

FEBRUARY POST MEETING

Our next Post meeting will be **Thursday, Feb 26, 11:30 am -1:00 pm**, at the Old San Francisco Steakhouse. The speaker will be **Dr. Tim Allison, Machinery Department Director, from Southwest Research Institute (SwRI)**, who will brief on **“Technology Developments for Geothermal Power and Energy Storage”**.

Dr. Allison has B.S. and M.S. degrees in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Texas and PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Operating as a nonprofit since our 1947 inception, SwRI works in the public’s best interest and toward the betterment of humanity.



RSVP at <https://260226samesatx.eventbrite.com> by Monday, Feb 23, 10 am.

FEBRUARY POST YP-LLAB EVENT

Thursday, February 26th

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Little Woodrow’s Babcock

2535 Babcock Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229



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Save the Date



Save the Date!!!
May 5, 6 & 7

SA Post Small Business Market Research Fair 2026

SAME San Antonio Post's annual Industry Government Engagement with AFCEC and various USACE Districts and more returns this summer as a **three-day event** designed for connection, insight, and engagement.

Day 1 (May 5th): Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Join us at **Canyon Springs Golf Course** for a Cinco De Mayo themed golf tournament! Breakfast and lunch provided with an 0800 shotgun start!

Day 2 (May 6th): SAME and Government Briefings with Panel Discussions

A full day of presentations and briefings from SAME Local and National Leaders followed by AFCEC Leader Gen. Miller and various Branch Chiefs.

Day 3 (May 7th): One-on-One Networking Sessions and Texas Region Career Transition Workshop Breakout Sessions

Appointments scheduled onsite with priority given to Small Businesses and Sponsors first. Available until all slots filled.

Conference Location:
Embassy Suites Landmark
5615 Landmark Pkwy
San Antonio, Texas 78249

Registration opens February 16th, 2026

Early Bird registration and Sponsorship opportunities will be available.

Watch your inbox for the registration link!! We look forward to seeing you in May!

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President's Corner



Hello Post Members & Friends,

As February unfolds, many of us are feeling the weight of uncertainty. A government shutdown, even a partial one, touches every corner of our communities- families waiting on services, companies waiting on contracts, taxes (although I think we all agree that we wish this would be shutdown forever...), and organizations like ours adapting in real time and continuing to show up where we're needed most. Moments like this test a lot of things in life, but they mainly test our resolve and what I've witnessed every single day throughout this shutdown and the previous, is resilience.

Even amid disruption, our mission does not pause. We are finding creative ways to serve, to advocate, and to care for those who may be feeling overlooked or anxious right now given the uncertainty of certain aspects of the future. I am deeply grateful for this organization and the community that it's created and continues to nurture. As we continue through the weeks ahead, please know that we are committed to transparency if events start to change; we will adapt accordingly and communicate promptly and effectively. On that note-

Upcoming events this month and the next couple of months:

- San Antonio Rodeo, Feb. 12 – Mar. 1 (<https://www.sarodeo.com/>) – Free grounds admission for active/retired military (Military ID required).
- San Antonio E-Week, Feb. 17-21 (<https://www.e-week.org/>) – Show your professional pride at a week filled with fun, festivities, and philanthropy. As always, our Post will exhibit and sponsor a table at the Proclamation Breakfast on Feb. 17.
- Our next luncheon will be held on Feb. 26 (see <https://260226samesatx.eventbrite.com>) and that afternoon we will be hosting a Young Professionals and Leadership Lab Happy Hour at Little Woodrow's Babcock from 4:30-6:30pm (for more info or to RSVP, please contact Andrew Silvas at asilvas@broadbentinc.com)
- The annual Small Business Market Research Fair (SBMRF) will be held on May 6 – 7th at the Embassy Landmark Hotel (registration will open soon!) and our Post Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament will occur the day prior on May 5th (Cinco De Mayo) at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Please see additional information in the newsletter regarding our upcoming STEM events and how you can volunteer for these and help support our program and surrounding schools.

Thank you all again for being a part of this Post and supporting our Mission, especially now. Uncertain times remind us why our work exists in the first place, and it reminds me why I am so proud and honored to lead this Post this year. Remember- this is what resiliency and impact looks like: people choosing hope over hesitation, action over apathy.

