



# Society of American Military Engineers

## Honolulu Post

### January 2026 Newsletter

#### [Col. Justin Morris, USAF, Post President's Message](#)

##### **Aloha SAME Honolulu Post Members!**

We're thrilled to kick off **2026** with great energy and strong participation across the Post. Mahalo to everyone who joined our recent gatherings, your enthusiasm is helping set a positive tone for the year ahead! Our events at Mangiamo by 604 on the Navy/Marine Golf Course deck brought excellent accessibility and even welcomed returning members who hadn't been able to attend in some years. As we begin this new year together, we're excited to continue creating engaging spaces for connection, professional growth, and community impact.

Looking forward, we're refreshing our communications for the year, please share updated email addresses if yours has changed so you stay connected with all Post activities. We're also building out our 2026 programming and are inviting industry partners to present at upcoming luncheons and sessions. If your organization has exciting work to share, we'd love to spotlight it. With your involvement and aloha spirit, **2026 is shaping up to be a fantastic year** for the SAME Honolulu Post. Mahalo for all you do to strengthen our engineering community!

#### Upcoming Events

##### **SAME Engineer's Week Luncheon**

February 24, 2026 at Hale Koa

11:00 Social Hour

11:30 – 1:00 Luncheon

Guest Speaker; Roger Babcock, Jr. Ph.D. P.E., Director City Department of Environmental Services, "Transforming the future at the Department of Environmental Services".

## **SAME Scholarship – Josh Biggers**

March 27<sup>th</sup> deadline for applications. <https://www.same.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-SAME-Honolulu-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

Questions? [scholarship@samehonolulu.org](mailto:scholarship@samehonolulu.org)

***Judges needed, please contact Josh Biggers***

## **Hawaii State Science & Engineering Fair – Elisa Hammer**

SAME Honolulu Post is proud to continue its support of the Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair (HSSEF) sponsored by the Hawaii Academy of Science. The 2026 HSSEF will be held at Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall on April 2, 2026.

The Honolulu Post is looking for six (6) project judges to evaluate the junior and senior engineering projects on April 2 from 9:00 to 11:30 am.

***To volunteer as a judge, please contact Elisa Hammer***, Honolulu Post's Youth Programs, no later than March 18 at [elisa.hammer@me.com](mailto:elisa.hammer@me.com) or call/text 808-551-6584.

## **SAME STEM/Engineering & Construction Camp – Alyssa Agustin**

SAME Honolulu Post is excited to support the **2026 Hawaii SAME STEM/Engineering & Construction Camp**, which will be held **June 7–13, 2026** at Camp Paumalu on Oahu.

The **SAME STEM Camps Program 2026 student applications are now open** and will remain open through **March 11, 2026**.

Website: STEM/Engineering & Construction Camps – SAME  
<https://www.same.org/camps/#h-new-same-stem-engineering-amp-construction-camp>

In addition, ***mentor applications are now open*** and will close on **April 3, 2026**.

Website: SAME Camps – Mentors & Staff  
<https://www.same.org/camps-2025/mentors-and-staff/>

**2026 Pacific Industry Forum** – Co-Chairs; Julie Hong, Alyssa Agustin, Andy Joca, Jeff Clark

Golf Tournament: Jason “JD” Dolbeck

Advisors-at-Large:

- Navy: CAPT Steve Padhi
- Army: MAJ Coffey
- USCG: CAPT Todd Wimmer
- USMC: LCDR Karl Coulson
- Air Force: Col Justin Morrison
- Space Force: Vacant
- Senior Enlisted Representative (USACE): CSM Plummer (?)

## Calendar of Events

**Young Professionals** - March 27<sup>th</sup> UH Baseball Game against Cal State Fullerton

**SAME Engineer’s Week Luncheon**, February 24, 2026 at Hale Koa

**Cybersecurity Industry Forum (CIF)** March 3-4, 2026 at the Hale Koa Hotel

**SAME March 11<sup>th</sup> Luncheon**, Navy Red Hill Task Force

**SAME April 8<sup>th</sup> Luncheon**, TBD

**STEM Camp**, June 6-13, 2026

### **PIF 2026**

Sept 15 Evening Luau or Pau Hana,

Sept 16 Conference, location TBD

Sept 17 Golf Tournament Klipper Course