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Society of American Military Engineers

# Newsletter

## CMMC Cybersecurity Model Certification Readiness

Presented by: Damon Hacker, Computer Forensic & Cybersecurity Expert

Date: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 11:30am

Location: [Eagle's Pride Golf Course](#)



Join us on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for the monthly SAME luncheon featuring Damon Hacker who has over 30 years of experience in digital forensics and cybersecurity, advising on legal, corporate, and media matters. A sought-after speaker, he covers DoD CMMC compliance, IT security, auditing, computer fraud, data breaches, and intellectual property theft.

The Department of Defense is updating its cybersecurity requirements, and DoD suppliers of all sizes need to be prepared. Join us for an informative presentation on CMMC 2.0, where we'll break down the changes from NIST 800-171, explain the new maturity levels, and show you what compliance entails. You'll learn practical steps to position your organization for certification, understand the DoD's expectations, and ensure you remain eligible for future contracts. This session is a must-attend for any supplier handling Federal Contract Information (FCI) or Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI).

Please RSVP to [dnewkirk@shive-hattery.com](mailto:dnewkirk@shive-hattery.com) by Friday, October 10th, 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



October 17, 2025	Projects of Excellence SeaTac Marriott, SeaTac, WA
October 17, 2025	SAME Mt. Tacoma Board Meeting Elmers Restaurant, Tacoma, WA
October 23, 2025	SAME Young Professionals Corn Maze Event Picha Farms, 6502 52nd St E, Puyallup, WA 98371
November 18, 2025	SAME Mt. Tacoma Monthly Luncheon <i>Topic: 864th EN BN Construction Project in Thailand</i> Eagle's Pride Golf Course, 529 Mounts Rd SW, DuPont, WA 98327
April, 2026	SAVE THE DATE *Small Business Symposium & Meet the Chiefs * SeaTac, WA
May 19-21, 2026	SAVE THE DATE *JETC Joint Engineer Training Conference * Portland, OR



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 Dale Clark at [dale.clark@turntown.com](mailto:dale.clark@turntown.com).







# PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE

OCTOBER 17, 2025 | 6PM - 9PM

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

Platinum

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Gold



Silver



THANK YOU to our  
sponsors thus far  
for making this  
event possible:

We are excited to host **Colonel Kathryn Sanborn, USACE  
Seattle District Commander**, as the keynote speaker!



SCAN TO  
REGISTER!



## 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.

When: Friday, October 17, 2025 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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:

- SAME Member - \$175
- SAME Member Guest - \$175
- Non-Member - \$200
- Active Duty - \$50
- Government / Client / Project Owner - \$50
- Young Professional - \$50
- For planning purposes, ticket sales close end of day October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

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- 2x comp'd tickets
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### Silver Sponsorship - \$900 (six available)

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### 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.*

# CORN MAZE

**Calling All Young  
Professionals  
&  
Those Young at Heart**

**Join us for an  
afternoon  
of fall  
festivities!**

**Picha Farms  
6502 52nd Street E  
Puyallup, WA 98371**

**October 23rd  
4:30 pm - 6 pm**

***Bring a friend!***

***5-ac corn maze,  
cider,  
pumpkins, food!***

**RSVP HERE**



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**American Military Engineers  
Mount Tacoma Post**



## PNW Annual Steve Woolery Scholarship Golf Tournament Recap

The Pacific Northwest community gathered on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Eagle's Pride Golf Course in DuPont, WA, for the Annual Steve Woolery Scholarship Golf Tournament. Despite the overcast skies, spirits were high as players teed off at the 10:00 AM shotgun start for a day of golf and camaraderie in support of the Scholarship Fund benefitting the Seattle and Mount Tacoma Posts.

The tournament brought together golfers, sponsors, and community partners who share a commitment to supporting education and creating opportunities for future leaders. Throughout the day, participants enjoyed a full round of golf, on-course contests, and the use of Eagle's Pride's simulator facilities. The event concluded with a catered dinner, where attendees gathered to connect, share stories from the course, and celebrate the tournament's success.

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and participants, the Scholarship Fund continues to grow, making a lasting impact on students in the region. The Annual Steve Woolery Scholarship Golf Tournament remains a valued tradition that combines fellowship, fun, and a strong spirit of giving back.











## Mt. Tacoma Post Scholarships

Congratulations to our 2025 scholarship recipients! Awards of \$1,500 were made to 6 outstanding students who submitted applications by the deadline.

Recipient Name	School Attending	Field of Study	Graduating Year
Carter Feenstra	Baylor University	Mechanical Engineering	2029
Samuel Funches	Grove City College	Mechanical Engineering	2029
William Kaul	Central Washington University	Mechanical Engineering, Physics	2027
Seville Stoll	San Diego State University	Architecture	2029
Solden Stoll	University of Washington	Computer Science, Math	2027
Colton Storaasli	Central Washington University	Electrical Engineering Technology	2027





# 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](http://www.same.org/join)



Name

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Mailing  
Address

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Email 1

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Email 2

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Work Phone

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Cell Phone

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Base or  
Installation

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Service Branch  
and Rank

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DOB (mm/yy)

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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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