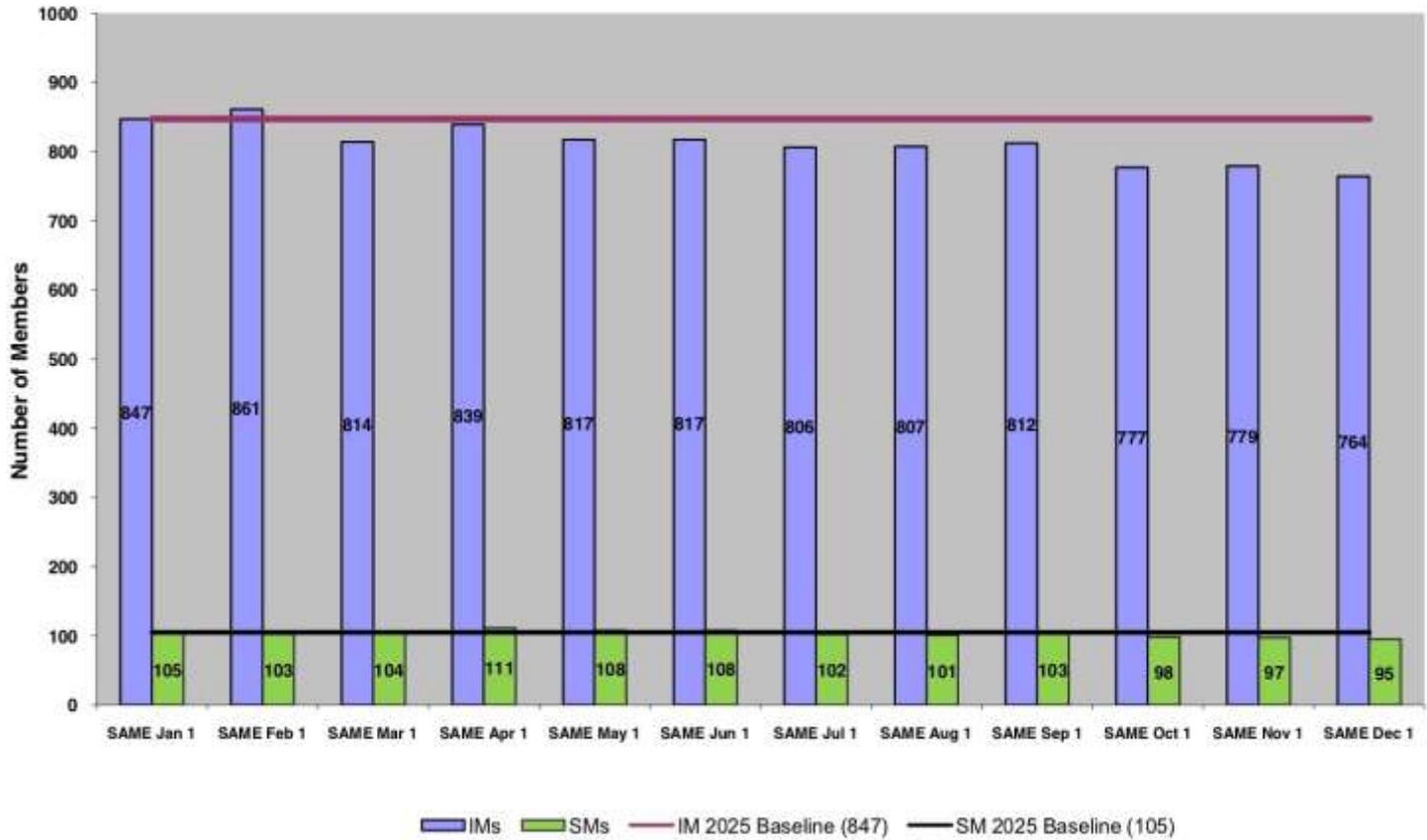
With gratitude and determination,

Sarah Fowlkes
Post President

From the President's Desk

Membership

2025 San Antonio Post Membership
(Goal: Growth in IM plus SM Changes)



If you are a member, be sure to check your membership status!

Go to <https://www.same.org/san-antonio/membership-rosters-stats/> for Individual, Organization and Student Member Rosters

Learn more about our Post - click [HERE](#) for our New Member Handbook

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our new members who joined or re-joined (in a new capacity) our Post from Jan 1 – Feb 1, 2026:

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TYPE
Brickman Allen	EMC2 Group	Private Industry
Tito Berrios	Jacobs	Private Industry
Alexandra Broaden	Golden Wolf LLC	Private Industry
Pablo Javier Gaytan	Health Facility Solutions	Private Industry
Ivan Gomez	Colliers Engineering & Design	Private Industry
Joseph Kaminski	Garver	Private Industry
Robert Liu	USAF	Government
Daniel Lutz		Private Industry
Sriram Madabhushi	AECOM	Private Industry
Joann Maynard	Wright Construction Group LLC	Private Industry
Clarence Mcmillan	USAF	Uniformed Member

We would also like to welcome our new organizational members who joined or re-joined our Post from Jan 1 – Feb 1, 2026:

ORGANIZATION	TYPE
American Structurepoint / Inc.	Private Sector
MOCA Systems / Inc.	Private Sector
RS&H	Private Sector
Wright Construction Group LLC	Private Sector



RELOCATING???

Did you get a new job or assignment? Or maybe there's some other reason you are or soon will be relocating away from the San Antonio area? There are many important things to think or be concerned about when moving - home, utilities, school for the kids, changing of mail address, vehicle registration and more.

Those, of course, are everybody's focus areas as they prepare for the next big step in their career or personal lives.

As you work those things in your move, it's easy to forget about your SAME membership. Things like what happens to my membership or is there a Post/Field Chapter where I'm relocating to may not be on the top of your list to think about and rightfully so.

So we are here to help you with your SAME membership transition. Just email us where you are moving at samesatx@gmail.com and we will help getting your membership record changed and notifying the Post/Field Chapter in the area you are moving to.

We value you as a SAME member and even though you may be moving away from the San Antonio area we want you to continue to receive all the benefits of membership with our great Society.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE AS A MEMBER - SUPPORT OUR SAME FOUNDATION

The SAME Foundation supports programs that introduce youth to STEM, develop emerging leaders within our membership, and increase the number of veterans transitioning into the engineering and construction workforce. The Foundation also provides a secure and beneficial repository for charitable and other bequeaths from members of the Society and the public at large. See <https://www.same.org/foundation/> for details.

