protection Portfolio • April 25, 2019 – 12th Annual Joint SAME DC & NoVa Post Small Business Conference • May 16, 2019 – U.S. Department of State Real Property Portfolio • June 26, 2019 – Joint SAME/ACEC-MW/CMAA NCC Conference • August 2, 2019 – Joint Base Andrews Workshop & Business Briefing • September 19, 2019 – MWAA Silver Line Dulles Corridor Metrorail • October 17, 2019 – Joint SAME/CMAA Technical Workshop & Business Forum • November 21, 2019 – Navy Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program • December 16, 2019 – Industry Meeting at the Pentagon with the Honorable Lucian Niemeyer.

December 16, 2019 - SAME DC Post Industry Meeting with the Honorable Lucian Niemeyer

A SAME DC Post Industry Group led by Philios Angelides, PE, F. SAME, Past Post President, met with the Hon Lucian Niemeyer, Assistant Secretary of the Navy - Energy, Installations and Environment, and his leadership team, to discuss best practices in managing projects thru their development lifecycle and improve project delivery metrics. This meeting was the first of what is expected to be a series of meetings to develop ideas and recommendations for improving the project delivery process. <https://www.same.org/Get-Connected/Find-a-Post/Washington-DC-Post/DC-Post-Announcements>

LMP – Leadership and Mentoring Program The Program is designed to provide an opportunity for SAME Fellows and other senior professionals to mentor Young Members. The Program is open to SAME Young Members (under the age of 40). The DC Post again joined with NoVa for the program. Eight Young Members who participated in our Leadership and Mentoring program where they earned 20 PDHs throughout the year; and government employees enrolled free of charge.

Scholarships -The Washington DC Post has been managing its own Scholarship Fund for college students for over a decade which has reached over \$1,600,000 allowing us to provide \$40,000 in scholarships annually. In 2019 the Washington DC Post awarded 8 scholarships for \$5,000 to deserving local students.

Other - We also hosted two Young Member events to tour the GSA St. Elizabeth's Campus and Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. We also provided financial support to five high school students to attend the US Army Engineering and Construction Camp, the Scott AFB STEM Engineering and Construction Camp, the USMC STEM Engineering and Construction Camp, and the US Navy STEM Engineering and Construction Camp. MAJ Robin Ernstrom of the USACE led the SAME-DC

k-12 effort for 2019. SAME provided volunteers for the MATHCOUNTS regional competition in March 2019. The event was held at St. Anselm's in Washington, DC. Approximately 130 students from regional K-12 schools participated in the event. SAME volunteers graded tests as part of the event. The year started in January with awards at the National Press Club. In 2019, Mr. Philios Angelides, PE, F.SAME (2011 Post President) was successfully nominated to be the first recipient of SAME's Industry-Government Engagement Award in 2020! The year ended at the Army Navy Club with a holiday party. During the party, the post donated \$2500 to Team River Runner, and individual members matched the donation!

2020

In January 2020, the DC Post began the year in traditional fashion. A perfectly executed awards program planned Ms. Kathrine Ollinger, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC recognized individual award recipients, sustaining members, and two centennials - for SAME and the upcoming 2021 one for the DC Post. Several past post presidents of the DC Post attended the event and were recognized. Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President CAPT Jay Manik, PE (USCG Ret.), administered the oath office to the board.

The SAME DC Post, despite the suspension of in-person activity due to COVID-19, continued to host its traditional industry joint conferences and business forums (June with ACEC MW and CMAA NCC; and October with CMAA NCC) offering PDHs and attracting over 250 virtual attendees combined.

The SAME DC Post was featured in the Sep/Oct 2020 issue of the TME under the topic "Building Relationships and Sharing Expertise", focusing on the Post's Industry-Government Engagement activities and initiatives, based on interview responses by Philios Angelides, PE, F.SAME, Past Post President and Chair of the Conferences Committee of the Post.

The Post also held other virtual meetings, a virtual young members happy hour, and virtual holiday day party. RADM Edward Dieser, PE, Chief Engineer of the US Public Health Service, spoke briefly at the holiday event about the new SAME Community of Interest, "Health Engineering" and the pandemic. Ms. Selena Lo was nominated to serve as the 2021 DC Post President.



Figure 47. 2020. DC Post Board of Direction at the National Press Club.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A - Awards Received by DC Post Members

See also <https://www.same.org/awards>

1920-1926 Gold Medal Vol. C. H. Birdseye and Col. Harrison Brand Jr.

1927 Gold Medal Col. R.C. Moore

1929 Gold Medal Maj. L.R. Lohr

1933 Purple Heart Maj. Robert W. Chaffee, a member of the Washington Post, was recently awarded the coveted Purple Heart. The Purple Heart was a decoration established by General George Washington in 1782 and is awarded to persons who, while serving in the Army of the United States, perform any singularly meritorious act of extraordinary fidelity or essential service. It is understood that, prior to February 22, 1932, the Purple Heart had been awarded to but three individuals, and those three awards were made by General George Washington. Major Chaffee is a descendant of one of the three soldiers to whom General Washington awarded the decoration.

1933 Gold Medal Maj. J.H. Wheat

1934 Gold Medal Maj. Gen. M.M. Patrick

1938 Gold Medal Major Victor V. Martin

1939 Distinguished Service Medal Colonel Stuart C. Godfrey, Corps of Engineers, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of The Society for the year 1939, for his outstanding service to The Society in that year. The Award Committee, in making its selection, stated in its report: The Committee appointed to recommend the award of the Distinguished Service Medal of The Society of American Military Engineers for outstanding services to The Society in 1939 unanimously voted that the award be made to Colonel Stuart C. Godfrey, Corps of Engineers. During the year 1939, through his untiring efforts in promoting interest in Society affairs and organization, by personal contact with and addresses to local posts Colonel Godfrey has encouraged marked enthusiasm for the advancement of the aims and activities of The Society. In addition, his able assistance and counsel, so generously given, have been of great value in procuring material for inclusion in The Military Engineer. The Distinguished Service Medal, which is The Society medal in gold, has been awarded for every year since the organization of The Society. Although the award was not authorized until 1926, it was, in that year, awarded retroactively to six persons for the six respective years since 1919. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 32, No. 184 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1940\), pp. 282-296*](#)

1958 Goethals Medal Winner Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler The George W. Goethals Medal was established by The Society to perpetuate the memory of the distinguished military engineer builder of the Panama Canal. The medal is offered annually to an engineer in civil or military practice for the most eminent and notable contribution in the fields of engineering, particularly in design, construction, and methods. Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, U. S. Army, Retired, was awarded the George W. Goethals Medal for 1958 recognition of his exemplary duty while serving as the United Nations Commander of Salvage and Clearing Operations of the Suez

Canal. This eminent and notable contribution to the field of engineering was accomplished under the most difficult and unprecedented conditions. In particular, his imaginative planning, sound engineering judgment, ingenuity, and energetic direction resulted in the expeditious completion of the salvage work making the Canal available to meet urgent requirements of international commerce. His exceptional performance reflects the highest credit upon the military engineering profession.

