

MARCH APWA CHAPTER - POST MEETING

GENERAL MEETING

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GUEST SPEAKERS



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COMBAT SUPPORT PROGRAM MANAGER



JULIO GOMEZ, MBA
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL PROJECTS



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 **TUESDAY**
March 24, 2026

 **START AT**
11:00AM - 11:30AM *REGISTRATION*
11:30AM - 1:00PM *PROGRAM STARTS*

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Don't miss out on our first joint meeting with the American Public Works Association (APWA), Texas Chapter, South Central Texas Branch on Tuesday, Mar 24, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (check-in starts at 11:00 am). This is great opportunity to network with local Public Works professionals!

RSVP at the APWA registration site at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/rhakpu8>.

Partnering for Success

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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

https://www.eventleaf.com/e/2026_SmallBusinessMarketResearchFair_and_Golf

2026 Event Contacts:

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Sarah Fowlkes, Post President sarah.fowlkes@jacobs.com



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Post Board Positions

Post Volunteers Needed

We are looking for Post members interested in serving in a few appointed Board positions that are currently vacant. Appointed positions are filled by members that are appointed / re-appointed each year by the incoming Post President.

To serve in any Post Board position you **MUST BE** a SAME member in good standing and be affiliated with the San Antonio Post as listed on the **current Post membership rosters**. You must keep your membership current.

The following are the positions we are seeking volunteers for:

- **Assistant Post Secretary**- responsible for the administrative matters of the Post in conjunction with the elected Post Secretary.
- **Holiday Celebration Chair** - responsible for leading the Committee that organizes and executes the annual Holiday Celebration Gala at the end of the year.

The Post Board is organized as shown in the chart at **<https://www.same.org/san-antonio/board-of-direction/>**.

These positions require a few hours per month. Our Post Board meetings are conducted virtually by Zoom (typically on the last Thursday of the month - we try not to hold a Board meeting in December). Board members are expected to attend at least 3 Board meetings in addition to the work required for their position.

These positions are a great stepping stone to start your journey into Post leadership!

If interested, email **samesatx@gmail.com**.





President's Corner



Hello Post Members & Friends,

March is my favorite month and has always felt like a season of momentum. I love seeing the first signs of Spring starting to burst through and it reminds me that this month is all about renewal, energy, and possibility. March also gives us Spring Break and a chance to reset, reflect, and return with fresh perspective. And of course, there's March Madness, where underdogs rise, teams rally, and entire communities unite around a shared goal! In many ways, that's exactly what this season represents for our organization and industry.

Just like in the tournament, success doesn't happen by accident. It takes preparation, teamwork, resilience, and belief in a mission bigger than us. Whether it's launching new initiatives, strengthening partnerships, or expanding our current programs and events, we are moving into this spring season with focus and determination.

Spring Break reminds us that rest is productive. As leaders in this industry, we give so much of ourselves to work and our united mission. I encourage each of you to take time this month to recharge. Sustainable impact requires sustainable energy.

Events are ramping up and planning is in full swing! Here's what's coming up this month and in the next couple of months:

- Our PD-CE Scholarships and Stipends for SMBRF and JETC applications are due March 20th (see <https://www.same.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/pdcescholar2026.pdf> and <https://www.same.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/sbmrftetcstipend2026.pdf>)
- At our next luncheon, we will partner with APWA on Tuesday, March 24th at the SAWS Main Office (see <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/rhakpu8>)
- The annual Small Business Market Research Fair (SBMRF) will be held on May 6 – 7th at the Embassy Landmark Hotel (registration is open) and our Post Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament will occur the day prior on May 5th (Cinco De Mayo) at Canyon Springs Golf Course (see https://www.eventleaf.com/e/2026_SmallBusinessMarketResearchFair_and_Golf).

Thank you all for being a part of this team and industry. Whether you give your time, talent, resources, or voice – you are a part of what makes this work possible. Together, we're not just participating, we're building momentum that will carry us through not only this month but the end of this fiscal and calendar year!

