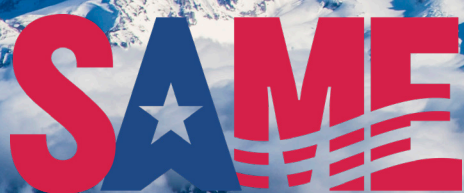


September 2025



Society of American Military Engineers

# Newsletter

## Military Transition Assistance Program

Presented by: Frank Handboe, Transition Service Specialist

Date: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 11:30am

Location: Eagle's Pride Golf Course,  
1529 Mounts Rd SW, Dupont, WA 98327



Join us on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> for the monthly SAME luncheon featuring Frank Handoe, Transition Service Specialist at JBLM. Frank is a retired U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major with over 30 years of distinguished service in leadership roles across the globe. Since retiring, he has dedicated his career to supporting service members, veterans, and military spouses as they prepare for civilian opportunities.

Frank will provide an inside look at the DoD's Transition Assistance Program (TAP) - a required program for all separating and retiring service members. TAP offers career fairs, resume writing and interview preparation, and access to DoD-funded internships and fellowships, all designed to connect employers with highly skilled military talent who are ready to transition into the workforce.

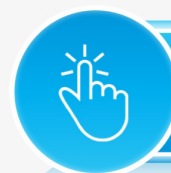
This is a valuable chance to learn how your organization can engage with local transitioning service members and benefit from their expertise.

Please RSVP to [dnewkirk@shive-hattery.com](mailto:dnewkirk@shive-hattery.com) by Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

September 9, 2025	Joint Base Lewis-McChord Transition Assistance Program <u>SAME Monthly Luncheon - September</u> Eagles Pride Golf Course, Dupont, WA
September 11, 2025	<u>SAME Kitsap Chapter September Social Networking Event</u> Horse & Cow Bar & Grill, Bremerton, WA
September 13, 2025	<u>Seabee Celebration</u> Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA
September 19, 2025	<u>SAME Mt. Tacoma Board Meeting</u> Elmers Restaurant, Tacoma, WA
October 17, 2025	<u>Projects of Excellence</u> SeaTac Marriott, SeaTac, WA
October 17, 2025	<u>SAME Mt. Tacoma Board Meeting</u> Elmers Restaurant, Tacoma, WA



Washington  
Chapter

American  
Public Works  
Association



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 Chair [dale.clark@turntown.com](mailto:dale.clark@turntown.com) or Co-Chair [jen@tetatzin.com](mailto:jen@tetatzin.com).







# **SAME KITSAP CHAPTER, SEPTEMBER SOCIAL A/E/C NETWORKING WITH NAVFAC NW**

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**11 SEPTEMBER**

**4 - 6 PM**

**HORSE & COW BAR & GRILL  
BREMERTON, WA**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**



## **SAME Kitsap Chapter September Social**

- What:** SAME Kitsap Chapter September Social, a Networking Event
- When:** Thursday, 11 September 2025, 4pm-6pm
- Where:** Horse and Cow Bar and Grill, Bremerton, WA  
536 4th Street Bremerton, WA 98337
- Why:** Come enjoy an afternoon of networking and fun at our SAME Social Networking Event



*A Celebration of Seabees and Supporters of the Navy Seabee Foundation*

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



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- Recognition during the event.
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- Logo on event website.
- 4 event tickets

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- 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

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# PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE

OCTOBER 17, 2025 | 6PM - 9PM

PLEASE JOIN OUR AWARDS CEREMONY TO RECOGNIZE  
THE AMAZING WORK WE DO IN THE INDUSTRY

**PROJECT SUBMISSION PERIOD:**

OPENS AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 - CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> 2025  
SEND SUBMISSIONS TO: [PoE.Submissions.2025@gmail.com](mailto:PoE.Submissions.2025@gmail.com)

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, THE FIVE AWARD CATEGORIES ARE:**

COLLABORATION - INNOVATION - COMPLEXITY -  
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP - PEOPLE'S CHOICE

**SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER!**



The ceremony will be held at SeaTac Marriot  
3201 S 176<sup>th</sup> St  
Seattle, WA 98188

For more info, contact:  
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## About this event

This event will showcase projects our membership and partners are delivering for the various communities we serve. In addition to showcasing these projects, we will be presenting awards for the best submissions in five distinct categories: Collaboration | Innovation | Complexity | Environmental Stewardship | People's Choice.

People's Choice is back by popular demand! Project posters will be available for viewing and judging by all event attendees. Judging will be open during the social hour leading up to dinner. Votes will be counted during dinner and the award will be issued alongside the other categories later in the evening.

The project submission period is open starting August 8, 2025 and will close September 12, 2025. All submissions should be sent to the following email address: [PoE.Submissions.2025@gmail.com](mailto:PoE.Submissions.2025@gmail.com).

When: Friday, October 17, 2025 from 6PM to 9PM

Where: Atrium area at the Seattle Airport Marriott, 3201 S. 176<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle, WA 98188

Discounted parking of \$12 per vehicle is available on site for all attendees.

### Tickets (Early Bird through 9/12):

- SAME Member - \$175 (Early Bird \$150)
- SAME Member Guest - \$175 (Early Bird \$150)
- Non-Member - \$200 (Early Bird \$175)
- Active Duty - \$50
- Government / Client / Project Owner - \$50
- Young Professional - \$50
- For planning purposes, ticket sales close end of day October 10, 2025

Please consider sponsoring the event - our supporters are the ones who help make this happen! Options include:

### Platinum Sponsorship - \$2,000 (two available)

- 3x comp'd tickets
- Reserved seating at front table
- 5 minute presentation during the event
- Company logo on promotional material, and on sponsorship slide during event
- Company shout out during event

### Gold Sponsorship - \$1,500 (four available)

- 2x comp'd tickets
- Reserved seating at front side table(s)
- Company logo on promotional material, and on sponsorship slide during event
- Company shout out during event

### Silver Sponsorship - \$900 (six available)

- 1x comp'd ticket
- Company logo on promotional material, and on sponsorship slide during event
- Company shoutout during event

### Bar Sponsorship - \$1,500 (two available)

- 1x comp'd ticket
- Company logo on promotional material
- Company name on signage at event
- Attendee list will be shared with the membership and attendees after the event, including name, title and company (no contact information)

Refund Policy: *Starting five days prior to the event, no refunds will be issued. If you request a refund prior to five days, the refund will be issued in full minus Eventbrite fees and processing fees.*

# 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

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Mailing  
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Base or  
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Service Branch  
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Highest Degree    ☐ High School ☐ Technical/Associates ☐ Bachelors ☐ Masters ☐ Doctorate

**Questions about membership?**

Contact our Member Services Team [member@same.org](mailto:member@same.org) or 703.549.3800 ext. 131

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