1958 Wheeler Medal Winner Gen. William F. Cassidy, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. The Wheeler Medal was donated to The Society by Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, past president of The Society and formerly Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army. The medal is offered annually as an award to a member of the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, regular, reserve, National Guard or civilian, on active or inactive duty or retired. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 50, No. 336 \(July-August 1958\), pp. 303-325*](#)

1959 Hoover Medal awarded to General Wheeler One of the most gala events ever held by The Society of American Military Engineers was the special dinner meeting called on February 19, 1959 for the purpose of presenting the Hoover Medal to Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, past president of The Society and former Chief of Engineers. The Hoover Medal, founded in 1929, was instituted to commemorate the civic and humanitarian achievements of Herbert Hoover, and the first award was made to him in 1930. The Medal was founded by Conrad N. Lauer. The Fund is held by The American Society of Mechanical Engineers and is administered by a Board of Award consisting of twelve members, three from each of the Founder Societies - The American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. General Wheeler was the nineteenth recipient of the award. His citation reads: "Raymond Albert Wheeler typifies all that is best in leadership, training, experienced judgment, character and warm friendship in both the military engineer and the civilian engineer. His accomplishments throughout his life are outstanding, have brought great credit to his chosen profession, and mark him an eminent engineer of national and international recognition. His significant contributions include the monumental task of clearing the Suez Canal." The citation and medal were presented to General Wheeler by Walker Cisler, chairman of the Hoover Medal Board of Award, following an introductory address on the career of General Wheeler given by Maj. Gen. Glen E. Edgerton. Maj. Gen. Emerson C. Itschner, Society president, presided over the meeting attended by some 300 members and guests in the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel. Seated at the head table with Generals Wheeler, Edgerton, and Itschner were Mrs. Itschner; Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson (General Wheeler's daughter) and Colonel Wilkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Black; Mr. and Mrs. Walker Cisler; Col. and Mrs. Enoch Needles; Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Holland; Hon. Kenneth Keating, United States Senator of New York; the United States Ambassador to Afghanistan, Henry A. Byroade; J. J. A. Jessel; and O. B. Shier, Jr. All the officers of The Society; Danial Sullivan, Midwest regional vice president; Comdr. John A. Volpe, Northeastern regional vice president, and twelve directors also attended.

1959 Toulmin Award Winner General Wheeler [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 51, No. 343 \(September-October 1959\), pp. 419-434*](#)

1962 Washington Society of Engineers Award Post member David V. Auld received the award as the outstanding member of that society "whose accomplishments have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of engineering knowledge and practice."

1966 Gold Medal Paul C. Brown

1970 Annual Awards of Merit The Society offers a Certificate of Merit as an annual award to members selected as having made an outstanding contribution to The Society during the year. Members selected for the award for 1969 and their citations are:

William J. Davies, Washington, D, C., Post. Chairman, Ways and Means Committee, 1969 Southeastern Regional Conference, Washington, D. C. His diligent efforts to obtain sponsors for the conference resulted in the financial success of the conference.

Maj. Charles D. Ham, Washington, D. C., Post. Registration Committee, 1969 Southeastern Regional Conference, Washington, D. C. His intelligent and sustained efforts in the fields of publicity and registration contributed greatly to the success of the conference. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 62, No. 408 \(July-August 1970\), pp. 272-283, 286-296*](#)

1992 Goethals Medal Robert Wolff

1996 Gold Medal Thomas B. Delaney, Jr.

1997 Urhban Medal M. Paul Brott

1998 Sevrdrup Maj. Lucian L. Neimeyer, USAF

1999 Washington DC Post Awards

- Post Distinguished Service Tracy A. Knott, Rolf Jensen and Associates
- Post Outstanding Contributions to the Engineering Profession Robert A. Bank and Bruce C. Riley, U.S. Army
- Post Outstanding Professional Contributions by a Young Civilian Member Carol S. Mowder, Dames & Moore;
- Post Outstanding Contributions by a Young Military Member Air Force Capt. Dwayne E. Thomas,
- Post Sustaining Member of the Year RTKL.

[*The Military Engineer, Vol. 92, No. 604 \(March-April 2000\), pp. 65-66*](#)

2003 Urbahn Medal David V. Thompson, RTKL

2003 Goethals Medal Arthur H. Wu

2003 Gold Medal Rose M. Dela Vega, RTKL Associates Inc

2003 J. W. Morris Sustaining Member of the Year, Large Business ARCADIS G & M.

2006 Gold Medal Capt. James H. Donahue, PE, F. SAME, USCG (Ret.)

2008 Post Service Award – Michael Pavlides

2009 Tudor Award- Kurt Maldovan Honorable Mention

2011 Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award for Government Maj. Gen. Joseph (Bud) Ahearn, P.E., F.SAME, USAF (Ret.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 103, No. 671 \(May-June 2011\), p. 114*](#)

2011 Walter O. Bachus Gold Medal Capt. Julian Sabbatini, P.E., F.SAME, USN (Ret.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 104, No. 677 \(May-June 2012\), pp. 53-59*](#)

2013 Gerald C. Brown Mentoring Award Capt. James H. Donahue, P.E., F.SAME, USCG (Ret.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 105, No. 683 \(May-June 2013\), pp. 49-57*](#)

2015 Walter O. Bachus Gold Medal Robert Wolff, Ph.D., P.E., F.SAME [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 108, No. 701 \(MAY-JUNE 2016\), pp. 88-89*](#)

2015 Gerald C. Brown Mentoring Award Philios Angelides, P.E, F.SAME, Alpha Corp. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 108, No. 701 \(MAY-JUNE 2016\), pp. 88-89*](#)

APENDIX B - Biographies of Selected DC Post Members

Ahearn, Joseph, A., Maj. Gen. Joseph A. "Bud" Ahearn, P.E., F.SAME, USAF (Ret.), former National President of SAME, passed away July 10, 2018, at the age of 81. Gen. Ahearn joined SAME in 1977 and at the time of his passing, was a member of the Denver Metro and Pikes Peak Posts. He served in leadership roles at all levels of the Society including Post President, Regional Vice President, and National Vice President before being elected the 71st SAME President in 1990. Gen. Ahearn remained an active and influential leader in SAME, speaking at local, regional and national events, serving as a mentor, and participating in the Engineering & Construction Camp at the U.S. Air Force Academy several times. He was one of 12 members of the Working Committee that established the Academy of Fellows in 2015, and then served as the second Chair of the Academy (1996-1997). In 2005, he received the Gerald C. Brown Mentoring Award for excellence in mentoring; and in 2008, was honored with the Academy of Fellows Golden Eagle Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Engineering Profession. He remains the only individual who has been bestowed both of the Academy's highest honors. He also received the SAME Newman Medal in 1984 for outstanding contributions to military engineering by a member of the U.S. Air Force. A 1958 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and later earning a master's from Syracuse University in 1977, Gen. Ahearn served 33 years in the Air Force, rising to the rank of major general in 1988 and assuming the position of Director of Engineering & Services, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Engineering in 1989. He was named The Civil Engineer, Headquarters Air Force, in February 1991. He was a Registered Engineer and the Washington DC Post President of SAME in 1980. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 110, No. 716 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2018\), pp. 76-83*](#) and [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 74, No. 478 \(MARCH 1982\), pp. 112-117*](#)

