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Post President's Corner

What a great success we had at the Small Business Match Making Event! We had just under 200 people, great speakers, lots of networking, and really good food! I hope you all made some profitable "matches" as you worked your way around the room. Each year this becomes a stronger and more important event, so I hope you will put it on your calendar for next year.

I would like to thank Diane Littrell for chairing the event again this year. She had a great team working with her and we are so appreciative of their hard work! Thanks, Diane, Nicole Beatty, Cindy Hall-Beale, Susan Mantz, and Kelli Stamm! A couple of people stopped me to tell me specifically how wonderful and well-run it was. I explained that I could not take any of the credit, but I would let Diane and her volunteers know how they felt. It is efforts such as these that make this a truly distinguished post.

Yesterday, [CAPT Joanne McCaffrey](#) explained that we are working on the 2009-2010 slate of officers. We hold our induction in June and are interested in seeing if any of our members are interested in becoming more involved with the Post. An email went out yesterday, explaining the positions that our board holds. If you are interested, please email CAPT McCaffrey before April 30th.

[John Adams](#) is getting us geared up for a spring community event. We are going to help spruce up the historic Fort Norfolk. He is developing a plan that will require lots of manual labor once the scaffolding goes up. His plan will have volunteers out 3-4 weekends. If you can swing a hammer or scrape paint and can spare a little time one weekend, please let John know and he'll let you know what times are available. You'll get fed and receive a beautiful "Volunteer" shirt for your efforts!

Also, the registration is opened for the [NAVFAC Industry Forum](#) June 10, 2009 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. We are co-sponsoring with ASCE and expect it to be an even bigger event than last year. Be sure to register quickly as it will fill up fast!

Hope to see you all next month at our usual monthly meeting back at the Sewells Point Golf Course where we will have a presentation on environmental stewardship.

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Post President

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MONTHLY MEETING...

Wednesday, 20 May, 1130-1330
Sewell's Point Golf Course
Norfolk, VA

Program: Please come join us this month as the Air Operations Program Managers at Naval Air Station Oceana explain how they make the most of Naval Aviation while maintaining the most aggressive noise management program in the area. We look forward to seeing (and hearing) you at Sewell's Point golf course club house at 1130 on Wed 20 May. Make your reservations now.

Reservations: [Click here](#) to email your reservation.

Directions: Take I-64 to I-564. Take the first exit onto Terminal Blvd. Take the first right into the Sewell's Point Golf Course. The meeting will be held in the meeting room on the second floor of the pro shop.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

20 May 2009 – Monthly Meeting at Sewell's Point Golf Course

10 June 2009 - NAVFAC Industry Day and Golf Tournament

17 June 2009 - Monthly Meeting at the Holiday Inn

JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

There are many employment opportunities listed on our website. (Click here to view detailed listings.)

May Program

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Sustaining Member – May



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RK&K is a multi-disciplined consulting engineering firm headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland. The firm has been providing services throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern regions since its inception in 1923. RK&K provides services for an array of federal, state, and local clients. We employ a well-diversified staff of over 625 employees including engineers, planners, environmental specialists, surveyors, designers, CADD technicians, construction managers, inspectors, and support staff.

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- Land and Site Development
- Water Resources Engineering
- Natural Resources

- Geotechnical Engineering
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Computer Programming
- Graphic Design
- Hazardous Waste
- Surveys

RK&K's Hampton Roads offices are located in Virginia Beach and Newport News, with the Virginia Beach office continuously serving local public agency clients for more than 20 years. With a staff of talented and highly trained professionals experienced in all disciplines, RK&K's Virginia operations maintain full-service capabilities, including sanitary engineering, environmental engineering, natural environment, stormwater management, transportation engineering, structural engineering, mechanical and electrical engineering, permit applications and acquisitions, construction management, and on-site construction inspections. Our Hampton Roads staff has provided engineering studies and design for local agencies, including the Cities of Virginia Beach, Hampton, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Poquoson; the Counties of James City and York; Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD), Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Additionally, RK&K have 14 offices throughout the mid-Atlantic and Southeastern Regions, including offices in Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia, Washington, DC, and Florida.

