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Society of American Military Engineers

Newsletter

SAME Camps Program

SAME's STEM/Engineering & Construction Camps offer high school students interested in a highly unique STEM experience the chance to spend a week at a military base learning engineering, construction and design, while developing leadership skills and discovering the potential of a career in STEM.

Led by SAME professionals and other volunteers from the military and engineering community, for more than 20 years the SAME Camps Program has focused on practical, project-based learning that provides hands-on opportunities to explore STEM fields and to chart a course for future education and career opportunities.

SAME camps feature an impressive record of producing thousands of engineers and STEM leaders. They provide a rigorous experience for students interested in exploring STEM skills and careers. During the week, campers gain a sense of what it takes to become a STEM professional and learn what options exist to explore that interest from high school to college and beyond. Each camp has a unique curriculum that features hands-on activities conducted in competitive environments promoting teamwork, leadership, project management, and problem-solving.

For more info go to: www.same.org/camps/



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."

SAME Camp Application Portal



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To receive monthly updates on our post and events.

EVENTS



January 23, 2025

Meet the Agencies 2025
Seattle Airport Marriott

February 11, 2025

SAME Mt. Tacoma Lunch Presentation Chehalis Flood Program
Location TBD

555 Soldier's Fund Update

Last month, a total of \$3,550 was raised for the 555 Soldiers' Fund! Our SAME Post contributed \$1,000, which was generously matched by Helix/

Shive-Hattery. Additionally, AHBL donated \$500, and three individual donors collectively contributed \$1,050. *A heartfelt thank you to all who supported this meaningful cause!*

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 of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) was established in 1950, joining the growing number of SAME posts after the national Society's creation in 1919. The original name of the post was the Tacoma-Fort Lewis-Olympia Post of the Society of American Military Engineers. SAME was formed with the goal of bringing together civilian and military engineers to collaborate and share knowledge for the benefit of national defense.

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.

Small Business and

NAVFAC SW Industry Forum

24 & 25 FEBRUARY 2025

Town & Country Resort, San Diego, CA

0830-1630

Presentations by NAVFAC Southwest leadership with updates on \$4.5B of construction from FY25 and beyond. Representatives include:

- Planning
- Construction
- Contracting
- Environmental
- Public Works

Additional presentations by NAVFAC Pacific Small Business, USACE LA, USACE Sacramento, USACE San Francisco, NASA, SBA, PTAC, and U.S. Coast Guard

For Hotel Reservations call 833-425-0957

<https://www.same.org/sandiego/>



INSTALLATIONS:

- Naval Base San Diego
- Naval Base Coronado
- Naval Air Station Lemoore
- Naval Base Pt. Loma
- Marine Corps Air Station Miramar
- and more...

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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



Name _____

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?

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