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### Hampton Roads Post

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## Post President's Corner



Hampton Roads Post Members,

Happy Holidays to all. Once again we are in the midst of the Holiday season. As you all travel during this period, please be safe. I also ask that as you begin your shopping, pick up an extra item for Toys for Tots. We will be collecting unwrapped gifts at our December meeting and I would love to have the Marines collecting the gifts to be overwhelmed with generosity. For those who helped out with the USO

Holiday Party, thanks. Your efforts helped bring some joy to numerous families with deployed soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsman.

The streamer teams are making great progress and we are close to the final push. Right now things are looking great for us to meet all streamer requirements this year. Thanks for all involved.

Post awards – NEED YOUR HELP. Nominations are now open for Post Awards and this is a great opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations. Our post awards winners will then be submitted to SAME National to compete against winners from across the country. Ms Beverly Noffsinger is heading the initiative for us and will have more information at our monthly meeting.

Finally, some truly great news... The Hampton Roads Post has been selected to host the 2011 Mid Atlantic Regional Conference. After some truly hard work by our Board of Directors and Neal Wright and Beverly Noffsinger in particular, our first class proposal overwhelmed the regional selection committee. The conference will be 1 – 3 November 2011 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. This is a labor intensive event and we will begin planning efforts in January. Please consider serving on the conference committee, all comers are welcome.

Please join us for our December Program. We will have a presentation from Mr. Bob Hume, Chief Regulatory Branch, Norfolk District, USACE. Bob will try to simplify some of the new stream mitigation rules, an area that will have an effect on all of us as we move forward construction first class facilities for our military forces.

Happy Holidays,  
LTC Darrow  
Michael R. Darrow, P.E., PMP  
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USACE, Norfolk District  
Deputy District Commander

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## MONTHLY MEETING...

**Wednesday, 16 December, 1130-1330**  
**Sewells Point Golf Course**  
**Norfolk, VA**

**Program:** The purpose of the event is to bring engineers, architects, and construction managers together for professional discussion on current information with regard to new regulations on wetland delineation.

**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 Sewells Point Golf Course. The meeting will be held in the meeting room on the second floor of the pro shop.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

16 DEC 2009 – Monthly Meeting

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

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

# December Program

Come and join us on December 16<sup>th</sup> for our Monthly Luncheon at 11:30 AM at the Sewells Point Golf Course Clubhouse

Toys will be collected at the luncheon as part of SAME Hampton Roads' Toys for Tots Drive. All attendees are encouraged to participate by bringing an unwrapped toy. Please help make the coming holiday season a more joyous one for a child in the local area.

**Topic:** New Implementation Rules for Delineating Wetlands

**Presenter:** Bob Hume, Chief- Regulatory Office, USACE- Norfolk District

**Scope:** The purpose of the event is to bring engineers, architects, and construction managers together for professional discussion on current information with regard to new regulations on wetland delineation.

**Objectives:**

1. Review basic wetland delineation criteria contained within the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual.
2. Familiarize with the changes brought about by the 2008 Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Interim Regional Supplement to the 1987 USACE Manual.
3. Familiarize with the capabilities and recent changes to RIBITS (Regional Internet Bank Information Tracking System) web application for tracking commercial wetland and stream mitigation banks.

**Continuing Education:** This 50 minute presentation will earn 1-CE (1-PDH) credit for attendees.

**Cost:** \$20 for Corporate/Private attendees; \$13 for Active Duty Military/DoD civilians; \$7 for anyone age 35 and under

# Sustaining Member – December



Gannett Fleming Inc., a full service engineering firm founded in 1915, is headquartered in Camp Hill, Pa. with local offices in Newport News, Va. and throughout the mid-Atlantic region. Today Gannett Fleming has more than 2,000 employees in over 55 offices across the United States and internationally. With 95 years of service, Gannett Fleming has provided our clients with comprehensive quality professional services at great value. Our firm is rated by *Engineering News Record* as one the top 50 pure design firms in the nation. Gannett Fleming received our ISO 2000:9001 certification in 2007.

