



Mount Tacoma Post Newsletter

JULY MONTHLY MEETING

WA Military Department Presentation

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 11:30am
Eagle's Pride Golf Course in Dupont, WA

Cost for Lunch:

Uniformed: \$22

Civilian: \$35

Join us for an update from the Washington Military Department on current and upcoming initiatives shaping military infrastructure, facilities, and resilience efforts across the state. This presentation will highlight previous planning, design, and construction projects and provide insight into the Department's priorities, capital improvement programs, and anticipated project opportunities.



About the Speaker: Adam Iwaszuk is a Colonel in the WA Army National Guard and currently serves as the Deputy to the United States Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO). Formerly, he served in the Construction and Facilities Management office of the WA Army National Guard for 21 years, as well as serving as the Executive Officer of the 96th Troop Command, Executive Officer of the 81st Brigade Combat Team and Battalion Commander of the 181st Brigade Support Battalion.

RSVP BY JULY 10TH

Click here to submit your RSVP via email to Mike Funches
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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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Happy
4TH OF JULY

MOUNT TACOMA POST

Welcome New Members

- **Levi Fernandes, SoundEarth Strategies Inc.**
- **Edmarc Shane Tomarong, Student Member**
- **Trevor Wilson, Absher Construction Co.**
- **Jason Rollins, USN (Ret.)**
- **Matthew Edge, CRW Engineering Group Inc.**
- **Jerrmaine Treadwell**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **JULY 14**
Monthly Luncheon: WA Military Dept. Presentation
Eagle's Pride Golf Course, DuPont, WA
- ★ **JULY 16**
SAME Young Professionals Axe Throwing
The Axe Academy, Tacoma, WA
- ★ **AUGUST 20**
Steve Woolery Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
Eagle's Pride Golf Course, DuPont, WA
- ★ **AUGUST 28**
ACEC/COMTO Golf Tournament
Echo Falls Golf Club, Snohomish, WA
- ★ **SEPTEMBER 1**
Monthly Luncheon: SR 167 Gateway Joint Field Trip
with ASCE

- **Click here to view SAME National Events.**

- **Click here to view local SAME Events.**

STEM

Engineering and Construction Camps Update

The Mount Tacoma Post is proud to announce that we are sponsoring two Washington high school students to attend STEM Engineering and Construction Camps this summer hosted by SAME National. SAME Camps offer high school students a one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore the world of engineering, construction, and design—right on a military base. Led by SAME professionals and dedicated volunteers from the military and engineering communities, and supported financially by many including SAME Posts and the [SAME Foundation](#), these camps immerse students in project-based learning that builds real skills, sparks curiosity, and opens doors to future education and careers in STEM.

Our post sponsorship covers camp registration and travel reimbursement valued at up to \$1,200.00 toward each camper. Please join us in congratulating Nathan Garner of Bonny Lake and Lohith Thimmichetty of Lake Stevens. Nathan will be attending the STEM Engineering & Construction Camp in Hawaii and Lohith will be attending the US Air Force Academy Engineering & Construction Camp in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

For more information about SAME STEM Engineering and Construction Camps, or to volunteer to be a Camp Mentor in 2027, contact Chris Thompson at christianthompson007@hotmail.com.

A promotional poster for an axe throwing event. The background features a scenic view of Mount Rainier and the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. In the foreground, a large wooden target with an axe embedded in the bullseye is prominent. The text is bold and energetic, using a mix of white and yellow colors. The event details are clearly laid out in a structured format at the bottom.

AXE THROWING EVENT!

TACOMA, WA

The Axe Academy
705 Court C (Opera Alley) #307
Tacoma, WA 98402

**GATHER YOUR CREW.
THROW SOME AXES.
MAKE MEMORIES.**

 ALL SKILL LEVELS	 YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART	 WELCOME TO ALL	 FREE FOOD AND DRINK
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 **DATE: JULY 16**
TIME: 5PM

**RESERVE YOUR
SPOT TODAY!**

**AIM.
THROW.
REPEAT.**

Steve Woolery Annual Scholarship

GOLF TOURNAMENT



THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026



Please join us for our annual golf tournament benefiting the Scholarship Fund for the Seattle and Mount Tacoma Posts of SAME! The tournament will be a 10 AM shotgun start at Eagle's Pride Golf Course with a banquet dinner afterwards. To sign-up, click the button above or copy/paste the following link:

<https://same-pnw-golf-tourney.square.site/>

Golfer Registration

Military Player Rate: \$75
Civilian Player Rate: \$150

Available Sponsorships

Event Sponsor - \$2,500	Player Cart Sponsor - \$750
Closest to the Pin - \$750	Beverage Cart Sponsor - \$700
Longest Drive - \$750	Military Team Sponsor - \$300
Hole Sponsor - \$750	

Questions? Contact Meaghan Owens at mowens@baird.com



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!

CMSgt Adam Boubede

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