



# SAME Mount Tacoma Post Newsletter

## MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

### Green River Flooding

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 11:30am

Eagle's Pride Golf Course in Dupont, WA

Cost for Lunch:

Uniformed: \$20

Civilian: \$35



This month's presentation will cover an overview of the Green River flood event in December 2025 and a discussion on how river cities, King County, and USACE work together to respond, recover, and improve community flood resilience for the future.

Jen will share insights into how cities and counties identify capital project needs, forecast funding levels, and summarize the regional flood control investment plan for the next six years. Jen Tetatzin, PE, PMP is the Public Works Director and City Engineer for the City of Tukwila.



### RSVP BY MARCH 6TH

Click here to submit your RSVP via email to Mike Funches [mike@ethoscivil.com](mailto:mike@ethoscivil.com)



**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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# Camp Applications Due Soon!



## 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.**

TEAMWORK	LEADERSHIP	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	PROBLEM-SOLVING
			

## 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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# Malmstrom Sentinel Industry Day:

## Registration Now Open

The Big Sky Post is thrilled to officially launch registration for the Malmstrom Sentinel Industry Day on May 7th, 2026. With an expected turnout of 150-175 AEC industry professionals, we encourage you to register soon to secure your spot!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

We have garnered tremendous support for this event, with commitments from:

- USACE Northwestern Division
- Sentinel Infrastructure & Deployment Office
- 341st Missile Wing (Malmstrom)
- Malmstrom Sentinel SATAF Office
- 120th Airlift Wing (MTANG)
- Multiple Montana Chambers of Commerce
- The Great Falls Development Alliance
- The Montana Defense Alliance



## ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE

The 2026 application cycle is open and applications are due on April 15th. [Click here for all the information and the application form.](#)

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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NATIONAL EVENTS ★

- ★ **MARCH 10**  
Monthly Luncheon *Eagles Pride Golf Course*
- ★ **MARCH 26**  
Alliance Northwest *Tacoma Convention Center*
- ★ **APRIL 23-24** **SAVE THE DATE**  
Small Business Symposium & Meet the Chiefs  
*SeaTac, WA*
- ★ **MAY 19-21**  
JETC 2026: Innovate Forward! Details Below  
*Oregon Convention Center*



**SAME**  
Joint  
Engineer  
Training  
Conference  
& Expo

**MAY**  
19-21  
2026

PORTLAND  
OREGON

# INNOVATE FORWARD

## #SAMEJETC26: Innovate Forward!

**Vital ideas. Pivotal connections. Essential mission support.**

Energize your role. Resource your mission. Innovate Forward

JETC 2026 is the premier annual gathering of the military engineering community—bringing together uniformed engineers, government civilians, industry leaders, young professionals, innovators, partners, and subject matter experts for three days of collaboration, learning, and inspiration.

This year's theme, "Innovate Forward," will spotlight the technologies, strategies, and partnerships shaping the future of engineering support for national defense and infrastructure resilience.

Experience JETC 2026! The only event of its kind and help shape the future of engineering services in support of the warfighter and national security.

*Click here for more information!*



## 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!

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