Corradi, Peter, Rear Adm., in his 30-year association with The Society, has been president of the Washington, D.C., Post; a National Director; an Executive Committee member; and Society President in 1965. He holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the New York University, as well as an honorary Doctor of Science degree. Admiral Corradi retired as Chairman of the Board of Raymond International in December of 1975. Previously he was the president of Gibbs & Hill from 1965 to 1969. He was selected Rear Admiral in 1960 and, in 1962, he became the Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks, and Chief of Civil Engineers. Among his contributions to the Navy's engineering program during his term as Chief was the direction of the expanding construction effort in Southeast Asia; construction of the Navy's first shore-based power plant in Antarctica; the completion of facilities supporting the Polaris fleet ballistic missile system; and the completion of the combined sea-water desalinization and power generation plant at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Admiral Corradi is a member of many engineering societies. (Submitted by the Washington, D.C. Post.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 445 \(September-October 1976\), pp. 407-413*](#)

Enger, Walter M., Rear Adm. assumed his duties as a Director of The Society in 1976, continuing a long and excellent record of service. He served on the Executive Committee from 1970 to 1974, was a member of the Board of Direction from 1972 to 1974, First Vice President from 1970 to 1971, and President of The Society from 1971 to 1972. Throughout his association with The Society, Admiral Enger has sought to recruit new members, and to build a spirit of understanding and cooperation within the organization in order to support its national goals in peacetime and assure the readiness of the engineering community to respond to any challenge to the security of the country. He graduated with a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois and was subsequently employed as an engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior. He was commissioned in the Naval Reserve, Civil Engineer Corps, in 1941, and transferred to the Regular Navy two years later. He rose in rank to the grade of Rear Admiral in 1965, and in 1969 became the Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and Chief of Civil Engineers. After his retirement from active duty in 1973, Admiral Enger assumed the responsibilities of manager for the Washington, D.C., office of DeLeuw, Cather & Company, a position from which he recently retired. (Submitted by the Washington D.C., Post.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 69, No. 447 \(January-February 1977\), pp. 54-60*](#)

Fletcher, Edward J., Colonel, U. S. Air Force, Retired, is now employed by John McShain, Incorporated, Builders, at their Washington office. He was born in Washington, D. C., and is a graduate of the University of Maryland. He conducted a business venture with an associate in Washington until he entered active military service in 1941. He had tours with the Army Constructing Quartermaster, the Corps of Engineers, and the Air Force, serving with the latter from 1947 until his retirement. Except for two years of troop duty, his military service comprised assignments as engineering staff officer in Iceland, England, Turkey, and Germany, and three different tours at Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon. His last duty before retirement in April 1967 was with Headquarters, Headquarters Command, U. S. Air Force, where he was the DCS/ Civil Engineer. Colonel Fletcher is a Military Engineer Member of The Society and has served as president of the Washington Post, Colonel, U. S. Air Force, Retired, is now employed by John McShain, Incorporated, Builders, at their Washington office. He was born in Washington, D. C., and is a graduate of the University of Maryland. He conducted a business venture with an associate in Washington until he entered active military service in 1941. He had tours with the Army Constructing Quartermaster, the Corps of Engineers, and the Air Force, serving with the latter from 1947 until his retirement. Except for two years of troop duty, his military service comprised assignments as engineering staff officer in Iceland, England, Turkey, and Germany, and three different tours at Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon. His last duty before retirement in April 1967 was with Headquarters, Headquarters Command, U. S. Air Force, where he was the DCS/ Civil Engineer. Colonel Fletcher is a Military Engineer Member of The Society and has served as president of the Washington Post. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 60, No. 394 \(March-April 1968\), pp. 137-143, 146-157*](#)

Hemple, Henry William was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He attended public schools in Chicago, Illinois, and was graduated in Civil Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He entered the service of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1917 and has been with that organization ever since. He has been on hydrographic surveys for the charting of the coastal waters of the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf Coasts, Alaska, and the Philippine Islands. He has been in charge of geodetic parties operating in various parts of the United States and Alaska. He was in charge of the precise triangulation and base measurement for the arc along the Mississippi River from the Gulf of Mexico to St. Paul, Minnesota, which coordinates all local surveys along the River. From 1932 to 1937 he was in charge of the unemployment relief program of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. He was Assistant Chief of the Division of Geodesy from 1938 to 1945, and since then has been Chief of that Division in charge of all geodetic activities of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. He has the rank of Captain, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and at present is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Surveying and Mapping Division of that organization. He is a Military Engineer Member of The Society and is a past president of the Washington Post. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 42, No. 286 \(March-April, 1950\), pp. 149-160*](#)

Hiltabidle, William Orme, Vice-Admiral, U. S. Navy, Retired, and Vice-President of the Chas. H. Tompkins Company, Washington, D. C., was born at Glyndon, Maryland. He graduated from Lafayette College with the degree of C.E. in 1919, and from the Army, Industrial College in 1933. He was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by Lafayette College in 1945. He entered the Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy, in 1921 and has held assignments as Assistant Public Works Officer at New York, Guam, and Pearl Harbor; was Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department, Project Manager for Ordnance Stations, Submarine and Destroyer Bases, 1924-1926 ; Assistant Officer- in-Charge of Construction, Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada, 1929-1930, and Officer-in-Charge of Construction 1931, 1932; and has been Public Works Officer at San Diego, Quantico, Pearl Harbor, and New- port. He was Officer-in-Charge of Construction, 5th Naval Construction Brigade and Island Engineer, Guam, April 1944-June 1945. With the temporary rank of Commodore, in responsible charge of planning and executing wartime advanced base development in Guam, he was Director, Construction Department, Bureau of Yards and Docks, and Assistant Chief of Bureau for Operations (Engineering and Construction) from September 1947-October 1948. He was Chief Inspector, Bureau of Yards and Docks from October 1948 to 1950. After that he was 5th Naval District Public Works Officer, 1950-1951, and 11th Naval District Civil Engineer, 1951, until his retirement in 1952. Admiral Hiltabidle is a Military Engineer Member of The Society, past Director of the Washington Post, and past national director of The Society. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 48, No. 322 \(March-April 1956\), pp. 149-164*](#)

Jelly, Joseph F., Rear Admiral whose permanent home is in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, attended Cornell University and the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1927, 11th in a class of 594. After serving two years aboard the US8 Arkansas, he pursued a three-year course of study at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, receiving his master's degree in Civil Engineering. During

