



## Society of American Military Engineers

### Hampton Roads Post

"An Outstanding Post in its Sixty-Third Year of Service"

February 2010

## Post President's Corner



Hampton Roads Post Members,

The Post has gotten off to a great start to the year!! Last month we submitted all streamer packets documenting the multitude of our Hampton Roads Post efforts over the last year, selected our Post Award Winners, submitted nominees for our national level awards and held the first young members event in recent memory. All this was accomplished thanks to the contributions of many, all taking small pieces of the task. I personally want to thank all involved for their support to the organization.

The young member event held 28 January at Gordon Biersch, Town Center in Virginia Beach was a huge success. We had over 25 participants, SAME members of all ages, and even a few non-members that we can bring into the organization. I would like to thank Jessica Ranck for organizing the event and MBP who graciously sponsored appetizers for all to enjoy. We have scheduled 18 March at Gordon Biersch for the next event. Please plan on attending and bringing a young member or potential new member from your office/firm. Also please let Jessica know if you are interested in sponsoring appetizers.

This month during our program we will publicly recognize our post award winners. Again we will be at the Westin, so please join us for this great opportunity. Following the normal meeting, we will hold a quick organization meeting to kick off the planning for this very important event. We are looking for help on the numerous committees.

I also want to take the time to have you all think about young future engineers that may be interested in one of the SAME Construction Camps. Again this year, the post will sponsor several young campers, so please look out for the nomination forms. CAPT Mark Roth is heading up this initiative for us. Additionally, we are beginning our annual scholarship award process and Ms. Christine Tsai will be providing information on the nomination process. We traditionally award over \$20,000 in scholarships each year and information is available on our website.

Still on the horizon is the production of a post coin and the design will be selected at our February BOD meeting. Work is also ongoing for our Annual Small Business event to be held April 26 at the Waterside Marriot in Norfolk, so please mark your calendars for this very popular event.

Finally, on our support to the warfighter efforts, the Hampton Roads Post hosted a mixer for the Joint Engineer Operations Course (JEOC) course review conference. SAME National has been an active sponsor of this course over the last three years and as the review was held at DOD's center for Joint Training in Suffolk, it was a great opportunity for members of our team to interact and provide informal input on the topic of contractors on the battlefield. We also had several members provide input in a working session aimed at making curriculum changes to the course, better integrating key learning points for students relative to contingency contracting and contractors on the battlefield on 10 February at the Joint Warfighting Center, USJFCOM, Suffolk.

As you can see we are an active post with lot of opportunities for increased member participation. As I close out my last few months as the president, my focus will be on the K-12 Outreach initiative. This is an area where we need everyone's help. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to tell the story on careers in the engineer profession to students either via engineering competitions, helping with a Boy Scout engineering merit badge or speaking at career days in local schools, as just a few examples.

Thanks all for the continued support and your efforts to make the Hampton Roads Post of SAME one of the organization's best.

Sincerely,  
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, 17 February, 1130-1330**  
**Westin Virginia Beach Town Center**  
**Virginia Beach, VA**

**Program:** The purpose of the event is to bring engineers, architects, and construction managers together for professional discussion on current information with Low Impact Development (LID) concept for NAVFAC projects.

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

**Directions:** Take I-64 to I-264. Take S INDEPENDENCE BLVD/VA-225 N via EXIT 17B toward PEMBROKE AREA. Turn RIGHT onto COMMERCE ST. End at 4535 COMMERCE STREET on the RIGHT.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 17 FEB 2010 – Monthly Meeting
- 17 MAR 2010 – Monthly Meeting
- 18 MAR 2010 – Young Member Event
- 26 APR 2010 – Small Business Conference
- 19 MAY 2010 – Monthly Meeting

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

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

# February Program

Come and join us on February 17<sup>th</sup> for our Monthly Luncheon at 11:30 AM at the Westin Virginia Beach Town Center.

**Event:** Hampton Roads SAME Chapter meeting presentation on "Low Impact Development for NAVFAC Projects"

**Presenter:** Barry Forbes, PE, LEED AP, NAVFAC Atlantic

**Scope:** The purpose of the event is to bring engineers, architects, and construction managers together for professional discussion on current information with Low Impact Development (LID) concept for NAVFAC projects.

