



# SAME Mount Tacoma Post Newsletter

*There will not be a monthly luncheon for April due to the SAME Meet the Chiefs/Small Business Symposium.*



**TWO EVENTS**  
**SMALL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM**  
+  
**MEET THE CHIEFS**  
★ **April 23rd - 24th** ★  
**Seattle Airport Marriot**

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Northwest Posts — Seattle, Portland, and Mount Tacoma — are proud to host the combined 2026 Small Business Symposium (SBS) and Meet the Chiefs.

This is the premier Pacific Northwest focused event for small businesses, large firms, and government agencies working in planning, design, construction, and professional services.

**Event Overview**

Join small and large businesses from across the Pacific Northwest alongside our government partners for two packed days of:

- Educational sessions
- Executive-level speakers
- Matchmaking
- Networking
- Social events

**CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER**

*Registration includes access to both days and the Thursday evening Ice Breaker.*



**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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& receive monthly updates on our post and events.



## 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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# 2026 Washington Transportation Camp

**FREE! APPLY NOW!**

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The Washington Transportation Camp is a one-week, overnight residential summer camp that gives highly motivated Washington state high school students an opportunity to explore the wonderful world of transportation.

[WSU Pullman site - Learn More](#)

[UW Seattle site Learn More](#)

Applications for the Washington State Department of Transportation T-Pac Trans Transportation Camp for students ascending into 10th, 11th and 12th grades are now being accepted. If you know of any youth that may be interested or organizations that have high school aged youth, please forward this information.

**This camp is free! Thanks to WSDOT and PacTrans,  
there's NO cost to students.**

THE SUMMER CAMP WILL TAKE PLACE AT:

Washington State University (Pullman, WA) from June 21 to 26, 2026  
University of Washington (Seattle, WA) from August 2 to 7, 2026

## **APPLY NOW**

Priority Application Deadline: April 10, 2026

Following this deadline, applications will be considered based on space availability.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

★ [CLICK HERE TO VIEW SAME  
NATIONAL EVENTS](#) ★

- ★ **APRIL 23-24**  
Meet the Chiefs/Small Business Symposium
- ★ **MAY 14**  
Monthly Luncheon: JBLM FORGE Update  
*Eagles Pride Golf Course*
- ★ **MAY 19-21**  
JETC 2026: Innovate Forward!  
*Oregon Convention Center*
- ★ **JUNE 9**  
Monthly Luncheon: WA Military Department Presentation  
*Eagles Pride Golf Course*
- ★ **JULY 7**  
Field Trip  
*More information to come*

## MOUNT TACOMA POST

# Welcome New Members

- **Andrew Cotto-Rivera, Student Member**
- **Glenn Hollingshead, S.E.A. Construction LLC**
- **Grant Ray, PULLMAN**
- **Greg Loepp, Sound Glass Sales Inc.**
- **Jacob Williams, WSP**
- **Ken Schmidt, Sound Glass Sales Inc.**
- **Mark Braunschweig, Sound Glass Sales Inc.**
- **Paul McCubbin, S.E.A. Construction LLC**
- **Kelle Powell, CivilAir Engineers PLLC**
- **Tad Rowe, US Air Force**

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND YOUNG AT HEART

# TRIVIA NIGHT?

 **WHERE: SIG BREWING TACOMA**

 **WHEN: WEDNESDAY APRIL 29** 

 **DRINKS/HAPPY HOUR SOCIAL**  
★ **6PM • TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM**  

 **WHO: ANYONE INTERESTED** 

  **WHY: HANG WITH COOL PEOPLE**  
★ **& GET SOME FREE FOOD**  
★ **AND DRINKS!**  

• [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#) •



## 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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