World War II, he was in charge of the construction of the Navy air base at Alameda, California, and then at San Pedro, before becoming Deputy Director of Construction of the Bureau in Washington. In 1944, he assumed charge of the procurement of the staggering quantities of equipment and supplies for the Seabee program. In 1945, he went to Guam as Executive Officer of the 5th Naval Construction Brigade (Seabees). Following the war, he was assigned as Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, with the rank of rear admiral, the youngest in the Navy at that time. On December 1, 1949 he was appointed Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. He retired on July 1, 1957, and is now engaged in the practice of civil engineering in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Admiral Jelley is a Military Engineer Member of The Society. He has served as Washington Post president, and as first vice president, president, and director of The Society. He served as President of the Washington Post in 1947. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 42, No. 286 \(March-April, 1950\), pp. 149-160*](#) and [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 50, No. 334 \(March-April 1958\), pp. 142-157*](#)

Godfrey, Stuart C., Colonel is a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, class of 1909, graduating number one in his class, and was commissioned in the Engineers. Prior to entering the Military Academy, he attended the Phillips Exeter Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the Engineer School, the Command and General Staff School (honor graduate), and the Army War College. The Colonel has had a varied and outstanding career as an officer of the Corps of Engineers. In connection with the civil works of the Corps, he has served at Detroit, Michigan; Rock Island, Illinois; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Wheeling, West Virginia; Florence, Alabama; Boston, Massachusetts; Memphis, Tennessee; and the Panama Canal, having had charge of important projects pertaining to flood control, river and harbor improvement and various civil works construction programs. As to his peacetime military assignments, he served with the old 3d Battalion, Corps of Engineers; was Engineer of the First Corps Area; Department Engineer, Panama Canal Department; and commanded the 11th Engineers in Panama. During the World War, Colonel Godfrey was Instructor at the Fort Leavenworth Engineer Officers' Training Camp, and then went to France with the 318th Engineers which regiment he later commanded. He also served overseas as Engineer Personnel Officer at Tours, France; Assistant to the Chief Engineer, First Army; Executive Officer for the Chief Engineer, 3d Army; and Assistant to the Chief Engineer, A. E. F. The Colonel later served in Germany as Commanding Officer, 2d Engineers, and as Division Engineer, 2d Division. Colonel Godfrey has also had a tour as Associate Professor of Mathematics, U. S. Military Academy; and a tour as Instructor at the Command and General Staff School. For two years he was Chief of the Finance Division, Office of the Chief of Engineers, and is 1939 Chief of the Operations and Training Section, in that Office. Colonel Godfrey is a Charter Military Engineer Member of the Society of American Military Engineers and in Col. S. C. Godfrey 1923 was Treasurer of the National Society. He has been active in the affairs of our Society since its organization and was President of the Washington Post for the year 1939. In 1939 he received SAME Distinguished Service Medal. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 32, No. 184 \(JULY-AUGUST, 1940\), pp. 282-296*](#)

Holle, Charles G. Maj. Gen. is a Charter Military Engineer Member of The Society and was selected as the 1961 Gold Medal Award recipient for distinguished service. He was the president of the Washington, D.C., Post in 1948. General Holle was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1920. He furthered his civil engineering qualifications with a degree from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In every military assignment where there was a Society post, General Holle participated in its activities and encouraged his officers, employees, and associates to join. During the last 20 years, he has served on numerous committees of The Society including the Committee for Engineers Joint Council on National Water Policy, Awards Committee, Gold Medal Committee (10 years), Membership and Executive Committees, and the Employees Retirement Award Fund. He was a member of The Society's Board of Direction from 1964 to 1968, and Treasurer from 1967 to 1973. General Holle lives in Washington, D.C., and continues his active work for The Society as a Director. He is a registered professional engineer in the District of Columbia, a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and a member of the Military Order of World Wars. (Submitted by the Louisiana and Washington, D.C., Posts) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 444 \(July-August 1976\), pp. 331-337*](#)

Kohloss, Fabius H. Colonel, a Life Member of The Society, was The Society's Executive Director from 1947 to 1965, and subsequently served as a member of the Board of Direction (1965-1966) and a Vice President at Large (1968-1972). He was awarded the Gold Medal for Distinguished Service in 1964. He has a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Auburn University and an M.S. degree from the North Carolina State College. Important military assignments included service in World War II in India as chief of staff to the commander of S.O.S., CBI, and later as director of works and supply, Headquarters South East Asia Command. There followed a tour of duty in demobilization and postwar planning in Headquarters Army Service Forces until his retirement for physical disability in August 1946. During Colonel Kohloss' 18 years as Executive Director, he reoriented The Society to the conditions and realities of the postwar era, rebuilt the membership, increased the number of posts, and strengthened the finances of The Society. Colonel Kohloss and his wife now reside in Tucson, Arizona. (Submitted by the Washington, D.C., Post.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 443, Bicentennial Issue \(May-June 1976\), pp. 237-245*](#)

Lutz, Mary Katherine, Miss., retired in April 1974 from her position as Managing Editor of The Military Engineer and Business Manager of The Society. With her retirement an era will end which spans 46 of the Society's 54 years of existence. Miss Lutz joined the staff of the national headquarters in December 1927 at the age of 18 while a student at the George Washington University. She gained experience in various departments of The Society while Maj. L. R. Lohr was the Executive Secretary. In 1932, at the age of 23, during the tenure of Col. J. N. Hodges as Executive Secretary, Miss Lutz was elevated to the position of Business Manager, Assistant to the Executive Secretary, and Associate Editor of The Military Engineer - in which capacity she has continued during the tenure of seven Executive Secretaries. In October 1946 she became Managing Editor, as well as Business Manager, and continued in these positions for the next 28

years until her recent retirement. She has been awarded the Society's Gold Medal in special recognition for her loyal and dedicated service. Miss Lutz was born and educated in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity and served as a national officer and editor of *The Arrow*, the fraternity's magazine. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 66, No. 431 \(May-June 1974\), pp. 198-209*](#)

Martin, Victor V., Major He was born in Genda Springs, Kansas, November 12, 1890, and was educated at Draughon's College, Kentucky; Valparaiso University, Indiana; and Washington (D. C.) College of Law. Serving with the Corps of Engineers for more than 41 years, he retired in 1951 as special counsel to the Chief of Engineers. Major Martin was one of the principals who participated in the formation of The Society in 1919. Victor Martin's service to The Society was outstanding. In 1919-1920, he assisted Brig. Gen. G. A. Youngberg and Col. Paul S. Bond in the formation of The Society and the preparation of its original constitution and by-laws. In 1924, he took part in the preparation of the Certificate of Incorporation. He was a contributing editor to *The Military Engineer* from 1922 to 1927 and associate editor from 1928 to 1955. He was of constant assistance to the National Headquarters, being always willing to serve on local committees and special assignments. His last such work was as a member of the Tellers Committee when he counted the election ballots two weeks before his death. Major Martin served as a Society director from 1939 to 1962, holding the office of Second Vice President in 1949. He received from The Society the Silver Medal for extension, the Award of Merit for outstanding service, and in 1938, the Society Gold Medal for Distinguished Service. Major Martin was similarly active in the Washington Post of The Society, preparing and publishing, in 1939, the only yearbook of the post. He was secretary-treasurer of the post for twenty years. He was a member of the Board of Directors from 1939 until his death. His support and advice through the years were responsible in no small measure for the growth and worth of The Society. With profound sorrow, the members of The Society of American Military Engineers, assembled at its Forty-Second Annual Meeting in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, this 21st day of May, 1962, memorialize the deaths of these distinguished members, which occurred during the year passed. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 41, No. 280 \(March-April, 1949\), pp. 144-152, 155-159*](#) and [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 42, No. 286 \(March-April, 1950\), pp. 149-160*](#) and [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 54, No. 360 \(July-August 1962\), pp. 289-316*](#)