Our nation must have a continuous pipeline of quality engineering and STEM leaders to address the complex national security and infrastructure challenges. The SAME Foundation was specifically created to attack this need by leveraging the charitable capacity of our Society and of engineering and related professions.

Contributing to our SAME foundation is your opportunity to make a difference as a SAME professional!!!

We hope you will consider donating or encouraging your company/organization to donate to the SAME Foundation at <https://my.same.org/donate>.



Professional Development

Post Professional Development & Continuing Education Scholarships

The **SAME San Antonio Post** is proud to offer the **annual professional development and continuing education scholarship program**. Our program is open to professional development and continuing education as in years past. The 2026 program will assist Post members with the costs of pursuing professional licensure (e.g. EIT, PE, RA) or a recognized credential (e.g. PMP, CFM, LEED AP) or the cost of actually sitting for the applicable examination itself. Scholarships are also available for continuing education and training toward advance degrees or advanced technical expertise in related fields. The financial support under this program includes the cost of review courses/seminars, related study materials, associated fees (examination fees, preparatory course fees, etc.) or travel associated with study courses or exams. This scholarship **CANNOT** pay for a license/credential renewal fee.

This **scholarship program covers professional development requirements from 1 Jan 2026 thru 31 Dec 2026**.

To be eligible for this scholarship program, **applicants MUST BE current SAME and San Antonio Post members in good standing for at least one year as shown on the latest Post membership roster**. Government/U.S. Uniformed Service members, Veterans, Young Professionals or any San Antonio Post member looking to enhance their professional careers are highly encouraged to apply since scholarship support for credentialing for this group of members is one of the focus areas in the new 2030 SAME Strategic Plan.

Scholarship awards totaling approximately \$1,000 are planned for this program. The maximum award per member in professional development and continuing education scholarships would be \$500. Awards may, or may not be granted, and are based upon the strength of the applications received and the other data available to the Post Board on the applicant's participation in SAME/Post activities (including meetings, sponsorships, SAME/Post positions held and SAME/Post/other publications). The application information and the other data will be used to determine any scholarship awards.

Download the application at <https://www.same.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/pdcescholar2026.doc>.

The **application deadline is 1 Mar 2026**. Email your completed applications to our Member Development Director, Mr. Kisiel, at jkisiel@olsson.com (with a copy to samesatx@gmail.com).



CREREDENTIALING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP) FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

The Credentialing Assistance Program (CAP) provides financial support for professional development, education, licensure and certification preparation, exam testing, and mentoring initiatives to benefit members. SAME will reimburse a portion of exam sitting or registration fees and the costs of testing preparation and training materials upon confirmation of passing an exam.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- This program is open to all SAME members, regardless of age.
- Applicants must be a SAME member for at least 12 months before applying.
- Applicants must have passed the respective examination and provide the required documentation with the application.
- The program covers financial assistance for exam sitting fees, registration fees, and study expenses (such as books or classes for the specific exam).

APPROVED A/E/C CREDENTIALS

- Certified Construction Manager (CCM)
- Certified Energy Manager (CEM)
- Certified Facility Manager (CFM)
- Certified Professional Services Marketer (CPSM)
- Design Build Institute of America (DBIA)
- Facility Management Professional (FMP)
- Leadership In Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)
- National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET)
- Professional Engineer (PE)
- Project Management Professional (PMP)
- Registered Architect (RA)

PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS

No single government official or employee, or private sector individual shall receive more than \$500 in assistance through the SAME CAP program. Individuals will remain eligible to receive reimbursement through other SAME programs.

"Credentials in the A/E/C profession are a commitment to continuous learning, which is critical in such a fast and complex industry that has responsibility of protecting public health and safety. I am grateful to work in an industry that has unlimited opportunities to learn, including many credentialing paths that add value to our work."

- Hayley Blaser, PE, PMP

For more information, visit
www.same.org/credentialing



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CREDENTIALING REVIEW COURSE (CRC) PROGRAM SHEET

OVERVIEW

The Credentialing Review Course (CRC) is a valuable benefit that provides SAME members with free access to credentialing review courses to help prepare them for professional certification exam testing.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must demonstrate active engagement or participation at the Post, Regional, or National level, and receive an endorsement from a Post President, Fellow, or National Board of Direction member
- Applicants must be active, paid SAME members for at least 12 months. Student memberships do not count toward this period
- The member must provide proof of registration for their respective exam within 30 days of receiving access to the review courses through PPI2Pass (for FE, PE, and ARE credentials). The exam should be scheduled within three- to nine-months of the award.
- Applicant must be willing to engage with a mentor from SAME (monthly at a minimum) throughout the time enrolled in the review course.
- Members selected for the CRC (or SAME Credentialing Assistance Program) will remain eligible to receive benefits from the other credentialing support program, no matter what order they apply to receive benefits.

ON-DEMAND CREDENTIALING REVIEW COURSES

The following professional licensure exams are available through the PPI2Pass:

- Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (All included)
- Professional Engineer Exam (All included)
- Architect Registration Examination (PcM, PM, PA, PPD, PDD, CE)

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION ACCOUNTABILITY

- Once an applicant is granted a seat in the CRC, they will have access for 12 months.
- Recipients will be assigned a mentor or they may request an established SAME member to serve as their mentor.
- Participants are to monitor overall progress based on the initial plan they establish with their mentor (and provide a schedule to the mentor to ensure the plan is being met).
- Participants will receive a warning if they fail to maintain the planned progress over the initial eight-week period.
- Should there be no improvement in the subsequent four weeks, the committee will assess the situation for additional action.

