



Society of American Military Engineers

Newsletter

Woodland Firefighting in Idaho

Presenters: CPTs Sam Bell and Troy Marshall.

Date: October 8, 2024

Time: 11:30am to 1:00pm (Catered by Tin Hut BBQ)

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



We are pleased to invite you to an upcoming luncheon featuring a compelling presentation on Woodland Firefighting in Idaho. The event will be led by CPTs Sam Bell and Troy Marshall, who will share their firsthand experiences supporting fire service efforts in the Idaho wilderness.

For approximately 30 days, CPTs Bell and Marshall were trained, activated, and deployed to assist in combating wildfires. During the luncheon, they will provide insights into the challenges of woodland firefighting, the rigorous preparation involved, and the unique experiences they faced in the field.

This luncheon offers a rare opportunity to learn more about the collaboration between military personnel and fire services during critical wildfire missions. Join us for an engaging discussion and the chance to hear directly from two seasoned leaders who have been on the front lines of one of the nation's most demanding environments.

RSVP by Thursday, October 3rd to: [Dave Newkirk](mailto:daven@rahaec.com) (daven@rahaec.com).



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 8, 2024

SAME Monthly Luncheon - Woodland Firefighting Fire Service
Eagles Pride Golf Course, Dupont, WA

October 25, 2024

SAME Tacoma & Seattle Projects of Excellence Awards
Seattle Airport Marriott, Seattle, WA

December 4, 2024

Seattle Post Holiday Social
Save the Date!

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.

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PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS AWARD CEREMONY TO
RECOGNIZE THE AMAZING WORK WE DO IN THE INDUSTRY

★ OCTOBER 25, 2024 | 6PM - 9PM ★

THE 5 AWARD CATEGORIES ARE:

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

PROJECT SUBMISSION PERIOD
CURRENTLY OPEN THROUGH AUGUST 30 2024

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SAME's Federal Small Business Conference

The Small Business Conference for the Federal Architecture, Engineering, Construction and Facility Maintenance/Management Industry (SBC) brings together federal agencies and businesses operating in the federal marketplace to:

- Deliver the most comprehensive and useful market research experience possible for all attendees
- Learn of and/or share upcoming contracting opportunities for small businesses
- Connect with teaming partners
- Support the nation's contracting goals
- Engage in above-board networking between private companies and federal program managers and procurement/contracting officers.

More than a dozen federal agencies have participated in SBC over the last few years, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Air Force Civil Engineer Center; Department of Veterans Affairs; Veterans Health Administration; Department of Energy; General Services Administration; Department of State; Small Business Administration; Environmental Protection Agency; Federal Emergency Management Agency; and National Aeronautics & Space Administration.

Key Elements of the Conference:

- Business Opportunity Sessions Presented by Government Agencies
- One-on-One Appointments between Small Businesses and Government Agencies and Large Business
- Keynote Speakers and Dynamic General Sessions
- Education and Training Sessions
- Exhibits Featuring Leading A/E/C Companies
- Industry-Government Engagement Sessions

More Info





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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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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