Munson, Robert C., Rear Admiral, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is the Associate Director, Office of Marine Operations, National Ocean Survey, Rockville, Maryland. In this position, he is the program manager of NOAA's fleet of ships on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and the NOAA Diving Office. Previously, he was the Director, Atlantic Marine Center, and the Associate Director, Office of Marine Surveys and Maps. He holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Cornell University and an M.S. degree in seismology and geophysical engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. He has been active with both the Hampton Roads and the Washington, D.C., Posts of The Society. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 74, No. 478 \(MARCH 1982\), pp. 112-117*](#)

Moreau, James W. Rear Adm. has served The Society in a variety of capacities: as the vice president and president of the Washington, D.C., Post; as a Director; and as a member of the Executive, Publications, Oren Medal, and Cowart Plaque committees. He has obtained 11 members and is a Fellow. Admiral Moreau is the Commander, 14th Coast Guard District, Honolulu, Hawaii. Previously, he was the Chief, Office of Engineering, Washington, D.C.; Chief, Office of Reserve, Coast Guard Headquarters; and Chief of Operations, 14th Coast Guard District. He was graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a B.S. degree in naval engineering. He later received a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and an M.S. degree in engineering administration from Washington University in St. Louis. (Submitted by the Washington, D.C., Post.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 69, No. 449 \(May-June 1977\), pp. 208-215*](#)

Oehmann, John William, Brigadier General was born in Washington, D. C., attended parochial and public schools and George Washington University (Columbia). He entered the services of the Municipal Government in 1909 and in 1924 was appointed Inspector of Buildings. He began his military career in 1899, when he enlisted in the First Infantry, N. G. D. C.; was appointed first lieutenant in 1903 and captain in 1907; served on the Mexican Border 1916-17; recalled into United States Service in 1917 for service in World War I. He arrived in France, January 25, 1918, and served as Munitions Officer of the 1st Corps during the Aisne-Marne offensive; returned to the United States and was discharged in 1919. Reentered National Guard Service in 1921 and was commissioned Colonel, Engineers, in 1924, in command of 121st Engineers. General Oehmann was Inspector of Buildings for the District of Columbia from 1924 until World War II, when he went on active military duty, serving in the Office, Chief of Engineers, and later in England. His regiment was in ducted into the U. S. Service in 1941. He served as Division Engineer, 29th Division, until December 23, 1941, 'when he was relieved for age limitation and transferred to Headquarters, Washington Provisional Brigade, and assigned to duty as Air Raid Precaution Officer for all War Department activities in the District of Columbia. He was transferred to the Office, Chief of Engineers, in 1942, to organize General Construction Regiment for overseas duty. He was on duty in the Southern and Eastern Base Sections, England, as C. O., 346th G. S. Regiment, and District Commander. He returned to U. S. October 28, 1943, having reached the statutory retirement age; he was retired February 16, 1944, as Brigadier General, District of Columbia National Guard. Following the war he became Director of Inspection for the District of Columbia. General Oehmann is a Charter Military Engineer Member of our Society and a former President of the Washington Post. He was on the Board of Governors of the Washington Building Congress and a life member and past president of the Building Officials Conference of America. He was the 2nd vice president of The Society 1945- 1946, and a director 1932-1937. He died on October 11, 1956 in Ormond Beach, Florida.. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 37, No. 233 \(MARCH, 1945\), pp. 110-114*](#) and [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 49, No. 327 \(January-February 1957\), pp. 64-79*](#)

Oren, John B., Rear Adm. was Vice President of The Society in 1965 and President in 1966. He also has served as a Director from 1967 to 1975. He has been a member of numerous committees, including the Executive, Medals and Awards, Gold Medal Award, Nominating, and

Bliss Medal Award. The Oren Medal is presented annually by The Society in honor of Admiral Oren's contribution to Coast Guard civil engineering. Admiral Oren is a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and holds an M.S. degree in marine engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1963, he was designated as Chief of Staff in the Eighth Coast Guard District, and in 1964 became Chief of the Office of Engineering. Admiral Oren served as Chief, Office of Engineering, at Coast Guard Headquarters until his retirement in 1968. Since then, he has served as Executive Director of the Maritime Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences from 1968 to 1974. (Submitted by the Washington, D.C., Post.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 446 \(November-December 1976\), pp. 481-484*](#)

Peltier, Eugene J. Rear Adm was President of The Society in 1962, following a career with the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps, from which he retired as Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks and Chief, of Civil Engineers. He previously had served as a member of the Executive Committee, as a Director, and as First Vice President of The Society. After his term as President, Admiral Peltier served as a Director from 1963 to 1965, and again in 1972. He was designated a Fellow of The Society in 1973. Born in Concordia, Kansas, in 1910, Admiral Peltier earned a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the Kansas State College, and 28 years later was awarded an honorary LL.D. degree from the college. After retirement in 1962, Admiral Peltier joined the engineering firm of Sverdrup & Parcel and Associates, Inc., as Vice President and retired in 1975 as President and Chief Executive Officer of the firm. He belongs to numerous engineering societies and was honored as one of the American Public Works Association's Top Ten Public Works Men of the Year in 1960. (Submitted by the Washington, D.C., Post.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 444 \(July-August 1976\), pp. 331-337*](#)

Tompkins, Charles H, builder and civic leader of Washington, D. C., died on December 12, 1956, at the age of 73. Mr. Tompkins was a Military Engineer Member of The Society, who had served on numerous national committees. He was a past president of the Washington Post of The Society and was still serving as a Director. Mr. Tompkins was the president and co-founder with his wife of the Charles H. Tompkins Construction Company that built many Washington landmarks as well as military installation at Fort Belvoir, the Bainbridge Naval Training Station, and the White Oak Naval Ordnance Laboratory. Mr. Tompkins was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, but lived nearly all of his life in Washington, where he was educated in the public schools, after which he attended Lehigh University and George Washington University. He received an honorary doctor's degree in engineering from the latter institution in 1946. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 49, No. 327 \(January-February 1957\), pp. 64-79*](#)