"Credentials are an important milestone for professionals in a highly regulated industry for safety and the public's welfare, such as the A/E/C sector. It means a commitment to deliver higher standard products and legally protects all the stakeholders involved."

- Justin Trexler Gattari, FA, LEED AP BD+C



For more information, visit www.same.org/credentialing

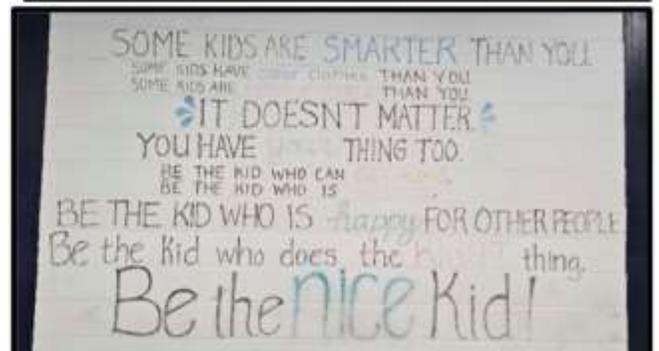
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This year's K-12 STEM events have started off extremely well! Our own Director for STEM & College Outreach & the K-12 STEM Coordinator was joined by new member Sam Ortiz at the 29 Jan Will Rogers Academy (620 McIlvaine Street San Antonio) Family STEAM Night. Our volunteers instructed students Grades K-5 on constructing air balloon powered cars and had them race them to understand engineering & propulsion. About 40 students and family members participated in the school's event. SAME was the only outside organization (Besides St. Mary's Engineering School) to participate.

SATX Post K-12 STEM Volunteers in Action!

On Sat, 31 Jan our volunteers participated as judges at the Alamo Junior Academy of Sciences (AJAS) Junior Division. The event was held at Nimitz Middle School (5426 Blanco Rd San Antonio). Dick Kochanek, F.SAME judged middle school students' biology presentations and Scott Mikos, F.SAME judged middle school engineering projects. Each student presented a 15 min oral presentation and submitted a project report. Top students will go on to compete at the Alamo Regional Science & Engineering Fair on 21 Feb.



STEM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Engineers Week Proclamation Breakfast, Feb 17**, 7:00 am (setup) and 7:30 am (check-in), UTSA Denman Ballroom. Volunteers needed to help with exhibit booth. See <https://www.e-week.org/know-before-you-go>
2. **Alamo Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Feb 21-22**, St Mary's University. Volunteers needed to do in-person judging. See <https://arase.org/home/index.php/science-engineering-fair/>
3. **McDermott Elementary STEAM Night, Mar 5**, 5-6:30 pm and 4:30 pm (setup). Volunteers needed to help with exhibit table.
4. **eCYBERMISSION Competition, Mar 11-25, 2026**. eCYBERMISSION is a virtual STEM competition for 6-9 grade students. Teams of 2-4 students prepare a paper to investigate (through the scientific inquiry process) or solve (through engineering design process) a community problem. As a volunteer you will be assigned a group of projects to evaluate. eCYBERMISSION is run by the Army Educational Opportunities Program (AEOP).
5. **Breaking Through STEM Conference, Mar 20**, 10 am - 2 pm, St Phillips College Southwest Campus. Volunteers needed for three 45-minute workshop sessions with attendees and help with exhibit table
6. **Great Texas Air Show & Cyber Expo, May 1-3**, JBSA-Randolph. There will be a STEM Cyber Day on May 2 for students. Volunteers are needed to help with the Post exhibit. See <https://www.jbsa.mil/GreatTexasAirshow/>

If interested in being a volunteer for these events, email scott.mikos@us.af.mil and samesatx@gmail.com.



PASS THE WORD TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS YOU KNOW



Mission: Possible! Start Your STEM Future Now

EXPLORE. BUILD. LEAD.

Looking for hands-on learning and unforgettable summer fun? SAME's STEM/Engineering & Construction Camps offer high school students immersive experiences supported by the SAME Foundation and led by professionals from the military and engineering community and other volunteers.

Activities include:

- Building concrete beams
- Using survey equipment
- Constructing & racing cardboard boats
- ...and much more!

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Camps last one week and range from \$100 - \$800.
- Camps are held in June and July; all are overnight camps.
- Hosted at 6 locations/bases nationwide
- Lodging & meals included

(Must be at least 15 years of age to apply; rising sophomore, junior, or senior)

SAME camps help students chart a course toward future education, leadership, and career opportunities in STEM—while building confidence, friendships, and unforgettable memories.

**READY TO LAUNCH YOUR STEM JOURNEY?
MISSION POSSIBLE STARTS NOW!**

Apply Today! Application Deadline is March 11, 2026.



2026 SAME CAMPS SCHEDULE



SAME/U.S. ARMY CAMP
Vicksburg, Miss.
JUNE 7-13, 2026



SAME/U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY CAMP
Colorado Springs, Colo.
JUNE 21-27, 2026



SAME/U.S. MARINE CORPS CAMP
Camp Lejeune, N.C.
JUNE 21-27, 2026



SAME/U.S. NAVY CAMP
Port Hueneme, Calif.
JULY 19-25, 2026



SAME/U.S. NAVY CAMP
Naval Air Station
Jacksonville, Fla.
JUNE 21-27, 2026



SAME STEM CAMP
Honolulu, Hawaii
JUNE 7-13, 2026

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*Exact dates still being finalized.