Gannett Fleming provides an array of services in the transportation, water/wastewater, facilities, environmental, and information technology disciplines. This in-house expertise allows Gannett Fleming to offer seamless coordination on every project.

# 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 [David Isbell](#).

## 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 [James Heinz](#).

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

## SAME HR supports the USO Holiday Party

On December 5, Beverly Noffsinger, Jay Noffsinger, Bryan Beyer and Jessica Ranck all volunteered the day to support the USO's 2009 Holiday Party at Rockwell Hall on JEBLCFS-Little Creek. Beverly and



Jay enjoyed painting the faces of the children, while Bryan served food and Jessica helped with the registration table.

It was great to see so many of our military enjoying themselves at the party where the food was good, the music was festive, Santa Claus listened to wish lists, and of course, tons of prizes were awarded. It was especially heartwarming to know that we helped bring a little Christmas cheer to children whose parents are deployed during Christmas.

The USO holds their Holiday Party yearly to provide a special "Thank You" to our troops and their families for all they do. Our hopes are to perhaps next year help sponsor this event with a booth and activity of our own.



## Hampton Roads Post Coin

The Hampton Roads Post is soliciting designs for a new Post coin to be presented to our guest speakers. All members are invited to participate and to submit designs for consideration. The Board will select the winning design, which should include elements of SAME and the Hampton Roads area. The owner of the winning design will receive recognition from the Post and will be presented with the first coin. Anyone interested should contact Bryan Beyer ([bryan.beyer@navy.mil](mailto:bryan.beyer@navy.mil)) for more information.

# Hampton Roads Post Believes "Everyone Deserves a Lifetime!"

By: Beverly Noffsinger – ESC Limited

As an SAME Hampton Roads Post Board Member, I was honored to participate in an exhausting 3-day, 60-mile walk to raise money to help fund a cure for breast cancer...and raise awareness. It was the most excruciating, yet humbling thing I have ever done in my life! But, the SAME and my company, ECS Mid-Atlantic, were with me every step of the way!



When I needed to raise \$2,300 to participate, SAME members opened their hearts and wallets during a very tough economy. With their donations and ECS' matching funds, I was able to raise the money and I am forever grateful.

To help you understand what exactly 60 miles in 3 days means...

We have all heard the advice that we should walk 10,000 steps a day for good health. Well, 10,000 steps (if you have a 30" stride) would be about 1-1/2 miles a day. Most of us don't meet that unless we are actually taking a walk each day.

So, 20 miles the first day, equals 133,333 steps!...lots of them uphill!

We started the first day at literally the crack of dawn at the D.C. Nationals Stadium. We walked up and around Dupont Circle and Embassy Row. I finished at 4:30, which must have been a pretty decent pace because there were still people coming in at 7:30.

Much to my chagrin, when I finished, I found out I needed to set up my tent! Yes...a bright pink tent, in my bright pink sleeping bag on the ground was my reward...oh, and the snores of the exhausted people in the tents around me!

The bright spots were the tents that Energizer and Bank of America set up at the campground. Energizer brought in massage therapists and we got a 10-minute chair massage and Bank of America had massaging chairs with foot massagers! After a shower, dinner and all that massaging, I almost felt human!

But that was just day 1...the next morning, every muscle in my body was screaming as I tried to ease out of my sleeping bag without tripping over my tent-mate in the dark.

No matter how tired or sore we all were though, not one person complained. There were 2,300 walkers (192 of them were men) and over 300 volunteers and not a sour-puss in the bunch. Even as they waited in line to shower, use the porta potties or get their food. No matter how much pain they were in...they never complained. Even when the volunteers had to get up at 4:00 in the morning to cook our breakfast, they were cheerfully sending us on our way! And, spending time walking with survivors and hearing their stories kept me going when I thought I couldn't take one more step. How could I complain when they had gone through pain I couldn't even imagine?

I finished though...every single painful step...and I plan to do it again. For 2010, my husband, Jay, and I have already signed up to volunteer and then I will walk again in 2011. How could I not? As a friend once told me, "Once you know, you can't go back and un-know." I am grateful for the amazing feeling of pushing myself to the limit and being thankful for the opportunity.

