

July 2025



Society of American Military Engineers

Newsletter

JBLM I-5 Widening Project

Date: July 8, 2025 - Field Trip 3:00 - 5:00 pm (followed by Happy Hour)

Join us on July 8th for an exclusive field trip to the JBLM I-5 Widening Project!

Tacoma SAME Post members and guests will hear a project update, dive into key challenges, and tour two overpasses from 3–5 PM, then unwind with a Happy Hour at McNamara's Pub.

Meet at the WSDOT project trailer on 148th Street West off Murray Rd SW (look for the WSDOT trucks).

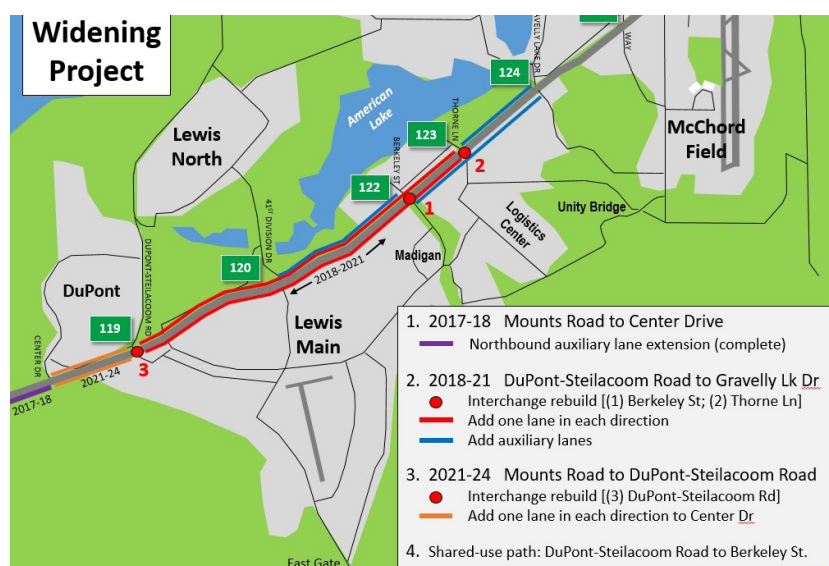
PPE Required: hardhat, vest, safety-toe shoes, and eye protection.

RSVP to [Mike Funches](#) at by Thursday, July 3rd, 2025



SAME VISION

"To promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals."



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EVENTS

July 8, 2025

WSDOT Field Trip - I-5 Widening and Overpasses at JBLM
WSDOT project trailer on 148th Street West off Murray Road SW
(look for the WSDOT trucks)

July 23, 2025

[Seattle Post Appreciation Reception](#)
Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, Renton, WA

August 7, 2025

SAME Mt. Tacoma Golf Tournament - Save the Date!
Eagles Pride Golf Course, Dupont, WA

August 15, 2025

[ACEC-COMTO Golf Tournament](#)
The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge, WA



Washington
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Are you a veteran working in public works? The APWA Washington Chapter is exploring the formation of a Veterans Committee and we'd like to hear from you.

Veterans have unique experiences and insights. This committee would create space for shared support, peer-to-peer connection, and service to the broader APWA community.

We welcome your ideas and participation as we explore this exciting opportunity. You can read more about our ideas for the committee online [here](#).

The proposed committee would connect veterans across the public and private sectors and provide valuable outreach and resources, including:

- Sharing public works career opportunities with transitioning active duty service members
- Promoting the benefits of hiring veterans to employers and agencies
- Connecting veterans in A/E/C industry and agency leadership roles to APWA
- Serving as a liaison to the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)
- Supporting veteran-owned businesses and fellow veterans in APWA
- If you are a veteran and would like to help shape this effort, please contact Dale Clark at dale.clark@turntown.com.





SAME Seattle Post

Appreciation Reception

Wednesday,
23 July 2025

Hyatt Regency
1053 Lake Washington
Blvd N, Renton, WA 98056

4:00 PM -
6:00 PM

REGISTER NOW

Eventbrite Registration

Come join us for drinks and snacks! This is a networking / social event with for SAME members and industry colleagues.

Where: Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, in Renton, WA – Mercer Terrace in the event of good weather and the Lakeside Room in the event of bad weather.

Who: You! ..and.. Anyone who supports the mission of SAME, or wants to learn more about SAME.