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2026 SAME Undergraduate Innovation Design Challenge

Submissions for the 2025-26 SAME Undergraduate Innovation Design Challenge are due by Feb 24, 2026. This competition, led by the SAME College Outreach COI, evaluates design projects that are being developed by college student members as part of their degree curriculums and highlights the innovative thinking of the next generation of STEM professionals.

The intent is to showcase existing work already underway to advance engineering and related subjects, and present it to SAME industry and government members. It is expected that projects submitted for consideration will be of the caliber used for college senior design or capstone projects.

Submissions in this competition will be evaluated on how well they convey the purpose of the project and its technical merit. Teams of three to five members will concisely communicate their design process and demonstrate that they have used sound analysis throughout, and do so in a way that is easily understandable to technical and non-technical audiences.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners as follows: First place team prize: \$750; Second place team prize: \$500; Third place team prize: \$250.

The competition page and submittal link are at <https://www.same.org/news/same-undergraduate-innovation-design-challenge/>.



Upcoming Career Fairs for Transitioning Military, Veterans & Family Members

Here is a listing of upcoming career fairs in the region that transitioning service members, veterans and their family members may be interested in:

- Feb 5 - **DAV/Recruit Military – Dallas Veterans Career Fair**
- Feb 19 - **Hiring Our Heroes – Dyess AFB Career Summit**
- Feb 19 - **DAV/Recruit Military – Houston Veterans Career Fair**
- Mar 11 - **DAV/Recruit Military – Fort Hood Career Fair**
- Jul 26 - **DAV/Recruit Military – San Antonio Veterans Job Fair**
- Aug 3 - **Hiring Our Heroes – JBSA Career Summit**
- Aug 6 - **Hiring Our Heroes – JBSA Amplify & Career Summit (Military Spouses)**
- Aug 19 - **Hiring Our Heroes – Ft. Bliss Amplify & Career Summit (Military Spouses)**
- Nov (date TBD) - **Workforce Solutions Alamo – Red, White & You**



2026 Texas Valero Open Military Appreciation

The 2026 Valero Texas Open (March 30–April 5, 2026) in San Antonio will feature extensive military appreciation, including free tickets for active duty, Guard, Reserve, retired, and veteran service members, plus their families. Key events include the **Night to Honor Our Heroes** presented by USAA on April 3 and access to the **Heroes Pavilion** presented by Upland Exploration.

Key 2026 Military Appreciation Details:

- **Complimentary Tickets:** Available for all military members (active, retired, veteran) and their families **via this link**.
- **Night to Honor Our Heroes:** Scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2026, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa.
- **Heroes Pavilion:** Located at the 17th green, providing free food, drinks, and seating for military cardholders.
- **Special Offers:** Discounted, select tee times on The Oaks and The Canyons courses are available for military members.



AETC holds T-7A Red Hawk Official Arrival Ceremony, Marking New Era in Pilot Training (AF CE Weekly Email Jan 20, Story by Sean Worrell, Air Education and Training Command)

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO–RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- Air Education and Training Command hosted an arrival ceremony Jan. 9 for the T-7A Red Hawk, the U.S. Air Force's next-generation trainer aircraft, marking a significant milestone in the service's effort to modernize pilot training.

The ceremony marks the delivery from The Boeing Company to Air Education and Training Command. The 99th Flying Training Squadron, assigned to the 12th Flying Training Wing, is the first Air Force unit to receive the T-7A.

Senior Air Force leaders and industry partners attended and spoke at the event, including Lt. Gen. Scott Pleus, acting vice chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force; Lt. Gen. Clark J. Quinn, AETC commander; and Daniel Gillian, Boeing Air Defense vice president and general manager.



"The T-7 isn't simply a modern upgrade," Quinn said. "It's a generational leap that will be an important part of AETC for decades to come."

The T-7A is replacing the aging T-38 Talon, which has served as the Air Force's primary jet trainer for more than six decades. The T-7A incorporates advanced digital engineering, modern avionics and open-systems architecture intended to evolve alongside future training requirements and emerging technologies.

"The arrival of the T-7A is not the finish line," Quinn said. "It marks the beginning of the work ahead to deliver training that produces ready, capable pilots for the future of the Air Force."

According to Pleus, the Red Hawk is the essential training aircraft needed to advance the Air Force's pilot training to the next level for 5th and 6th generation assets. He explained that this new platform will allow student pilots to learn the complex task management required in modern fighters, thanks to its advanced digital design and superior flight capabilities.

Col. Peter Lee, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, said it's more than just introducing a new aircraft. "It is about establishing an enterprise-wide training foundation that other wings will rely on as they develop the next generation of Air Force pilots," he said.

The 12th Flying Training Wing oversees a broad range of flying training missions, and the addition of the T-7A further reinforces the installation's role in shaping the future of Air Force aviation. As the first unit to receive the aircraft, the 99th Flying Training Squadron, whose lineage goes back to the Tuskegee Airmen, will lead early operational efforts, helping refine training concepts and setting the conditions for follow-on T-7A units across the Air Force.

"The 99th will re-write what pilot production looks like and shape the future of pilot training for the next generation of warfighters for America," said Lt. Col. Michael Trott, 99th FTW commander.