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Member Benefits

Sustaining Member News

The Hampton Roads SAME Post has been willing to publish articles submitted by Sustaining Member Firms and Individual Members that are deemed to be in the interest of SAME and the Hampton Roads Post. Typical Articles may include contract awards from our member agencies (i.e. USCG, LANTDIV and Army Corps of Engineers) and key company hires or employee moves. Please send your good news to [Kelli Stamm](#).

Programs Input

If you have a great idea for a program that you would like to see at one of our luncheons, contact [Scott Borges](#).

Employment Opportunities

As a service to our members, the Hampton Roads SAME Post website includes job positions or internships available at local firms and also allow for students or individual members who are looking for employment to list qualifications potential employers can view. Anyone wishing place job positions or qualifications should contact [Kelli Stamm](#).

Sustaining Member of the Month

One of our Sustaining Member firms is spotlighted each month, and given the opportunity to set up a tabletop booth at the monthly meeting, and be recognized at the start of each meeting by the President. A representative of the firm is invited to give a short overview of the firm at the luncheon. The designated Sustaining Member of the Month also provides a summary of their firm's expertise and services provided for the military engineering community to be printed in the newsletter. We ask that the Sustaining Member of the Month bring a raffle prize valued at approximately \$50 to the luncheon for our scholarship raffle drawing. If you are interested in participating, please contact [Dan Haubner](#).

Please note that with your firms Sustaining Membership, **FIVE** of your employees can be designated as sustaining members. If you are not sure if you are taking full advantage of this or you need to change the designations please go to the [National SAME](#) web site and review your company status under member services. Please take advantage of this benefit that you as Sustaining Member firms have already paid for.

Post News

Fort Norfolk Community Project

The Post has received the go-ahead to move forward with the Repairs to the Berkley Building at Historic Fort Norfolk.

Background: The four-acre site of historic Fort Norfolk is the last remaining of 19 harbor-front forts authorized in 1794 by President George Washington and is a unique historic, cultural and educational asset in the region. The Berkley building is one of the oldest of the 5 remaining buildings on the site.

Project: The building was partially renovated in the 1980s by the Norfolk Historical Society. These renovations focused mainly on the building interior. The window jambs and sills are badly rotted and need to be replaced in order to maintain the building envelope.

The project would entail erecting scaffolding, removing and replacing the jambs and sills, minor repairs to window glazing, and painting the windows and frames. While the scaffolding is in place, it would be an excellent time to also whitewash the building and perform minor re-painting of the brick.

We are looking for volunteers with experience in the above tasks that are interested in participating in this noteworthy project. The target date for execution would be late spring or early summer 2009.

If you are interested in either the advance planning, project development, and/or execution please contact John Adams at 757-575-9214 or John.L.Adams@usace.army.mil.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AECOM Design promotes and adds employees in Virginia Beach

Engineering, Architecture, Finance, and Construction Administration departments build workforce

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (March 24, 2009)—AECOM Design continues to provide more opportunities to current and new employees within the Hampton Roads office.

Brian Vodzak, PE, has been promoted to the position of **Director of Engineering**. A mechanical engineer with AECOM Design since 1996, he has served as lead engineer in the design of mechanical systems for a number of new and existing facilities within the public and private sectors. Mr. Vodzak is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

AECOM Design acquires new leadership and support in multiple departments in its Virginia Beach office with the additions of the following personnel:

Steve Lowe, PE, LEED AP — Mechanical Engineering Department Manager

John Harris, AIA — Architect

Eric Ziemer — Financial Analyst

Kim Hopwood — Administrative Assistant

Steve Lowe, PE, LEED AP, takes the role of Mechanical Engineering Department Manager. Previously employed by this office of AECOM Design from 2002-2006, Mr.

Lowe brings familiarity of the firm along with experience gained along the way. He serves as the president of the Hampton Roads chapter of ASHRAE, as a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), and has membership in the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE). Mr. Lowe has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Energy System Design from the University of Virginia.

John Harris, AIA, has been hired as an Architect and offers over 26 years of experience to AECOM Design. Mr. Harris is a resident of Virginia Beach and a graduate of Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Architecture.

Eric Ziemer has come to the Virginia Beach office of AECOM Design to fill the position of Financial Analyst. Mr.

Ziemer is a resident of Norfolk and a graduate of Old Dominion University.

Kim Hopwood joins AECOM Design as an Administrative Assistant in the Construction Services and Administration Department. Ms. Hopwood is a graduate of Virginia Tech and resides in Virginia Beach.

About AECOM

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