Let's make it a winning season!!

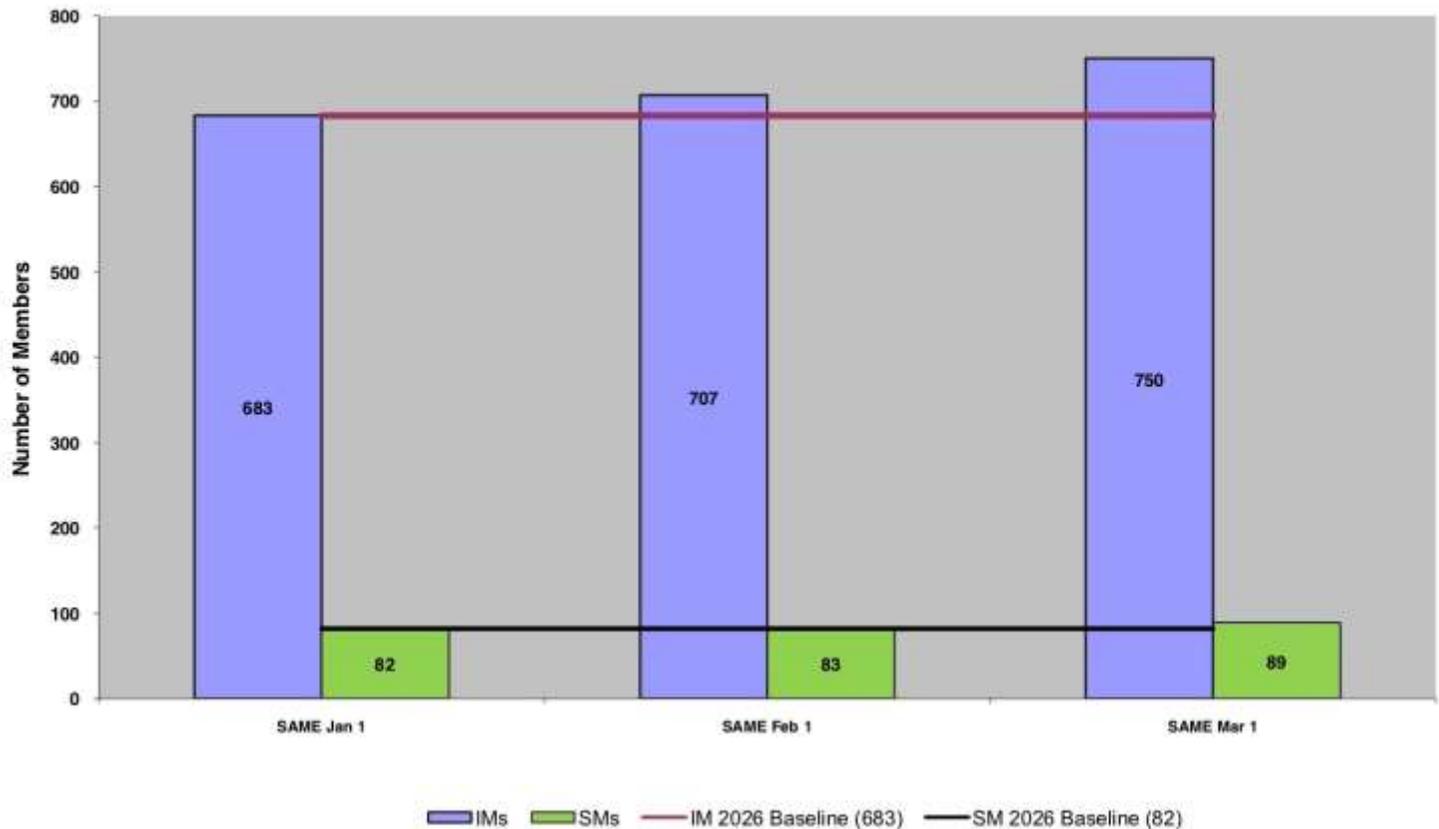
With positivity and enthusiasm,

Sarah Fowlkes
Post President

From the President's Desk

Membership

2026 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 Feb 1 – Mar 1, 2026:

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TYPE
Jose Barreiro	Health Facility Solutions Company	Private Industry
Joel Bolina	USAF	Government
Timothy Gosnell	USAF (Ret)	Retired
David Hartsfield	WSP	Private Industry
David Jayne	Prairie Engineers P.C.	Private Industry
Yashodhya Kankanamge	KMEA	Private Industry
Vanessa Malone	Preeminent Solutions	Private Industry
Joe Martinez	Health Facility Solutions Company	Private Industry
Aditya Moralwar	WSP	Private Industry
Samuel Ortiz	KMEA	Private Industry
McKay Palmer	HHI Corporation	Private Industry
Avery Sarden	LEO A DALY	Private Industry
Michael Svoboda	LEO A DALY	Private Industry
Tamie Taylor	Leisnoi Government Services	Private Industry
David Vieira	Bain Medina Bain Inc.	Private Industry
Matthew Warren	UES	Government
Scott Wiley	Matrix Design Group	Private Industry

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

ORGANIZATION	TYPE
Surveying And Mapping / LLC	Private Sector



THANKS FOR
JOINING US

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 PD-CE Scholarships Extended

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/2026/03/pdcescholar2026.pdf>.

The **application deadline has been extended to Mar 20, 2026**. Email your completed applications to our Member Development Director, Mr. Kisiel, at jkisiel@olsson.com (with a copy to samesatx@gmail.com).

Post Stipends for SBMRF and SAME JETC Events

The SAME San Antonio Post is also offering **stipend (s) for Post members to attend our 2026 Post Small Business Market Research Fair (SBMRF) or SAME Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo (JETC)**.

- The SBMRF stipend (s) will provide a FREE registration to the 2026 SBMRF being held here in San Antonio, May 6-7.
- The JETC stipend will cover the registration, travel and hotel expenses to attend the May 19-21 event.

To be eligible for this stipend program, applicants **MUST BE** current SAME and San Antonio Post members in good standing (Active member status) and have been a SAME member for at least one year as of May 2026.

Download the application with the details at <https://www.same.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/sbmrfjetcstipend2026.pdf>.

Deadline to apply is Mar 20, 2026. Email your completed applications to samesatx@gmail.com.

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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, RA, LEED AP BD+C

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



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Post Supports Local STEM Events



On Feb 17, **Post Board members (Bridget Booth, John Baker, John Enyeart, Sarah Fowlkes, Dick Kochanek, Varsha Savalia and Terry Watkins)** participated at the Proclamation Breakfast at UTSA to kick off San Antonio's Engineers Week activities. The Post also had an exhibit table at the event to attract new members and promote the 2026 SAME Engineering & Construction Camps. Post and APWA Chapter Member **Amy Garza** was the Committee Chair for the 2026 Engineers Week activities. **Michael Shannon, P.E., CBO**, Director of Capital Project Delivery for the City Of San Antonio was the keynote speaker at the event.



On Feb 21, **three Post Board members** including the Communication Director, Individual Member Director and STEM Coordinator served as volunteer judges at the Alamo Regional Science & Engineering Fair at St Mary's University. They judged senior and junior level projects in various STEM categories. One of our volunteer judges, **Ed von Dran**, also joined the Blue Ribbon Team of judges and helped select the winners in 20 categories spanning all of the physical sciences.



STEM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Get Involved!

Become a volunteer and make a difference.



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.