Academy Chapel Restoration Ensures Long-term Service to Cadet Readiness

(AF CE Weekly Email Jan 20, Story by AFIMSC)

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. – The Air Force is working closely with its primary contractor to accelerate restoration of the iconic Cadet Chapel at the U.S. Air Force Academy, underscoring the Service’s determination to return the national historic landmark to cadets, families, and visitors as quickly as possible.

Air Force Secretary Troy Meink’s guidance calls for expediting project execution by resolving process bottlenecks, streamlining contracting and funding actions, and ensuring accurate reporting of progress and risk to senior leadership.

Under Secretary Matt Lohmeier, himself an Academy graduate, toured the site this fall, pledging help to clear hurdles standing in the way of faster progress.

“I am encouraged by the productive meetings I had with the leadership team from JE Dunn, USAFA, and AFIMSC,” said Lohmeier. “All parties are working urgently to accomplish a very important - albeit complicated – project with alacrity.”



Two of the Air Force Installation & Mission Support Center’s subordinate units, the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC) and Air Force Installation Contracting Center (AFICC) are working closely with JE Dunn Construction to identify opportunities to accelerate schedules while maintaining the integrity of the complex restoration.

The push for acceleration comes as the Chapel’s restoration efforts – already one of the most complex facility projects in Air Force history – clear two significant challenges, a larger than expected amount of asbestos abatement and original alignment deficiencies hidden by the exterior cladding. These unforeseen site conditions discovered in 2020 extended timelines and increased costs.

“This project is far more than a restoration, it’s a transformation,” said Maj. Gen. Thomas Sherman, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center commander and Air Force Academy graduate. “As we address long-standing issues, we’re committed to making permanent fixes, not temporary bandages. The Chapel’s significance in Air Force and the Academy’s history and culture means every solution must balance modern performance with respect for its legacy, adding a layer of complexity that makes this work both challenging and deeply meaningful. At the same time, we are committed to working hand in hand with JE Dunn to ensure the work is done correctly and completed as quickly as possible so we can return the Chapel to the Cadets and the American people.”

Col. Bryan Cooper, AFCEC’s Chapel Restoration project manager, said the work is tackling long-standing issues to include water damage caused by 1958 cost-saving design choices. The Chapel’s complex geometry and glass-and-metal construction created thousands of seams that leaked, requiring constant maintenance. Over the years, temporary fixes proved ineffective, putting at risk the chapel’s role as a sacred space for cadets.

The Air Force awarded JE Dunn Construction an initial \$152 million restoration contract in 2019, which included replacing the Chapel’s aluminum siding, installing a new water barrier, and restoring two organs, the pews, and 24,000 pieces of original stained glass.

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Academy Chapel Restoration Ensures Long-term Service to Cadet Readiness (cont'd)

Despite a detailed design and extensive asbestos testing, after removing the exterior shell unforeseen site conditions were uncovered, including steel framing flaws and far more asbestos than expected, increasing both cost and schedule.

Enclosed by a pre-engineered building, contractors are working year-round to restore the facility. This structure protects the chapel from the elements during construction and facilitates continuous work despite the area's diverse weather patterns. Inside, crews are meticulously repairing decades of water damage, remediating environmental hazards, bringing the facility up to code, and correcting design flaws to restore the 52,000 square-foot chapel (with its 17 steel spires) to its full glory.

Today, work continues both inside and outside the enclosure. Crews are installing new weather-resistant panels, customizing anchors, panels, and cladding to address alignment issues, updating various elements to meet today's construction codes, and preparing for the reinstallation of stained glass, historic organs, and pews.

Other preservation efforts include the cleaning of all 24,000 stained-glass panels, remaking damaged pieces using original molds, while specialists have restored both organs, reinstalling one and storing the other off-site until it can be reinstalled, as well as the Protestant and Catholic pews, Cooper said.

"When the project is complete, the renovated Cadet Chapel will stand as both a testament to (architect) Walter Netsch's original vision and to the Air Force's commitment to preserving its heritage," said Brig. Gen. Patrick Miller, AFCEC commander. "For cadets, families, and visitors, the chapel will continue to embody the Academy's ingenuity, dedication to spiritual fitness, resilience, and the enduring values of service for generations to come."

Immediately following the completion of the initial water resistive system, contractors began water testing the week of Dec. 15 to ensure the Chapel's restorations are watertight, a critical step toward completion. Testing will resume the week of Jan 12, 2026. More information about water testing will be shared in a future update.



Upcoming Events

SAME & Other Activities

(see <https://www.same.org/san-antonio/events/> for Post Events)

(see <https://www.same.org/events-programs/> for SAME Events)