What will be provided: 2 drink tickets per attendee + shared snacks available for attendees

Dress Attire: Business Casual / Casual

Ticket Prices:

SAME Member: \$10


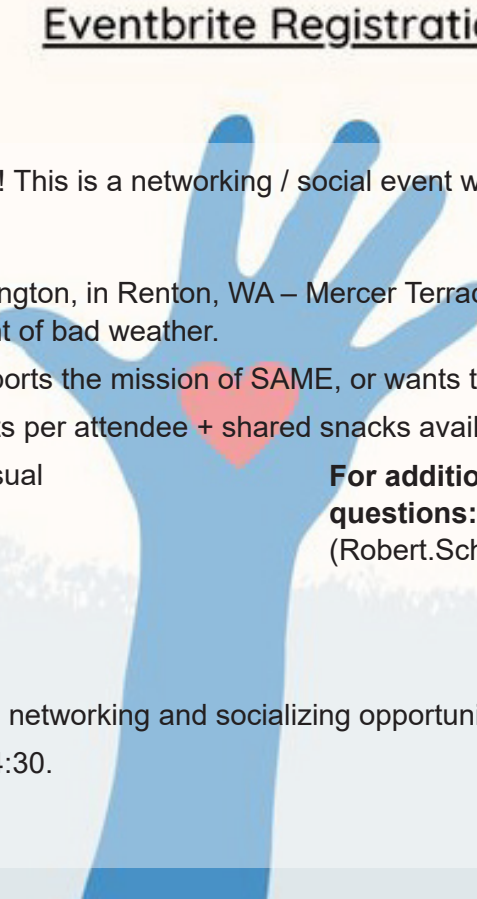
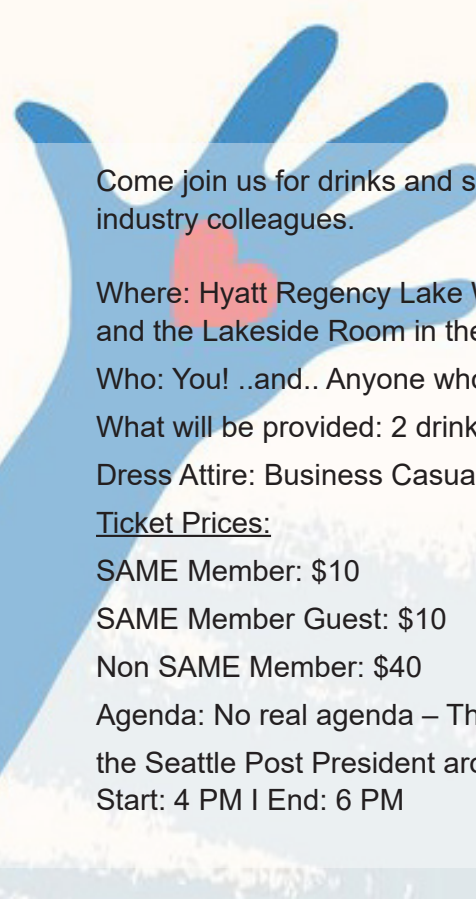
SAME Member Guest: \$10

Non SAME Member: \$40

Agenda: No real agenda – This is a networking and socializing opportunity. Post updates will be given by the Seattle Post President around 4:30.

Start: 4 PM | End: 6 PM

For additional information or if you have any questions: Please contact Bob Schlesinger (Robert.Schlesinger@stantec.com)





A Celebration of Seabees and Supporters of the Navy Seabee Foundation

SEABEE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 • 5-8PM
KITSAP CONFERENCE CENTER, BREMERTON, WA



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- Recognition during the event.
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- 6 event tickets

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- 4 event tickets

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- Name inclusion on event materials.
- Recognition during the event.
- Name inclusion on event website.
- 2 event tickets

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS | \$25-\$100

- Civilian / Retired - \$100
- Active Duty Officer - \$50
- Active Duty Enlisted - \$25

SEABEE SPONSORSHIP | \$25+

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MOUNT TACOMA POST

Origins of the SAME Mount Tacoma Post

SAME Mt. Tacoma (Tahoma) was founded November 6, 1950, Tahoma is the native/indigenous name for Mt. Rainier

The Tacoma Post has a rich history dating back over 70 years, with its members making valuable contributions to military engineering projects and innovations in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. From constructing essential infrastructure at military installations across Washington state to advising policymakers on engineering and national security matters, the Tacoma Post has played a key role in SAME's mission of connecting military and civilian engineers to advance engineering support for national security.

Over the past seven decades, the Tacoma Post has carried on this tradition of excellence in engineering support and remains an active forum for cooperation between military and civilian engineers in the Tacoma region and surrounding areas.