Mission: Possible! Start Your STEM Future Now

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Texas A&M Student Chapter Invitation

Our Texas A&M Student Chapter, which we co-host with the Houston-Galveston Post, is inviting Post members to participate in their upcoming events:

- Mar 26 evening - Chapter Social at Texas A&M
- Apr 23 evening - Chapter Tour of Kyle Field at Texas A&M

If you will be in the area of Texas A&M on these dates and our interested in participating, contact [John Baker](#), our Past Post President and Post Texas A&M Student Chapter Mentor.



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:

- 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.



Air Force, Space Force Senior Enlisted Advisors Emphasize Quality of Life's Importance in National Defense (AF CE Weekly Email Feb 17, Story by Secretary of Air Force Public Affairs)

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The senior enlisted advisors of the Air Force and Space Force reminded senators Feb. 11 that preserving – and improving – quality of life for military personnel is just as essential in defending the nation as high-tech weaponry and tactics. .

“Sixth-generation platforms need Airmen who have a sixth-generation quality of life,” Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force David R. Wolfe, told a Senate Armed Services Subcommittee.

“People and platforms are not competing variables; they are two parts of the same lethality equation. If one is weak, the entire system fails,” he said.

Wolfe appeared before the Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee joined by Chief Master Sgt. of the Space Force John F. Bentivegna, as well as senior enlisted advisors from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The hearing was the latest installment in an annual ritual in which lawmakers gain insights and information from the military's senior enlisted leaders. As in past hearings, similar topics emerged, including the status of housing and the battle to eliminate mold. There were questions as well about the availability – and quality – of childcare, efforts to eliminate and combat sexual abuse, and how quality of life impacts recruiting and retention, among other topics. Also important, the enlisted leaders said, was ensuring a living wage and uninterrupted pay.

While thanking Congress for providing a recent bump in pay, Bentivegna said, “we must continue to ensure compensation remains responsive to the real-market conditions our Guardians encounter.

“Beyond direct compensation, we know that the well-being of our Guardians is paramount to readiness. Access to affordable childcare and food security, for example, are essential to quality of life,” he said.

While echoing the senior enlisted advisors on many points, Bentivegna also noted the importance of food security and efforts under current law to help personnel have access to and afford enough food.

“To continue this positive trend, both quality of life and quality of service challenges must remain our combined focus,” he said. “We must continue to invest in flexible solutions to strengthen licensing portability for spouses and increase telehealth service access for members and our families.”

Wolfe, Bentivegna along with the other enlisted advisors all agreed that there is a direct and crucial link between readiness and ensuring quality of life for active-duty personnel and their families.

Airmen and Guardians were described as sophisticated and advanced weapon systems.

“Like any advanced system, it requires precise maintenance to function under pressure,” Wolfe told senators. “This maintenance is measured in the stability of their family, education, spousal employment, the quality of their housing, and their access to care. If our Airmen are distracted by family instability or financial hardship, their performance degrades. In our profession, degraded performance can mean mission failure and lives lost.”



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Air Force, Space Force Senior Enlisted Advisors Emphasize Quality of Life's Importance in National Defense

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The enlisted leaders agreed that although progress has been made on some issues, including the state of housing and barracks, they acknowledged that more work must be done.

Wolfe told senators his goal was to provide them "an honest accounting of where we are succeeding, where we are facing challenges, and where we require your support."

Progress has been realized to add capacity for childcare, he said, noting that 17 of 35 military construction requirements have been funded. That effort will reduce "the projected childcare space shortfall by over 60% when complete. However, despite this work, nearly 2,600 children remain on the unmet need waitlist," he said.

In an effort to improve substandard housing and especially remove mold from buildings, Wolfe said the Air Force has invested \$1.1 billion in the last four years to attack those longstanding problems. To date, 149 projects have received money with another 31 scheduled to collect funding this year.

Additionally, both the Air Force and Space Force have strengthened the services' Tenant Bill of Rights and mechanisms for resolving disputes with landlords.

