

Memorandum of Agreement Between Society of American Military Engineers and Project S.E.R.V.E.

Organization Missions

SAME: To lead collaboration in support of our national security priorities through advancing three interrelated strategic goals: Drive Partnerships, Deliver Solutions and Develop People

Project S.E.R.V.E. Improve the quality of life for veterans and emergency responders living with injuries and disabling conditions by pairing them with university STEM students to create innovative, custom-engineered solutions that meet their unique mobility and accessibility needs.

Alignment of Goals

STEM. Both organizations are focused on STEM. Project S.E.R.V.E. offers engineering students an opportunity to develop innovative solutions, primarily on CAPSTONE projects, in their senior year. SAME offers several Engineering and Construction Camps to high school students interested in a military academy or ROTC.

Support to Veterans. Project S.E.R.V.E. is focused on veterans and first responders as the key element of its mission, whereas SAME has national programs that support Veterans such as the annual Career Transition Workshop for military interested in transitioning to the engineering and construction industry.

Mentoring. Project S.E.R.V.E. invites engineering professionals to be mentors for its senior design projects. SAME has a major emphasis on mentoring through its Academy of Fellows and the SAME National Leadership Development Program. SAME professionals also serve as mentors to Student Chapters at a number of colleges and universities.

Desired Collaboration


- SAME will encourage Posts aligned with Project S.E.R.V.E. partner universities to provide mentors to the project teams, consider financially sponsoring a student project and refer any injured veterans to Project S.E.R.V.E.
- SAME will schedule a feature story in *The Military Engineer* regarding the Project S.E.R.V.E. program.
- SAME will invite Project S.E.R.V.E. capstone projects to compete in its annual Innovation Competition.
- Project S.E.R.V.E. will notify Posts aligned with its partner universities with the description of the project and the name of the Faculty Advisor to facilitate the Post sponsorship.
- Project S.E.R.V.E. and SAME will publicize the partnership on their websites

Signed:



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