Original Objective from 1950:

In the interest of national defense; to advance knowledge of the science of military engineering; to promote efficiency in the military engineer service of the United States; to maintain its best standards and traditions, to preserve the memory services rendered by the engineering profession throughout the wars in which the United States has been engaged; to encourage and foster and develop between military engineers and other arms of the military service a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding of their respective duties, powers and limitations; to encourage, foster and develop relations of helpful interest between the engineering profession in civil life and that in the military service; to hold meetings for the presentation and discussion of appropriate papers for social and professional intercourse.

SAME History

The Society of American Military Engineers grew from our nation's experiences in World War I, when more than 11,000 civilian engineers were called to duty as the United States entered the war. Upon their return, many feared the collective knowledge and the cooperation between the public and private sectors that proved vital to combat success would be lost. And, they suspected that what they had just experienced was not, in fact, "The War to End All Wars" Industry and military leaders determined to capitalize on the technical lessons and camaraderie shared during their battlefield experiences.

SAME was formed in 1919, as an "association of engineers" that would preserve and expand upon connections formed in war and promote the advancement of engineering and its related professions.

In the Puget Sound area there are Posts in Seattle and Tacoma. The two posts have formed a joint committee to address preparation for and response to emergencies and disasters. The committee was simply called "Readiness" for many years. In the last three years the name has changed twice, and it is now the "Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security" committee. I am the Tacoma Post co-Chair of the committee.

Our work in support of emergency preparedness is to make known to Federal, State and Local emergency management officials and disaster relief organizations the capabilities of our Sustaining Members and to expedite their use during a disaster. These companies have engineering, architecture, construction, HAZMAT testing and mitigation, and numerous other capabilities. Our members have capabilities in 10 of the 15 Emergency Support Functions (ESF) in the National Response Framework.

There are 26 companies that have specifically volunteered their capabilities to be available in an emergency or disaster situation. Our committee has prepared this brochure with an explanation of the SAME role and a list of available firms.



Why join the Society of American Military Engineers?

If you are thinking of joining a professional association, it is critical that you ask yourself “what does membership provide for you?” We can all agree that there is little value in paying dues and investing time into an organization just to check a box. After all, the relationship you have with a professional association should create a connection to something that you can relate to and have a passion for. Personally, I struggled with finding what was right for me when considering membership for many professional associations, but then I discovered the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). My initial impression was that it very much felt like an officer’s club that did not have much to offer a young noncommissioned officer.

I discovered, however, that SAME is a diverse organization that routinely invests in the development of its members. From new member, to the President of the Society, this professional association wants to help you become a better leader supporting the defense of our Nation. SAME provides fantastic networking opportunities, plenty of options for volunteering, technical information through webinars and publications, and even offers stipends to pay for professional certifications. Plus, the membership fee covers the life of your uniformed service!

Everyone can benefit from what SAME has to offer, and you do not need to be an Engineer or have a degree to join. You can volunteer with your local Post, participate in networking events and professional development briefs, and even get a one-day pass for the annual Joint Engineer Training Conference (JETC) or Small Business Conference (SBC) at no cost.

SAME offers professional NCOs tangible value with real rewards, over three distinct periods in a career.

Near-Term: Active SAME membership thrusts us into an environment of exposure to engineering techniques and practices of industry and Military Departments other than our own. We soak up information and knowledge without realizing it, immediately making us better NCOs.

Mid-Term: SAME offers unique opportunities to continue our technical education and pursue licenses and certifications from affiliated associations. Over a few months, credentialing can better posture NCOs for increased responsibility and promotion. Taking advantage of these industry-recognized certifications will also assist with a smoother transition when exiting the military.

Long-Term: NCOs will one day move on from direct military service whether Active Duty or Reserve Component. Most of us change employers but we still prefer technical employment in such a rewarding field. If you want to secure the future, SAME offers the best opportunity for networking with potential employers.

I truly wish I had learned these things sooner in my career, so I urge you not to wait. Come see what SAME can do for you!

CMSgt Adam Boubede



Enlisted Membership Application

Join Now → www.same.org/join



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Mailing
Address

Email 1

Email 2

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Base or
Installation

Service Branch
and Rank

DOB (mm/yy)

Highest Degree ☐ High School ☐ Technical/Associates ☐ Bachelors ☐ Masters ☐ Doctorate

Questions about membership?

Contact our Member Services Team member@same.org or 703.549.3800 ext. 131

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