Vogel, Herbert D. Brig. Gen. has served on numerous committees of The Society, was Treasurer from 1973-1976, and is a member of the Board of Direction and the Executive Committee. He has obtained 100 members for The Society. Military service included duty as Base Commander and Staff Officer in the Southwest Pacific Command, and as Engineer Maintenance Officer for the Panama Canal; Vice President, The Panama Railroad Company; Lieutenant Governor, The Panama Canal; and Vice President, The Panama Canal Company. After his retirement from the

Army, General Vogel served as Chairman of the Board of the Tennessee Valley Authority and as Engineer Advisor to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He has served on the Beach Erosion Board, the Mississippi River Commission, Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, and as Chairman of the Arkansas- White- Red River Basins Interagency Committee. He is a registered professional engineer in New York, Tennessee, Texas, and the District of Columbia. General Vogel is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and received an M.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of California and a Doctor of Engineering degree from the Berlin Technical College. He is a member of the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses, a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the United States Committee of the International Commission on Large Dams, and the Royal Society of Arts, England. (Submitted by the Washington, D.C. Post) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 68, No. 445 \(September-October 1976\), pp. 407-413*](#)

Ward, John W. Jr., is the Congressional Liaison Representative for the Directorate of Engineering and Services, Headquarters, United States Air Force. He has served The Society since 1960 when, soon after joining, he helped form the Wiesbaden Post and became one of its first officers. In 1961 he moved to the Washington, D.C., area. Since then he has become actively involved with the Washington, D.C., Post and Society committees. He is Treasurer of The Society and is a member of several standing committees. Presently, Mr. Ward is on the Board of Direction for the Washington, D.C., Post and Chairman of the annual post dance committee. He was committee chairman for the successful 1976 Annual Meeting of The Society which was held in Washington, D.C. "Mr. Ward has truly distinguished himself in his long and faithful service to The Society, and we are extremely appreciative of the effort he expended, the fine resultant products, his leadership by precept and example, and, most of all, his fine fellowship." (Submitted by the Washington, D.C., Post.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 69, No. 447 \(January-February 1977\), pp. 54-60*](#)

Wheeler, Raymond Albert, Lieutenant General, U. S. Army, Retired, is an engineer consultant to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He was born in Illinois. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1911, the Engineer School in 1913, the Command and General Staff College in 1927, and the Army War College in 1937. He served in the U. S. Army for 42 years in all grades from Cadet and second lieutenant to lieutenant general, including overseas war service in the expedition to Vera Cruz, Mexico, 1914; in World War I in France, Germany, and Italy in 1918 and 1919; in World War II in the Persian Gulf Area, China, Burma, India, and Southeast Asia from 1941 to 1945, inclusive; and in overseas peacetime service with the Panama Canal and in the Hawaiian Islands. At the end of World War II, he was serving as Commanding General of the India-Burma Theater and as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander of South East Asia Command. He served as Chief of Engineers from 1945 until his retirement in 1949. He is a Charter Military Engineer Member of The Society, and has been a frequent contributor to The Military Engineer. He was president of The Society in 1950 and awarded the Goethals Medal in 1958. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 48, No. 322 \(March-April 1956\), pp. 149-164*](#)

Wilson, Walter K. Lt. Gen., Retired, continues to play an active role in the engineering profession and in the affairs of the Mobile Post of The Society. He has distinguished himself as a member and officer of The Society as President, First Vice President, and as a member of the Board of Direction and the Executive Committee. General Wilson retired from the Southern Industries Corporation, Mobile, Alabama, in 1973, having worked for them as a vice president since 1965 and as a director since 1966. In 1961, General Wilson was appointed as Chief of Engineers and promoted to Lieutenant General, and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1965. In 1956 he had been promoted to Major General when he became Deputy Chief of Engineers. Other assignments have been as Commanding General, U.S. Army Engineer Center; Commander of the 18th Engineer Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood; and as the Division Engineer, Mediterranean Division, in Morocco. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and continued his military and engineering education at the University of California, Cornell University, and various Army schools and colleges. In addition to his many activities on behalf of The Society, General Wilson has been active with the National Waterways Conference, the U.S. Committee on Large Dams, the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses, and the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. (Submitted by the Mobile and Washington, D.C., Posts.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 69, No. 447 \(January-February 1977\), pp. 54-60*](#)

Wray, William R., Maj. Gen. (USA, Ret.) has been elected as The Society's Texas Regional Vice President, replacing Maj. Gen. Hugh G. Robinson. General Wray is a Senior Vice President of Bovay Engineers, Inc., Houston, Texas. Prior to his military retirement in June 1982, he was the Deputy Chief of Engineers, Corps of Engineers. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, General Wray holds a Master's degree in civil engineering from the Texas A&M University. He served as president of the Washington, D.C., Post in 1973-1974, is a Society Fellow, and has been a SAME member since 1946. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 75, No. 488 \(JULY-AUGUST 1983\), pp. 367-370*](#)

APPENDIX C - Chapters of the DC Post

Throughout the history of SAME and the Post, the desire and ability to successfully mentor and recruit engineers into the Society has varied. The use of scholarships, Student Posts, Student Chapters and ad-hoc events has been dependent more on volunteers' time than financial resources. The DC Post several engineering institutions of higher learning to leverage and help – Catholic University of America, George Mason University, George Washington University, Howard University, and the University of Maryland. This appendix attempts to loosely document the history of Chapters of the Washington DC Post at the time of the Centennial.

Andrews Air Force Base (Or Joint Base Andrews) –

The Andrews AFB (now Joint Base Andrews) Chapter of the DC Post was inaugurated during in 2005. With the coordination of the DC Post leadership and the Base Civil Engineering Squadron officers, their charter was established and the new members began participating in various DC Post activities and events. Introducing these engineering officers to the principles and networking value of SAME has had a long-term positive impact on their careers, both in and out of the service. In 2010, the Andrews Air Force Base Field Chapter of the Washington, DC Post coordinated the transport of 7 tons Girl Scout cookies to Servicemembers at Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Catholic University of America (CUA) -

CUA engineering and architecture have benefited from several scholarships. Post officers and members have facilitated constructive engagements at during engineering week activities, bought pizza for students on campus and helped with resume and interview workshops at CUA over the years. On Oct. 24, 2019 Nelson Mix spoke to over 25 CUA engineering and architecture students about SAME, his career, and projects he has worked on. On Nov. 7 Nelson Mix and Al O'Konski attended the CUA senior design night and interacted with 7 groups of students, giving feedback and advice to each group (4-7 individuals) about their presentations for their Senior Projects.

Howard University (HU) –

In 2015, discussions between the Dean of the Howard School of Engineering, Architecture, and Computer Sciences, Dr. Lorraine Fleming and RADM Randall Gardner, PE (USPHS), an active member of the SAME DC post, lead to an agreement in principle that an SAME Student Chapter HU would benefit the students as well as the Post. The Student Chapter at Howard was established in 2016, with Borell (Sydney) Hall acting as its first president. The Chapter continued to grow under the leadership of Keyera Howard, an architectural student. The torch of the presidency of the chapter was then passed to Jonathan Salley, also an architecture student who served two terms in 2018 and 2019. Of note, both Jonathan and Keyera were both SAME DC Post Scholarship awardees. The Student Chapter was involved in many events including: Team River Runner (a Wounded Warrior kayaking outing); the D.C Engineering and Science Festival; several resume` and career counseling events provided by the DC post and; the student chapter regularly had representatives that attended the DC Post Holiday events. Students at the Howard chapter have been continuously mentored and inspired by Cameron A.