- STEM Volunteer Opportunities, 2026 – see [page 11](#)
- SA Engineers Week Proclamation Breakfast, Feb 17, UTSA Denman Ballroom - see [page 11](#) and <https://www.e-week.org/events>
- Deadline for SAME College Innovative Design Challenge Entrees, Feb 24 - [page 13](#) and <https://www.same.org/news/same-undergraduate-innovation-design-challenge/>
- Post Meeting, Feb 26, Old San Francisco Steakhouse - speaker Dr Tim Allison from SwRI see [page 1](#) and <https://260226samesatx.eventbrite.com>
- Post YP– LLAB Networking Event, Feb 26, Little Woodrow’s Babcock - see [page 1](#) and email asilvas@broadbentinc.com
- Deadline for 2026 Post Professional Development Scholarship Applications—see [page 7](#) and <https://www.same.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/pdcescholar2026.doc>
- Deadline for 2026 SAME E&C Camp Applications, Mar 11 - see [page 12](#) and <https://www.same.org/camps/>
- Joint APWA-Post Meeting, Mar 24, SAWS Facility - **SAVE THE DATE**
- SAME Capital Week, Rockville MD, Mar 24-26 - see <https://www.samecapweek.org>
- Post Meeting, Apr 23, Old San Francisco Steakhouse - **SAVE THE DATE**
- Great Texas Air Show & Cyber Expo, May 1-3, JBSA-Randolph - see <https://www.jbsa.mil/GreatTexasAirshow/>
- Post Scholarship Golf Tournament, May 5 - **SAVE THE DATE**
- Post SB Market Research Fair, May 6-7 - **SAVE THE DATE**
- SAME JETC, May 19-21, Portland Oregon - see <https://www.samejetc.org>
- Post Meeting, Aug 20, Old San Francisco Steakhouse - **SAVE THE DATE**
- Joint CMAA-Post Meeting, Sep 17, Old San Francisco Steakhouse - Annual Professional Ethics meeting **SAVE THE DATE**
- Post Meeting, Oct 15, Old San Francisco Steakhouse - **SAVE THE DATE**
- Post Meeting, Nov 19, Old San Francisco Steakhouse - **SAVE THE DATE**



Honors Gallery

Jan 22 Post Meeting - Old San Francisco Steakhouse USAF & USSF Facility Investment Forecast



Members Networking Before Meeting Start



Past President John Baker Leads Pledge of Allegiance



President Sarah Fowlkes Introduces Newcomers



Director John Enyeart Introduces Speaker



Speaker Lt Col John Marshall Briefs on DAF Forecast



Sarah Fowlkes Presents Speaker Gift to Lt Col Marshall

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POSITION/NAME (E = Elected; A = Appointed)	PHONE	COMPANY
<i>President (E)</i> <u>Sarah Fowlkes</u>	(512) 423-9089	Jacobs
<i>Vice President (E)</i> <u>Cathy Bond-Cassidy</u>	(210) 683-0392	Koman Holdings
<i>Treasurer (E)</i> <u>Sam Hutchins</u> , F.SAME		Retired
<i>Secretary (A)</i> <u>Bridget Booth</u>		Clark Construction Group
<i>Director, Partnerships, 2026-27 (E)</i> <u>Steve Holt</u> , F.SAME	(210) 391-0921	MOCA Systems
<i>Director, Programs, 2026 (E)</i> <u>John Enyeart</u> , F.SAME	(210) 552-8368	AFIMSC
<i>Director, Member Development, 2026-27 (E)</i> <u>James Kisiel</u>		Olsson
<i>Director, STEM & College Outreach, 2026 (E)</i> <u>Harold Eberbach</u>	(210) 995-0535	KMEA
<i>Immediate Past President</i> <u>John Baker</u>	(210) 872-1705	Lockward, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.
<i>Assistant Secretary (A)</i>		
<i>Assistant Treasurer (A)</i> <u>Dick Kochanek</u> , F.SAME	(210) 884-9731	Retired
<i>Director, Young Professionals (A)</i> <u>Andrew Silvas</u>	(210) 643-0544	Broadbent & Associates
<i>Director, Fellows (A)</i> <u>David Pratt</u> , F.SAME	(210) 248-0909	WSP

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<i>Director, Individual Members (A)</i> <u>Ed von Dran</u>	(210) 326-6991	.Alpha Terra Engineering, Inc.
<i>Director, Sustaining Members (A)</i> <u>Michele Torres</u>	(703) 593-4407	Health Facility Solutions Company
<i>Military Enlisted Affairs Liaison (A)</i>		
<i>Director, Scholarships (A)</i> <u>Bonnie Hopke</u> , F.SAME		Retired
<i>K-12/STEM Outreach Coordinator (A)</i> <u>Scott Mikos</u> , F.SAME	(210) 383-8644	AFIMSC
<i>SAME E&C Camp Coordinator (A)</i> <u>Capt. Varsha Savalia</u>	(520) 313-1482	USPHS
<i>College Outreach Coordinator (A)</i> <u>Terry Watkins</u>	(210)403-6329	Jacobs
<i>Univ of Texas Student Chapter Mentor (A)</i>		
<i>Texas A&M Student Chapter Mentor (A)</i> <u>John Baker</u>	(210) 872-1705	Lockward, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.
<i>UT San Antonio Student Chapter Mentor (A)</i> <u>Terry Watkins</u>	(210)403-6329	Jacobs
<i>Small Business Coordinator (A)</i>		
<i>Servicemember & Vet Support Coordinator (A)</i> <u>Mike Monreal</u> , F.SAME	(210) 845-5515	Broadus & Associates

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<i>Servicemember & Vet Transition Coordinator (A)</i> <u>Markus Henneke</u>	(703) 853-0219	IMEG Corp.
<i>Leadership Lab Co-Director (A)</i> <u>Shelby Gund</u>	(661) 619-6744	AFCEC
<i>Leadership Lab Co-Director (A)</i> <u>Braden Deines</u>	(210) 202-0430	HFS Company
<i>Website Manager/Newsletter Editor (A)</i> <u>Dick Kochanek</u> , F.SAME	(210) 884-9731	Retired
<i>Social Media Coordinator (A)</i>		
<i>Awards Committee Chair (A)</i> <u>Dick Kochanek</u> , F.SAME	(210) 884-9731	Retired
<i>Golf Chair (A)</i> <u>Michael Beach</u>	(830) 816-5434	Broadbent and Associates.
<i>Holiday Celebration Chair (A)</i>		



