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Post President's Corner



Hampton Roads Post Members,

Happy New Year to all! We are extremely excited to kick off a new calendar year and have a several great things lined up for 2010. This month we will hold our first Young Members event (a social at Gordon Biersch, Virginia Beach, 28 Jan), we will be changing our meeting venue for a few months during renovations at the Sewell's Point Golf Course, we will be submitting selecting our SAME Post Award winners and submitting our streamer input capturing our post activities in 2009 in support of the SAME mission.

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In the next several months we will be rolling out a new post coin, selecting our scholarship recipients, nominating students for SAME Engineering Camps, putting together our annual Small Business Event, and looking towards transition the Board of Directors in June. All of these provide opportunities for our membership – a total of over 650 individuals, to step forward and get involved in post operations and events.

I would like to highlight an immediate opportunity on 10 February, 1300 – 1630, at the Joint Warfighting Center, USJFCOM, Suffolk for our membership to aid in development of the "Contractors on the Battlefield" module for the Joint Engineer Operations Course (JEOC). SAME National has been an active sponsor of this course over the last three years. The course development team is looking for input on what the joint task force engineer should have as a baseline knowledge of dealing with contingency contractors and how best to present this in a course curriculum. If interested, please e-mail Mr. Shawn Howley, JEOC Course Director, shawn-howley@us.army.mil.

A SAME national goal has been to increase our public sector membership. As many of you are aware, the dues structure has changed. Men and women of the uniformed services may join SAME for a one-time membership fee; this new career membership is active for the duration of the individual's career in the uniformed services. Civilians employed by the uniformed services may join SAME at a substantially reduced rate for a 3-year or 5-year term. All current SAME members serving in the uniformed services were automatically transitioned to a career membership at no cost, effective Jan. 1, 2010. Please get the word out to individuals in your organizations to take advantage of this great opportunity.

In closing, we will begin our planning efforts for the 2011 SAME Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference in the coming weeks. Our post will be co-sponsoring this with the Virginia Peninsula Post. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer and I encourage you all to participate to the fullest extent possible. Please contact Neal Wright or Beverly Noffsinger if interested.

Welcome to the new decade.

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, 20 January, 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 regard to new regulations on wetland delineation.

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...

- 20 JAN 2010 – Monthly Meeting
- 17 FEB 2010 – Monthly Meeting
- 17 MAR 2010 – Monthly Meeting
- 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.)

January Program

Come and join us on January 20th for our Monthly Luncheon at 11:30 AM at the Westin Virginia Beach Town Center.

Topic: Facility & Infrastructure Life Cycle Management

Presenter: Carl Rabenalt, Vice President - Parsons

Scope: The purpose of the event is to bring engineers, architects, and construction managers together for professional discussion on current information with life cycle management.

Objectives:

(1) Assessing facilities only to the level necessary

(2) How to use data already owned by the organization

(3) How to purchase core components and build on those components as time dictates or as funds become available

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 – January



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service solutions to clients throughout North America and internationally. We are dedicated to the consistent achievement of industry-leading standards of excellence in environmental consulting, including:

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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 [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

2009 Hampton Roads Post Award Winners Announced

The Board of the Hampton Roads Post is pleased to announce our 2009 Post award winners. We were excited with the number of award nominations we received; 12 individuals and companies in 8 categories. This is a substantial increase over last year and shows a strengthening of not only our awards program, but our Post as well. Before we announce the winners, I would like to acknowledge all of the nominees and offer our congratulations. These were all exceptional nominees and we are extremely proud of their efforts!

2009 award nominees –

- LCDR John Barresi, US
- Neal Wright, AECOM
- John Machner, MBP
- Andrew Craven, HBA
- LT Todd Wimmer, USC
- Kevin Ball, RRMM
- Steven Pearson, Hankins & Anderson
- LTJG Bryan Beyer, USN
- Michael Smith, RRMM
- Leonard Morgan, MBP
- Charlotte Hurt, RRMM
- ECS Mid-Atlantic LLC

Congratulations to you all!

2009 Hampton Roads Post Award Winners –

- *Engineer of the Year* – LCDR John Barresi, USCG
- *Post President's Award* – Neal Wright, AECOM
- *Technology Advancement Medal* – John Machner, MBP
- *Young Member Author of the Year* – LT Todd Wimmer, USCG
- *Architect of the Year (Registered)* – Steven Pearson, Hankins & Anderson
- *Sustaining Member of the Year* – ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC
- *Outstanding Young Member in Uniform* – LTJG Bryan Beyer, USN
- *Outstanding Civilian Young Member* – Leonard Morgan, MBP

If you know these people, I would ask that you take a minute and send them your congratulations.

Now...to the next step; these nominations will be sent to SAME HQ to compete for the national awards by February 1st. I would like to ask your help in this process. We will upload the nomination write-ups to our website. We expect very stiff competition from the other Posts. If there is anything you can add to any of the write-ups, please email it to me at BNoffsinger@ecslimited.com. I need your inputs by January 27th.