“CAM” Manning, PE, F. SAME (CAPT, USN ret.), the 2014 Post President. In 2018 CAM led interview and resume writing workshops with the students.

George Mason University (GMU) - On March 1, 1974 It was reported the new Middle Atlantic Region of The Society covered the area of the District of Columbia, Virginia, and North Carolina including the following local posts: Bragg-Fayetteville, Fort Belvoir, Hampton Roads, Virginia Peninsula, and **Washington, D. C.**, and student posts at the George Mason University, the University of Maryland, the University of Virginia, and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The **George Mason University Post** is the newest one, having been chartered on January 24, 1974, with Andrew K. Phelps as president. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 66, No. 431 \(May-June 1974\), pp. 198-209*](#)

George Mason University Chapter named a Distinguished Student Chapter this year. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 106, No. 691 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2014\), pp. 83-86*](#)

George Washington University (GWU) – In 1987 the George Washington University president was Midshipman Joel Hicks. On April 3, 1988 Midn. Payne addressed the topic: Engineering Expo. On April 17, 1988 Midn. Tae Choi addressed the topic: Acupuncture. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 79, No. 515 \(JULY, 1987\), pp. 392-396*](#) and [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 522 \(JULY 1988\), pp. 412-416*](#)

After a 2008 revamping led by Mr. Philios Angelides (the 2011 Post President), the chapter began to thrive. In 2010, going into its third year, the George Washington University (GWU) SAME Student Post is comprised of an active group of engineers of all ages and backgrounds. All of our students have diverse interests, and their fields of study range from Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Civil Engineering to Computer Science and Computer Engineering too. They introduced a new Executive Board of Officer’s for the 2010-2011 Academic Year. First off, Krista Harbold, a sophomore Computer Engineer, is our chapter’s new President. She is a Midshipman in the GWU NROTC Unit, and is excited to plan many future events including engineering site visits, host Adult SAME members to speak to our students, and participate in professional networking events. Zachary Feldman, a sophomore Mechanical Engineer is our new Vice President. Krystal Brun, a senior Civil Engineer is our Secretary. Allison Hogarth, a junior Mechanical Engineer is our Treasurer. Mariel Rico, a sophomore Mechanical Engineer and Caroline Battey, a junior Civil Engineer both represent the GWU SAME student chapter at to the GWU Engineer’s Council. Finally, Jon Guidoboni, a junior Aerospace Engineer is the liaison between the SAME Adult Board and the GWU student chapter.

In 2013, Eric Nelson from the DC Post’s GW Student Chapter attended the SAME National Leadership Conference in San Diego.

In 2018 Marcus Henneke, a post officer facilitated constructive engagements including professional participation at GWU’s Engineering Week activities. Philios Angelides and Robert Wolff participated in the engineering week activities at GWU in 2020.

University of Maryland (UMD) -

On June 19, 1956, Col. P. C. Brown, USAF, reported on the establishment of a student post, sponsored by the Washington Post, at the University of Maryland. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 48, No. 325 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1956\), pp. 400-409*](#)

On February 3, 1977 the University of Maryland student post had successfully recruited 30 members, as announced at its February 3 meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 69, No. 449 \(May-June 1977\), pp. 208-215*](#)

Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month. Since its recent reactivation, the post has held three successful meetings. At the March 3 gathering, John W. Ward, Jr., Treasurer of The Society, explained Society objectives. The April 14 meeting was a seminar on the Aero propulsion Systems Test Facility presented by Maj. Robert G. Holcomb, Program Manager, Programs Division, Directorate of Engineering & Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. An additional business meeting was held April 28 to plan events for next fall. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 69, No. 450 \(July-August 1977\), pp. 283-290*](#)

The post held a business meeting on November 9 to elect Alan J. Hayes as post vice president. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 70, No. 453 \(JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1978\), pp. 51-57*](#)

The post held a business meeting on December 5. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 70, No. 454 \(MARCH-APRIL 1978\), pp. 130-135*](#)

New post officers are Marc P. Melucas, president; Michael R. Berkenkemper, vice president; Steven Reilly, treasurer; and Jeanine Murphy, assistant secretary-treasurer. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 71, No. 463 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1979\), pp. 361-366*](#)

The post held business meetings on August 30 and September 6 and 13. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 71, No. 464 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1979\), pp. 435-438*](#)

New post officers elected at the January 29 meeting are Lawrence Eslocker, president; Kitty Shih, 1st vice president; Martin Schaffer, 2nd vice president; Carol Channel, secretary; and Joseph Gregor, treasurer. A film entitled "The Eagle Has Landed" was shown at the February 3 meeting. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 473 \(MAY-JUNE 1981\), pp. 226-232*](#)

New post officers are Kitty S. Shih, president; Gilbert Classen, Jr., 1st vice president; Andy Postosky, 2nd vice president; Eileen Lynch, secretary; and Carol Channel, treasurer. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 474 \(JULY-AUGUST 1981\), pp. 288-295*](#)

Secretary, Eileen Lynch, Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20740 [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 73, No. 476 \(NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1981\), pp. 432-435*](#)

The UMD Student Chapter was a distinguished student chapter. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 74, No. 481 \(JULY-AUGUST 1982\), pp. 308-311*](#)

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND- President, Gilbert Classen; Secretary, Eileen Lynch, 6105 Easton Hall, Univ. of Md., College Park, MD 20740 (Washington, D.C.) [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 75, No. 489 \(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1983\), pp. 464-467*](#)

University of Maryland president CDT Anthony Muzereus 1st v.p. Doug Sanborn 2nd v.p. Jeff Mich secretary Patricia Osika treasurer Paul Johnson. Members of the University of Maryland student post toured the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, on November 16th. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 77, No. 499 \(MARCH/APRIL 1985\), pp. 140, 143-149*](#)

University of Maryland president Jeffery R. Mich v.p. Arthur E. Dunn secretary Alexander L. Holder treasurer Anthony Buenge. 10/16/86 Maj. Ken Small Topic: Strategic Defense Initiative 10/31/86 Tour: Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 79, No. 512 \(JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1987\), pp. 48-52*](#)

President: Cdt. Michael E. McDonald 1st Vice President: Cdt. George Fink Secretary: Cdt. Anthony E. Muzereus, III Treasurer: Cdt. Anthony W. Buenger, Jr. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 80, No. 520 \(MARCH/APRIL 1988\), pp. 133-138*](#)

President, CDT James B. Clegern [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 84, No. 549 \(MAY-JUNE 1992\), pp. 43-46*](#)