While the 2-hour hearing was polite, senators directed a number of questions about efforts to reduce the waiting list at childcare centers and to improve mental health and reduce suicides. Wolfe and Bentivegna said there has been progress on making childcare available thanks in part to additional funding Congress provided. But they acknowledged more must be done on that issue as well as on ensuring there are sufficient tools to reduce suicides and mental health services available to any Airman or Guardian who needs it.

Air Force Leading Geologic Hydrogen Research Initiative for Malmstrom & McConnell AFBs (AF CE Weekly Email Feb24, Story by Air Force Office of Energy Assurance)

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO–LACKLAND, Texas -- The Department of the Air Force is exploring the potential of geologic hydrogen as a primary energy resource. The availability and potential cost-effectiveness of geologic hydrogen could position it as a viable alternative or supplement to natural gas (primarily methane) and diesel-fueled generation systems.

DAF recently awarded a contract to Renaissance Philanthropy, a 501(c)(3) science & technology nonprofit focused on enabling ambitious science, technology, and innovation, to assess the feasibility of deploying geologic hydrogen near Malmstrom AFB, Mont. and McConnell AFB, Kan.

The eight-month research initiative will evaluate production capacity, costs, infrastructure, risks, and other key factors necessary for a thorough analysis of geologic hydrogen as a potential energy resource. The final report will include data collected from selected commercial wells within 200 miles of each air force base.

This initiative is led by the Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Office of Energy Assurance.

"This announcement highlights a critical step in advancing fuel innovation with the highest potential for cost-effectiveness," said Kirk Phillips, AF OEA director. "Our aim is to demonstrate that geologic hydrogen is a viable, abundant, and transportable gaseous fuel that is cost-competitive for the Air Force."

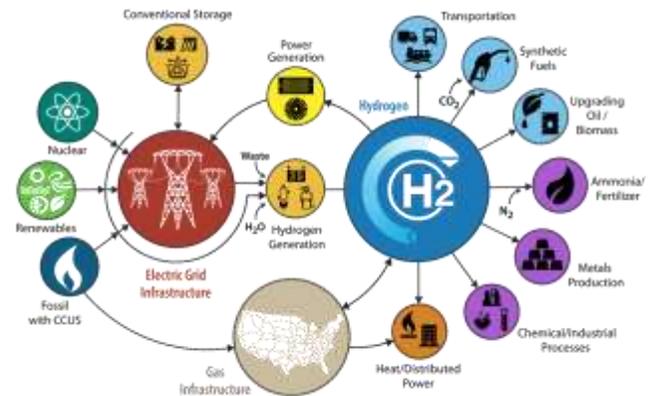
Our mission resilience is strengthened when we are not dependent on a single fuel source," said Phillips.

"The Air Force has a track record of pushing the frontier on energy innovation and resilience in ways that benefit the broader community," said Ishan Sharma, who leads the Chimaera Fund at Renaissance Philanthropy. "This initiative lets us ground publicly available techno-economic assessments in modern commercial hydrogen well data for the first time – an important step toward evaluating geologic hydrogen as a reliable option for Air Force installations, the Department of War, and baseload power customers around the world."

To foster broader input from the geologic hydrogen community, Renaissance Philanthropy is issuing a Request for Information. Interested parties, including specialists in techno-economic assessment, federal and state regulatory policy, and industry partners, are invited to participate in this research initiative and provide feedback by responding to [Renaissance Philanthropy's RFI on their website](#).

About the Air Force Office of Energy Assurance: The Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Air Force Office of Energy Assurance develops energy solutions that close energy resilience gaps and strengthen our nation's Air Force and Space Force installations at home and abroad. By leveraging the expertise of the energy community, AF OEA builds tailored energy solutions for each installation that are resilient, innovative, and cost-effective. For more information visit <https://www.afcec.af.mil/energy>.

About Renaissance Philanthropy: Renaissance Philanthropy is a non-profit focused on enabling ambitious science, technology, and innovation.