## Objectives:

(1) Provide an introduction to Low Impact Development

(2) Discuss the federal regulations and requirements driving Low Impact Development

(3) Introduce UFC 3-210-10 "Low Impact Development" (currently in revision)

(4) Discuss submittal/reporting requirements and required calculations

CE/PDH : This 50 minute presentation will provide with you one CE credit.

[Click Here to Register](#)

# Sustaining Member – February



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- Our strength stems from an ability to **overcome logistical challenges** and **integrate with qualified local resources** to reduce schedule and cost for our clients.

# 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 [Don Young](#).

## 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

## 2010 SAME

## Engineering & Construction Camp APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Society of American Military Engineers, Hampton Roads Post intends to sponsor three (3) students for the 2010 Engineering and Construction Camps (one each). The camps are located at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, California and at the Waterways Experiments Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Application requirements and applications can be found on the Internet at:

<http://posts.same.org/camps/>

There is no requirement for the student or parent to be part of a SAME Post. However, preference will be given to students whose parents are members of SAME or whose parents, guardians, or sponsors are employees of a sustaining member firm. For a list of sustaining member companies, please refer to our website at:

<http://posts.same.org/hamptonroads/>

Our intent is to select three students (and three alternates) to sponsor for the summer camps. The Hampton Roads Post will pay for the entire registration fee (\$500.00) and provide round trip airfare to the summer camp.

Sponsorship by the Hampton Roads Post does not guarantee acceptance into the summer camp programs.

The completed application, including the personal statement, must be e-mailed no later than **12 March 2010**. The Hampton Roads Post must also receive the Emergency Notification and Medical Authorization Form and the Medical Release Form with the student's nomination package. Applications received without these forms will not be considered for sponsorship.

E-Mail submissions to CAPT Rick Roth at [richard.roth@navy.mil](mailto:richard.roth@navy.mil).

# 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.

## Job Postings

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District is currently recruiting engineers and scientists for a Supervisory Project Manager with overall responsibility for leading a team of Project Managers at Fort Lee in the 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 NEFW09942543. All others should search for job announcement NEFW09942543D.

## News Release

*For Immediate Release*



**GET Solutions, Inc.** is pleased to announce that Chris Caton, P.G., E.I.T. has passed the Virginia Professional Geologist Examination.

Chris Caton has passed the Virginia Professional Geologist Examination through the Virginia Board for Geology.

"Virginia certified professional geologist" means a person who possesses all qualifications specified in this chapter for certification and whose competence has been attested by the board through certification.



Chris is one of only 859 Professional Geologists in the State of Virginia

The Virginia Board for Geology defines a Professional Geologist in the following way: "Virginia certified professional geologist" means a person who possesses all qualifications specified for certification and whose competence has been attested by the board through certification.

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## AECOM Vice President, Neal Wright, awarded distinction

### 2009 SAME Hampton Roads Post award winners announced



Virginia Beach, Virginia (February 8, 2010)—AECOM Technology Corporation (NYSE: ACM), a leading international provider of professional technical and management support services for government and commercial clients, announced today that **Market Director and a Vice President for AECOM's federal**

**programs, Neal Wright, PE, PMP, F.SAME, F.ASCE,** received the **Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Post President's Award for 2009.**

Winners of Post awards will be submitted to **SAME National** to compete against winners from across the country. A **Fellow of SAME** since November 2004, **Neal Wright** was elected to serve on its National Board of Direction in 2007 and the Executive Committee in 2009.

Additional positions Neal has held for SAME:

- President, Hampton Roads Post 2004–2005

- Vice President, Hampton Roads Post 2003–2004

- Co-Chair of 2003 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

- Hampton Roads Post Board of Directors, 2002–2003, 2005–2006, 2008–2009

Neal also played a significant role in the proposal effort to achieve selection for the **SAME Mid- Atlantic Regional Conference in 2011**. The regional selection committee chose the Hampton Roads Post to host this conference that will feature focused programs to address the specific educational needs within the region. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference will be November 1–3, 2011, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. SAME has a mission to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security and appeals to more than 40,000 leaders in the architecture, engineering, and construction (A/E/C) industry. With 111 Posts (chapters) and three (3) publications, SAME offers connections to top government decision makers throughout the nation.

In addition to Neal's achievements within SAME, he was elected to **Fellow in American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)** on November 19, 2009. ASCE represents more than 147,000 members of the civil engineering profession worldwide and is America's oldest national engineering society. ASCE's vision is

## Sustaining Members

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