Thank you, SAME and ECS, for helping to make this possible! This experience has fundamentally changed me as a person in the most amazing way...

## Call for Papers

**Due December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

The VA/DC/MD Chapter of the APWA is currently accepting abstracts for the 2010 Chapter Conference, May 12 – 14, 2010 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA.

Presenting at the APWA Conference is a great opportunity to:

- Share your knowledge, expertise, and innovations with VA/DC/MD Public Works professionals
- Discuss current Public Works trends
- Be recognized by peers and colleagues
- Advance your career

More consideration will be given to papers that have a "green/sustainable" theme. Areas of interest include but are not limited to:

- Transportation
- Storm Water
- Facilities Maintenance

- Sustainability Technology
- Maintenance & Other Aging Infrastructure Issues
- Leadership & Professional Development
- Environmental Permitting & Other Concerns
- Emergency Management Recycling/Waste Management

## Job Postings

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District is currently recruiting engineers and scientists for Project Managers with overall responsibility for planning, scope, development, design, construction and direction of important military, environmental and civil projects.

The position announcement can be located at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). Interested candidates with status (select prior military or prior federal service) should search for job announcement NEFW09931274. All others should search for job announcement NEFW09931274D.

Mr. Bill Sorrentino has recently announced his retirement as the Chief, Technical Services Division, Norfolk District the organization is seeking highly qualified candidates to fill this very important PB-3 executive level position. The job is located in Norfolk, VA in our headquarters building on the beautiful banks of the Elizabeth River. The vacancy announcement closes on 8 January 2010 and we currently anticipate interviews for the position in late April 2010.

Link for announcement on CPOL (Merit Promotion status candidates),  
<https://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil/public/vabSelfNom/index.jsp>

Enter NEFW09930730 in search by announcement number field

Link for announcement on USAJOBS (External candidates),  
<http://www.usajobs.gov/>

Enter NEFW09930730D in search field

## News Release

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

### **John Bowles, Retired Navy Officer, Joins CH2M HILL to Lead Munitions Response Operations**

Virginia Beach, Virginia, November 23, 2009—John Bowles has joined the Virginia Beach office of CH2M HILL, a global leader in full-service engineering, procurement, construction, management and operations for public and private clients. He will serve as the Munitions Response Operations Director for the firm's Environmental Services Business Group and will be responsible for the successful execution of Munitions Response projects for clients worldwide. Bowles is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Ordnance and Explosives Waste Contractors, where he has served as Vice President and Operations & Standards Committee Chair.

Following 31 years of service in the Navy as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer, Bowles retired as a Captain. During his naval career, he served on the Department of Defense (DOD) Explosives Safety Board and was instrumental in the development of DOD explosives safety policies, concepts and procedures. Bowles earned a bachelor's degree in Biological Oceanography from the University of Washington, a master's degree in General Administration from Central Michigan University, and is a graduate of the Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal School.

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

### **AECOM announces new architect in the Virginia Beach office**

**Amanda Chebalo, AIA, successfully registers in Virginia.**

The Virginia Beach office of AECOM is proud to announce the newest architect in its Fusion studio:

**Amanda Chebalo.** A member of the American Institute of Architecture (AIA) since 2004, Ms. Chebalo has passed the Architectural Registration Exam to become a licensed architect in the Commonwealth of Virginia.



In addition to a successful career with AECOM, Ms. Chebalo dedicates her time to community events such as Construction, Habitat for Humanity, annual exhibits for the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, and the Urban Land Institute (ULI). She won the Hampton

Roads AIA Award for Design in 2007 for her work on the William and Mary Law Library in Williamsburg, Virginia. Her master's degree in architecture is from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia.