APPENDIX D - Past Post Presidents

SAME WASHINGTON DC POST PRESIDENTS

2020 CDR Patrick Jors, USN
2019 Mr. Al O’Konski, *AECOM*
2018 Mr. Scott Higgins, USN (Ret.), *MBP*
2017 Ms. Susan Merrigan, *SOM*
2016 CDR Craig Clutts, USN
2015 LCDR Brian K. Moore, CEC, USN (Ret.)
2014 CAPT Cameron Manning, USN (Ret), NNSA
2013 LTC Matthew J. Pape, USAF
2012 COL Dionysios “Dan” Anninos, USA, *Iron Mountain*
2011 Mr. Philios Angelides, *The Angelides Group*
2010 CAPT Steve Bell, USN, *Page*
2009 COL John Elwood, USAF
2008 CDR Nelson Mix, USPHS
2007 CAPT Ben Pina, USN, NNSA
2006 Mr. Michael Pavilides
2005 COL Tony Maida, USAF
2004 CAPT James Peck, USN (Ret.), *MBP*
2003 COL Mike Walsh, USA
2002 Ms. Rose M. Dela Vega
2001 **COL Timothy Byers****, USAF, *Jacobs*
2000 CDR Paul G. McMahon, USN, Washington Headquarters Service
1999 COL Eric R. Potts, USA, *Freese and Nichols*
1998 Mr. John Wilson
1997 Dr. Robert Wolff, DOD
1996 Dr. Robert Wolff, DOD
1995 COL Connie Brown, USA
93-94* Thomas Delaney
92-93 CAPT Rick Brown, USN
91-92 CAPT Jim Donahue, USCG
90-91 Mr. William Stanley, NOAA
89-90 COL Don Thomas USAF
88-89 COL Dale Means, USA
87-88 CAPT Charles M. Maskell, USN
86-87 CAPT Robert J. Swain
85-86 CAPT Austin Yeager
84-85 COL Frances DeMartino
83-84 COL Brian Branagan
82-83 CAPT James C. Doebler
81-82 CAPT John Stanley
80-81 **COL Joesph A. Ahearn****, USA
79-80 RADM Herbert R. Lippold
78-79 COL Edwin P. Geesey USA

77-78 CAPT Thomas Stallman
76-77 LTC Elton D. Scheideman
75-76 CAPT Theodore J. Wojnar
74-75 BG William R. Wray, USA
73-74 CAPT Robert C. Munson
72-73 CAPT William F. Reed
71-72 COL Cliff M. Whitehead
70-71 COL Claude A. Hays
69-70 CAPT J. O. Boyer
68-69 CAPT Miller J. Tonkel
67-68 CAPT James W. Moreau
66-67 CAPT Charles Bittenbring III
66-66 Mr. Fay R. Marvin
64-66 BG Thomas J. Hayes
63-64 RADM James C. Tison
62-63 RADM James A. Alger, Jr.
61-62 **RADM Peter Corradi****
60-61 BG Harold K. Kelly
59-60 COL Leonard L. Haseman
58-59 RADM Charles Pierce
57-58 CAPT Robert T. Alexander
56-57 CAPT Joseph E. Rehler, USN
55-56 COL Robert R. Conner
54-55 CAPT Martin W. Kehart, USN
53-54 Mr. R. L. Goetzenberger
52-53 COL Robert C. Cron
51-52 COL John G. Ladd
50-51 CAPT A.D. Hunter, USN
49-50 COL W.D. Luplow, OCE
48-49 COL John C. Arrowsmith
47-48 **CAPT Joseph F. Jelly. Jr.****, USN
46-47 MG U.S. Grant, III
43-46 Unknown / Unsure
42-43 RADM L.O. Colbert
1941* LTC George Mayo
1940 CAPT A.F.E. Horn
1939 COL Stuart C. Godfrey
1938 LTC Luther C. Maddox
1937 COL Warren T. Hannum
1936 Mr. John L. Nagle
1935 LTC Glen E. Edgerton
1934 COL John W. Oehmann
1933 **LTC Francis B. Wilby****
1932 **BG G. B. Pillsbury****

1931 Dr. D. H. Payne
1930 LTC E. L. Daley, USA
1929 Mr. Charles H. Tompkins
1928 MAJ Victor V. Martin (or he was president once from 1943-1945)
1927 MAJ B.B. Somervell
1926 CAPT H.D.W. Riley, OCE
1925 MAJ Jas. A. O'Conner
1924 **MAJ Raymond A. Wheeler**** (Vice Pres. was **Capt. Lenox. R. Lohr****)
1923 MAJ William O. Tufts
1922 CAPT E. P. Ellis
1921 COL Claude H. Birdseye

Notes:

Inaccuracies may exist; if branch of service was unsure it was left blank.

Private company names in italics, at the ~ time of the Centennial.

Ranks listed are during the time as DC Post President (not at retirement).

*From 1941-1994, the President's term of office was July 1 to June 30.

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APPENDIX E - Events: Galas and Golf

The Washington DC Post has grown its scholarship fund through fund raising via dinner dances, and golf tournaments. From the 1960s to the present, these events continue to provide engineering educational opportunities for deserving recipients via scholarships. Post scholarships have grown from a couple of \$500 scholarships to over 12 scholarships at over \$3K each.

The post's first annual dinner-dance, celebrating National Engineers' Week, was held at Boiling Air Force Base Officers Club on February 23, 1966, and was attended by 200 members and their wives. During the cocktail hour a film of the astronaut's walk in space was shown. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 58, No. 383 \(May-June 1966\), pp. 208-227*](#)

The Ninth Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance was held at Fort McNair on February 1, 1974. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 66, No. 431 \(May-June 1974\), pp. 198-209*](#)

The post's 14th annual dinner dance was held on February 3. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 71, No. 461 \(MAY-JUNE 1979\), pp. 202-207*](#)

Some 300 members and guests attended the post's recent Annual Dinner Dance. [*The Military Engineer, Vol. 74, No. 481 \(JULY-AUGUST 1982\), pp. 322-329*](#)

As Post President in 2006, Michael G. Pavlides re-energized and greatly expanded the Post's Scholarship Fund and Program. His intent was to increase emphasis on the Scholarship Program thorough an upscaled award event, increase the fund balance, and the monetary amount and number of annual student scholarships awarded by the Post. First, Mike solicited and expanded the number of Post Named Scholarships by adding the Murphy Tuomey, Clark Construction, and Michael G. Pavlides Named Scholarships. Each of these required a minimum of \$20,000 in donations. Secondly, Mike founded the Washington DC Post Scholarship Gala fundraising event which was held annually for three consecutive years in the historic Mayflower Hotel Grand Ballroom. The newly named scholarships were presented at the first Gala in 2006. The third Gala in 2008 was held in association with the Northern Virginia Post. Collectively, the three Galas raised over \$150,000 for the scholarship fund mainly through generous gala corporate sponsorships which kickstarted the continuous growth of our scholarship fund.