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)

- Deadline for 2026 Post Professional Development Scholarship Applications, Mar 20 - see [page 8](#) and <https://www.same.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/pdcescholar2026.pdf>
- Deadline for Post Stipend applications for the Post SBMRF and SAME JETC, Mar 20 - see [page 8](#) and <https://www.same.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/sbmrftetcstipend2026.pdf>
- Deadline for 2026 SAME E&C Camp Applications, Mar 11 - see [page 13](#) and <https://www.same.org/camps/>
- Joint APWA-Post Meeting, Mar 24, SAWS Facility - see [page 1](#) and <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/rhakpu8>
- 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 - see [page 2](#) and https://www.eventleaf.com/e/2026_SmallBusinessMarketResearchFair_and_Golf
- Post SB Market Research Fair, May 6-7 - see [page 2](#) and https://www.eventleaf.com/e/2026_SmallBusinessMarketResearchFair_and_Golf
- 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 - Life Tribute

Christian De La Rosa
April 6, 1979 - February 6, 2026

Colonial Funeral Home Information

Christian was born on April 6, 1979, to Margarito and Elisa De La Rosa, in San Antonio, Texas. Christian graduated from The University of Texas at San Antonio with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in December of 2005. He would go on to earn his Master's in Military Operational Art and Science in 2018.

Christian was a man of many passions. He was a playful soul who enjoyed passing the time playing dominos or tabletop games with his family and friends. He loved live music and could frequently be found wearing band tees. His passions decorated and shaped his home, lifestyle and personal style. He was especially fond of dancing with his daughter. He loved making those around him smile.

Christian wore his heart on his sleeve and shared his love, life, and spirit, with the world. He shined with the light of the Lord, always instilling strength and love into his children, friends, coworkers, and those who took the time to ask. Christian's memory will continue to live in our hearts forever. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Christian leaves behind to honor his legacy; his parents Margarito & Elisa De La Rosa, his children; Jayden, Silas, Max, & Lucy De La Rosa.



San Antonio Post History

Christian was an outstanding member that served on our Post Board of Direction from 2012- 2016 as our K-12 Outreach Coordinator from 2012-2013 and 2015-2016 and as our Young Member Director in 2014. He won the Society's Tudor Medal for overall excellence in engineering, design, construction, research & development and planning by a young member and lead the Post to the STEM Excellence Award the first year it was established as a SAME Award. He loved participating in STEM activities and spent many hours supporting science fairs, career days, robot competitions and others. Many of you who work with AFCEC had the opportunity to work with him on a professional basis. He certainly will be missed!



Honors Gallery

Feb 26 Post Meeting - Old San Francisco Steakhouse Geothermal Power & Energy Storage Technologies



LLAB Director Braden Deines Leads Invocation



President Sarah Fowlkes Welcomes Attendees



Director Steve Holt Introduces Guest Speaker



SwRI's Dr. Tim Allison Briefs Audience



Audience Enjoys Dr. Allison's Presentation



Sarah Fowlkes Presents Speaker Gifts to Dr. Allison

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<i>Secretary (A)</i> <u>Bridget Booth</u>		Clark Construction Group
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<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
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<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>		
<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> <u>Richard Mahn</u>	(512) 617-3103	Freese and Nichols
<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	Retired
<i>Small Business Coordinator (A)</i> <u>Chris Scott</u>	(210) 816-4793	Health Facility Solutions Company
<i>Servicemember & Vet Support Coordinator (A)</i> <u>Mike Monreal</u> , F.SAME	(210) 845-5515	Broadus & Associates

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<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	Health Facility Solutions 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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3KEYS SERVICES GROUP LLC	http://www.3ksq.com/
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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.mbakertntl.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.rsparch.com
S	
SCIDEV, Ltd.	https://scidevLtd.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
Surveying and Mapping/ LLC	www.sam.biz
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	
Tiger brain 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
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