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

### **RRMM and VIRTEXCO Help USMC Go Green**

NORFOLK, VA (November 10, 2009) – The U.S. Marine Corps has demonstrated their commitment to energy and environmental conservation with the Corps' first LEED Certified building. Building SR-72, Reserve Training Center and Tank Maintenance Facility at Camp Lejeune, NC, provides Military Occupancy Specialty training as well as battle skills, inspection, and vehicle operational training. Designed by RRMM Architects, the 10,500 SF facility will be used by Company F of the 4th Tank Battalion at Camp Lejeune. The facility supports 56 Marines, nine M1A1 Abrams tanks, and an M-88 Recovery Vehicle.

Completed in November of 2008 as a design-build effort with VIRTEXCO, the building was recently certified Silver under the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The facility was designed and constructed with various energy-saving features, including reflective pavement and roofing, native/drought tolerant landscaping, low flow plumbing fixtures with sensor controls, and use of recycled content in building materials. "We're honored to have been able to work with the Marine Corps and Virtexco to create this facility at Camp Lejeune, and hope the building serves the Corps well for decades to come," said Kevin Ball, RRMM Principal and Director of the firm's Federal Projects Studio.

RRMM Architects, celebrating 20 years in Virginia, incorporates sustainable design into its culture and its approach to projects. Through offices in Norfolk, Arlington, and Roanoke, the firm provides architecture, planning, interior design, and design-build services throughout the United States, the Caribbean, and parts of Europe and has been recognized as a leading architectural firm in the local region by Inside Business and as one of the Top 20 in the U.S. by Commercial Construction Magazine.

VIRTEXCO Corporation, a general contracting company founded in 1976, has offices in Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia as well as New Bern, North Carolina. A service-oriented company, VIRTEXCO prides itself on building collaborative relationships with clients, employees, consultants, and the community.

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

### **Movin' On Up**

NORFOLK, VA (December 7, 2009)—Proving that it takes more than a major office move to distract the team at RRMM Architects, the firm today announced that associates Robert Berz and Kevin Seymour have been promoted to Principal. "In two days we move from our Norfolk offices to our new home in Chesapeake," said RRMM CEO John Maddux. "Our move is possible because we have been successful in supporting our clients, and those successes are directly attributable to our fantastic team of people. Rob and Kevin are two such people whose design expertise, leadership, and dedication to our clients have helped to grow RRMM into the prosperous firm that we are today. Really, we couldn't think of a better way to commemorate our success than by promoting two people who have made such important contributions to our firm."

Kevin Seymour has been with RRMM and its predecessor firms for 25 years, serving as an architectural project manager in the firm's Federal Projects Studio. "Our clients consistently commend Kevin for his accuracy, attention to detail, and the overall quality of his work," said Federal Project Studio Director and Principal Kevin Ball. Most recently, Kevin was the project manager on the United States Marine Corps first LEED® certified project, the Reserve Training Center and Tank Maintenance Facility at Camp Lejeune, NC. He is presently the project manager of the Special Operations Forces Facility Training Complex presently under construction at Dam Neck.

Robert Berz is a registered architect and LEED Accredited Professional who has been with RRMM for six years. A graduate of the University of Tennessee with nearly 20 years of architectural experience, Rob has led RRMM's sustainable design initiatives and is widely recognized as one of the foremost sustainable design experts in the Hampton Roads area. He is an active member of the U.S. Green Building Council, is co-founder of the Hampton Roads Green Building Council, a Board Member of the Virginia Sustainable Design Network, and a Norfolk Environmental Commissioner. In 2008, Portfolio Weekly named Rob one of their "Greenest People in Hampton Roads." Rob is the project manager/architect for Virginia Beach City Public School's Renaissance Academy, opening next year, as well as on the Grandy Village Community Center in Norfolk.

RRMM Architects incorporates sustainable design into its culture and its approach to projects. Through offices in Norfolk (but soon to be Chesapeake!),

Roanoke, and our recently opened Arlington office, the firm provides architecture, planning, interior design, and design-build services throughout the United States, the Caribbean, and parts of Europe. RRMM celebrated our 20th anniversary in 2008; the firm has been recognized as a leading architectural firm in the local region by Inside Business and as one of the Top 10 in the U.S. by Retail Construction Magazine.

## Sustaining Members

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 TranSystems Corporation  
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