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Company/Agency	Website
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3KEYS SERVICES GROUP LLC	http://www.3ksq.com/
A	
Acaia Heritage Consulting	www.acaciaheritage.com
Aerostar Environmental and Construction	http://www.bbch-llc.com
AG3 Group, LLC	https://ag3-group.com/
Alpha Facilities Solutions, LLC	https://alphafacilities.com/
Alpha Terra Engineering, Inc.	http://atei97.com
American Structurepoint / Inc.	www.structurepoint.com
Aptim Federal Services, LLC	https://www.aptim.com
AR6 Construction & Engineering, LLC	https://ar6ce.com/
B	
Baer Engineering and Environmental Consulting Inc.	http://baereng.com
Bain Medina Bain, Inc.	https://bmbi.com/
BB&E Consulting Engineers Professionals	https://bbande.com/
Benham Design LLC	http://www.benham.com
Bhate	https://www.bhate.com
Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.	https://www.bv.com
Blast Resource Group / LLC	www.blastresourcegroup.com
Bristol Industries	http://www.bristol-companies.com/services/engineering
Burns & McDonnell	http://www.burnsmcd.com
C	
CAPE	http://www.cape-inc.com
CCI Prime Contractors, LLC	https://www.cci-alliance.com/home/
CDM Smith	https://www.cdmsmith.com/
Chenega Corporation	https://www.chenega.com/
Cherokee Nation Businesses	https://cherokeenationbusinesses.com/

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Clearfield Construction / LLC	www.clearfieldconstruction.com
CRUX Solutions	www.cruzsolutions.com
Cushing Terrell (CTA Inc.)	www.cushingterrell.com
D	
DAWSON	www.dawsonohana.com
Design Build Consortium, LLC	https://www.manta.com/c/mb4ypf0/design-build-consortium-llc
Domestic Rail Solutions /Corp	https://drscontracting.com/
E	
Eaton Corporation	https://www.eaton.com/us/en-us.html
ECC	https://www.ecc.net/
EEA Consulting Engineers	https://eeace.com/
F	
FLUOR	https://www.fluor.com/
Flux Resources	https://www.workwithflux.com/
FPM Remediations	https://www.fpm-remediations.com
Fugro	www.fugro.com
G	
Garver	https://www.garverusa.com/
GFT / Inc	https://www.gftinc.com
H	
Hasen Global LLC	http://hasenglobal.com
Health Facility Solutions Company	https://hfscompany.com/
HGL	www.hgl.com
Huitt-Zollars Inc	https://www.huitt-zollars.com/

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I	
IMEG Consultants Corp	https://www.imegcorp.com
International Consulting Engineers	https://www.icengineers.net
J	
Jacobs	https://www.jacobs.com
K	
Kleinfelder	https://www.kleinfelder.com
KMEA	https://www.kmea.net/
KOMAN Holdings / LLC	www.komanholdings.com
L	
Los Alamos Tech Assoc, Inc. (LATA)	https://www.lata.com/
M	
M2 Federal, Inc.	https://www.m2federal.com
Mason & Hanger	www.masonandhanger.com
Matrix Design Group	https://www.matrixdesigngroup.com
Merrick & Company	https://www.merrick.com/
Michael Baker International	https://www.mbakintl.com
MOCA Systems / Inc.	www.moca-pm.com
Mott MacDonald	www.mottmac.com
N	
Nightingale Corp	https://nightinggalechairs.com
North Wind Group	https://northwindgrp.com/

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O	
Olsson	https://www.olsson.com
Oneida ESC Group	https://oescgroup.com/
P	
P. Max Engineering	https://www.pmax-eng.com
Parsons	www.parsons.com
Phoenix General Contractors LLC	https://www.phoenix-gc.com/
PIKA International	http://www.pikainc.com/
Pond & Company	https://www.pondco.com
Protection Engineering Consultants	www.protection-consultants.com
Q	
QRI/Quaternary Resource Investigations	www.QRI.com
R	
RS&H	www.rsandh.com
RSP Architects, Ltd	https://www.rsarch.com
S	
SCIDEV, Ltd.	https://scidevlt.com/
Select Quality Materials and Concrete	www.selectqmc.com
SES Energy Services LLC	www.bbch-llc.com
Stanley Consultants Inc.	www.stanleyconsultants.com
Stantec, Inc.	https://www.stantec.com
Steelcase, Inc.	https://www.steelcase.com
Street Legal Industries, Inc.	http://www.slind.net
STV	www.stvinc.com
T	
TB Industrial LLC	www.tb-industrial.com
Tepa Companies.	https://www.tepa.com/
Terracon Consultants, Inc.	https://www.terracon.com
Tetra Tech, Inc.	https://www.tetrattech.com/

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T	
Tigerbrain Engineering, Inc.	https://tigerbrain.com/
Torres-Moore LLC	none listed
U	
V	
V2X	https://gov2x.com/
Versar Global Solutions	https://www.versar.com
W	
Walter P. Moore	www.walterpmoore.com
Weston Solutions, Inc.	http://www.westonsolutions.com
Woolpert, Inc.	https://woolpert.com/
Wright Construction Group / LLC	https://www.wrightconstructiongrp.com
Y	