We will be presenting our Post awards at our February 17th meeting. We would like to invite all our award winners to attend and hope to have a strong show of support from our members!

Regards,
Beverly Noffsinger
Past President

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) 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. 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

AECOM employees contribute gifts to children in need

Thirty teenage youths benefit from Salvation Army's Angel Tree program

Virginia Beach, Virginia (January 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 employees in its Virginia Beach, VA office donated gifts to thirty (30) disadvantaged teenage children in Hampton Roads through the [Salvation Army Angel Tree Program](#). As a Teen Angel Sponsor, AECOM committed to adopting 12-14 year old Angels, providing clothing and age-appropriate gifts for children who do not typically get adopted from the public Angel Trees, which usually attract donations for younger children.

A Christmas tree adorned with Angel tags was placed in the lobby of the firm's Virginia Beach office. Each tag bore the name, gender, and clothing and shoe sizes of a teenage child. For two weeks, AECOM employees placed unwrapped gifts in bags with the tags attached under the Christmas tree. At the weeks' end, gifts were delivered to the Salvation Army to be distributed to area children.

"Our employees hoped to brighten the Christmas season for a few children, and they will continue to find unique ways to give to the community as much as possible throughout the coming year," commends Jeffrey Ganthner, AIA, NCARB, Division Manager of AECOM's Virginia Beach office.

For Immediate Release

AECOM awarded contract for Virginia Tech: National Institute of Aerospace

Virginia Beach firms to provide services for a facility in Hampton

Virginia Beach, Virginia (January 22, 2010)—AECOM Technology Corporation, a leading international provider of professional technical and management support services for government and commercial clients, announced today that it is part of a team that has been selected for the **designbuild project for Virginia Tech's National Institute of Aerospace (NIA) facility** in Hampton, Virginia.

The team, led by Arlington, Virginia, developer **Concord Eastridge**, includes local contractor **VIRTEXCO Corporation**, and **Tymoff & Moss Architects**.

The design-build team will provide turn key services for the design and construction of the NIA facility, which will be built on land donated to Virginia Tech by the Industrial Development Authority of Hampton, Virginia or an equivalent parcel on the Hampton Roads North Campus with convenient accessibility to the existing NIA building in Hampton, Virginia.

Anticipated to be open by June 2011, the approximately 60,000-ft² new facility will provide hands-on research opportunities for faculty and graduate students in such areas as unmanned vehicles, laser and electron microscope analysis, chemical synthesis, and robotics. Design for the Virginia Tech NIA research laboratories will be both



flexible and generic in nature, with high bay space in first floor laboratories. The second floors will contain

laboratories, computational areas, and office space. The third floor will be initially built as shell space for future expansion for laboratory modules.

All aspects of design for this facility will follow sustainability guidelines, as understood by the US Green Building Council's LEED® certification process, to attain buildings that are less costly to operate and have a more positive impact on the environment. Virginia Tech has a goal of design and construction to achieve at least a LEED Silver rating, even though the project may not be formally submitted for LEED certification.

For Immediate Release



RRMM MOVES ITS MAIN HEADQUARTERS TO CHESAPEAKE

RRMM ARCHITECTS CHESAPEAKE, VA — RRMM Architects, named one of the major architectural firms in Hampton Roads by *Inside Business*, has moved its main office from Norfolk to the Greenbrier area of Chesapeake. The firm, which also has offices in Roanoke and Arlington, is now located at 1317 Executive Boulevard in a LEED Silver Certified building. LEED, or Leadership In Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized green building certification system for new construction. RRMM's interior renovations are also LEED certified.

"It's important for us as architects to practice what we advocate to our clients," says John Maddux, RRMM's CEO. "The health and economic benefits of highly sustainable buildings are well documented, which is why we emphasize the importance of green building practices. What better place to do so then in a facility that meets green building standards."

"We had 21 very successful years in Norfolk, and hope to continue that success in our new location."

The firm has 91 employees, including 23 registered architects, 19 LEED Accredited Professionals and three certified interior designers in its local, Arlington and Roanoke offices.

RRMM is the result of the merger of several successful architectural firms over the past 25 years. The firm works with clients on projects that include new construction, renovations, additions, programming, space planning, feasibility studies, and master plans. RRMM also assists clients with site selection, permitting and approval processes, financial planning and community facilitation of project goals.

RRMM was recently noted by *Virginia Business* magazine as one of the largest architectural firms based in the state. The company is the recipient of numerous honors, including the 2008 Virginia School Boards Association Award, the 2008 HRACRE Excellence in Development Design Award, the 2007 Virginia School Boards Association Distinguished Design Award and the 2007 Currituck Chamber of Commerce Most Attractive Business Award.

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