



# Mount Tacoma Post Newsletter

## OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENT

### SAME Projects Excellence

**Friday, October 23, 2026, 6PM to 9PM**  
**Salty's on Alki Beach**

Join us for an evening of networking and recognition for the impactful work accomplished by industry and government!

This event will showcase projects our membership and partners are delivering for the various communities we serve. In addition, we will be presenting awards for the best submissions in five distinct categories: **Collaboration, Innovation, Complexity, Environmental Stewardship, and People's Choice.**

For People's Choice, project posters will be available for viewing and judging by all event attendees. Judging will be open during the social hour leading up to dinner. Votes will be counted during dinner and the award will be issued alongside the other categories later in the evening.

The project submission period is open starting August 7th and will close September 25th. All submissions should be sent to the following email address:  
[poe2026submissions@gmail.com](mailto:poe2026submissions@gmail.com)

#### Program:

6:00 - Registration / Cocktail Hour / People's Choice Voting  
6:50 - Dinner Service  
7:00 - Welcome Address / Keynote Speaker  
7:50 - Sponsor Presentation  
8:00 - Intermission / People's Choice Voting  
8:20 - Awards Presentation / Raffle  
9:00 - Adjourn



***There is still time for early bird pricing!***  
***Register by September 18th to get the discounted rate!***

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**  
**REGISTRATION CLOSING OCTOBER 9TH**



## 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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# PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE

## — ★ ★ ★ — AWARD CATEGORIES AND ENTRY INFORMATION — ★ ★ ★ —

### AWARD CATEGORIES\*

(SEE FOLLOWING LINK/PAGES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON EACH)

COLLABORATION

INNOVATION

COMPLEXITY

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

PEOPLE'S CHOICE\*\*

*\*EACH CATEGORY WILL AWARD A LARGE AND A SMALL BUSINESS, SO PLEASE CLARIFY WHICH YOU ARE CONSIDERED AS*

*\*\*ATTENDEES WILL VOTE ON THEIR FAVORITE PROJECT AT THE EVENT*

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

MUST HAVE PROJECT'S CLIENT / END USER PERMISSION TO SUBMIT

PROJECT MUST BE LOCATED IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST (WA, OR, ID, MT, AK) or INDOPACOM

PROJECT DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION MUST HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PROJECTS ARE WELCOME

### SUBMISSION CONTENTS

MAX 4 PAGES (INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE PHOTO) WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AWARD CATEGORY

CLIENT / END USER

LOCATION

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION VALUE (\$)

CONTRIBUTING FIRM NAMES, IF APPLICABLE

PROJECT OVERVIEW

FULL SCOPE OF WORK

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUBMISSIONS WILL BE JUDGED BY A THIRD-PARTY COMMITTEE

A POSTER WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EACH SUBMISSION TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE EVENT

**Click here to learn more about categories and submission requirements.**



**FIRST PLACE TEAM**  
WALSH TEAM 14A  
SCORE: 59

- Doug Benjamin
- Mark Frerich
- John O'Malley
- Julio Iguina



**SECOND PLACE TEAM**  
MILITARY TEAM 14B  
SCORE: 63

- Chase Hunter
- Miguel Castorena
- Bryce Troungo
- Micah Sanchez



**THIRD PLACE TEAM**  
MEDTOX TEAM 16A  
SCORE: 64

- Jon Havelock
- Cody Havelock
- Glen Thompson
- Riley Thompson

Hole 2 Closest to the Pin: Brian Manson at 7'2"

Hole 8 Closest to the Pin: Shannon English at 4'8"

Hole 12 Closest to the Pin: Mike Cozart at 37"

Hole 14 Closest to the Pin: Rocky Gerber at 12'

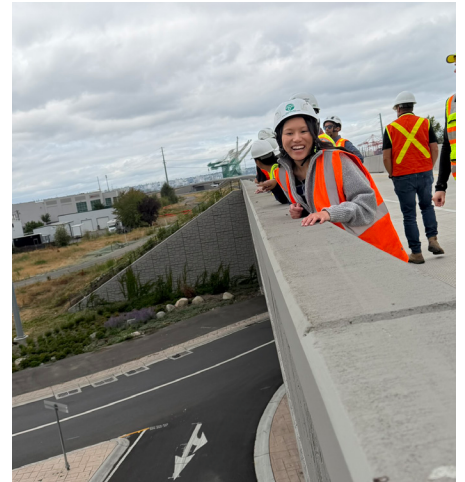
Hole 18, Men's Longest Drive: Ken Anderson at 320 yards

Hole 18, Ladies' Longest Drive: Corey Robinson (no yardage given)



# EVENT PICTURES

## SR 167 COMPLETION PROJECT TOUR WITH ASCE AND SAME



*Thank you to everyone who attended!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ★ SEPTEMBER 17

SAME Kitsap Chapter September Social  
*Horse & Cow Bar & Grill, Bremerton, WA*

### ★ SEPTEMBER 25

NAVFAC NW Seabee Golf Scramble  
*Whispering Firs Golf Course, JBLM, WA*

### ★ OCTOBER 13

Monthly Luncheon: Military Transition Assistance  
Program (*great way for local AEC teams to recruit talent from the local  
Army/Navy bases*) | *Eagle's Pride Golf Course*

### ★ OCTOBER 13

Glass Blowing Event  
*Tacoma Glass Blowing Studio, Tacoma, WA*

### ★ OCTOBER 23

2026 SAME Projects of Excellence  
*Salty's on Alki, Seattle, WA*

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

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

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN!

[Interested in getting more involved with our organization?](#) We are currently seeking members interested in serving on the Board next year. The positions listed below are currently available. If you'd like to learn more about the roles, responsibilities, and time commitments, please contact our post president Jen Tetatzin, PE, PMP or any current board officer for additional information.

1. 1st Vice President (elected)
2. 2nd Vice President (elected)
3. Director (elected)
4. Chair for Preparedness and Resilience (appointed)
5. Chair for Scholarships and Camps (appointed)

# GLASS BLOWING

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS  
OR YOUNG AT HEART



**TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 13**



**3:00 PM**



**TACOMA GLASS  
BLOWING STUDIO**  
Tacoma, WA



**COST \$40**  
SAME PAYS THE REST



**REGISTRATION LINK**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



**SAME**  
Society of American Military Engineers



## 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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