



Society of American Military Engineers

Hampton Roads Post

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

June 2009



Post President's Corner

Happy Flag Day! Since so many of our members are currently serving or have served in the armed forces, it seemed an appropriate greeting. Did you know that the concept of Flag Day originated in 1885 when a school teacher in Fredonia, Wisconsin arranged for the first celebration? It was generally promoted and endorsed in school systems across the country as the interest grew. No one needed

Hallmark back then to tell us what to celebrate!

This President's letter is bittersweet for me, as it is my last. My tenure as President has come to an end and while I am excited to turn the reins over to LTC Darrow, I am a little sad. It has been an amazing year and I am grateful for all of the positive support and encouragement I received throughout the last twelve months. As I said in my initial remarks last June, my hope was to strengthen the heart of our Post through our outreach, to young people and to our community.

Here's a quick synopsis of several new initiatives since June of 2008:

- ✓ Members of our Post could be seen hanging drywall, putting up siding, digging post holes and many other forms of manual labor as we supported an effort to help rebuild the home of a deployed sailor when it was destroyed by a tornado.
- ✓ We delivered two truckloads of goods, gift cards and baked goods to the VA Hospital and the Fisher House in Richmond in support of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines recuperating from traumatic head injuries and their families. It was a truly humbling experience to meet these young people and realize how much they had sacrificed for their country.
- ✓ We initiated mentoring with Ocean Lakes High School through the West Point Bridge Contest.
- ✓ Our Student Post at Virginia Tech competed against the Virginia Peninsula Post's at VMI in the first annual "Punkin Chunkin" contest. We did not win, unfortunately, but it was an outstanding success from every perspective!
- ✓ We have reached out to the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts in our area and we are still trying to coordinate an event to bring speakers to or help them complete engineering/environmental badges.

I would like to thank my Board for their support, encouragement and tireless efforts during these last twelve months. Without out them, none of this would have been possible, so "[thank you!](#)":

- Dan Haubner, 1st Vice President-Membership
- Kelli Stamm, 2nd Vice President-Publicity
- Christine Petty, 3rd Vice President-Scholarships
- Scott Borges, 4th Vice President-Programs
- Nicole Beatty, Secretary

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MONTHLY MEETING...

Wednesday, 17 June, 1130-1330
Holiday Inn - Greenwich Road
Virginia Beach, VA

Program: Annual Scholarship Awards / Officer Induction, Ops brief from VT Student Post

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

Directions: Take I-64 to I-264. Take the Newtown Road exit, turn left onto N. Newtown Road, turn left onto Greenwich Road. End at 5655 Greenwich Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

17 June 2009 - Monthly Meeting at the Holiday Inn

15 July 2009 - Joint Luncheon at the Sewells Point Golf Course

19 August 2009 - Monthly Meeting - Construction Site Visit

16 September 2009 - Monthly Meeting at the Sewells Point Golf Course

JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

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

- Charlie Shrive, Treasurer
- CAPT Joanne McCaffrey, Past President–Awards
- CAPT Rick Roth, Board Member–USN
- John Adams, Board Member–ACOE
- CDR Steve Sabellico, Board Member–USCG
- Carl Hubbell, Board Member–Construction
- Diane Littrell, Board Member–Small Business
- Paul Holt, Board Member–A/E Firm
- Dave Pedersen, Board Member–Engineering Firm
- Jessica Ranck, Board Member–Young Member
- EACM Jeff Moxley, Board Member–NCO
- LT Angel McBee, Board Member–K-12 Outreach
- Pat McCormack, Board Member–Readiness
- Jay Huston, Board Member–Education
- Neal Wright, Fellow
- Peter Marshall, Fellow

Without you, this year would not have been as much fun or as successful! As a mark of that success, we were once again named a Distinguished Post for 2008. It is a long tradition of outstanding service to our members and I feel proud to turn over the leadership of the Post to LTC Mike Darrow. Thank you all!

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your President and you can be sure that I will continue to be involved in this outstanding organization.

Sincerely,

Beverly Noffsinger
President, SAME Hampton Roads Post

Post Presidents Corner



For my first president's message I initially want to recognize the efforts of Beverly Noffsinger and the entire board for their great efforts this past year. The post continues to grow in membership and more importantly once again was named a Distinguished Post with a lot of hard work put in by all to complete streamer requirements.

I apologize for not being present for the induction ceremony, as I am unable to attend due to prior family commitments. I thank Beverley for allowing me to provide some initial comments in the newsletter that I had planned to share with you all at the 17 June meeting.

I thank you all for the vote of confidence and am very excited about the upcoming year. My focus will to continue to build on the great work done before me and am confident will continue with the

new board, made up of both old and new faces. In addition to continuing the push for achieving all of our streamers and ultimately, again being named a Distinguished Post, there are a few areas that I plan on putting my efforts towards.

First, we will work to ensure all our programs will provide continuing education units to help the professional engineers meet the new Virginia requirements. In addition to our normal lunch meetings, we will examine other opportunities at variable times, making activities more accessible to all.

Secondly, I would like to expand the participation in our events with more involvement from the government sector, both the uniformed side as well as our DOD civilians. A push to attract more young members from all sectors is an associated goal.

Finally, it is important that we continue to expand our involvement at the K-12 and college levels, promoting the engineer profession. We have programs at all levels and I know we can do more with the large membership we have, branching out to other schools and events.

All these activities are achievable, but will need the assistance of the entire post, not just a select few board members. I challenge you all to step forward and participate in at least one post activity this year. There will be numerous requests for volunteers, and by sharing the load, we can collectively move forward, accomplish our goals, and have a great time doing it.

June Program

The June program will consist of Annual Scholarship Awards, Officer Inductions, as well as an Ops brief from VT Student Post

Sustaining Member – June

AECOM

AECOM Design is distinguished by a holistic approach to the design, management, and development of the built

environment. We are architects, engineers, planners, designers, and managers committed to creating sustainable environments that are integrated with health, education, culture, infrastructure, building engineering, nature, and community.

Bringing together the legacy operating companies of DMJM H&N and HSMM, AECOM Design represents decades of experience in services related to the design, delivery, and performance of buildings. AECOM Design's expertise is enriched by our alignment with AECOM companies EDAW and ERA,

which bring landscape architecture, urban planning, economic, social, and cultural services to our range of capabilities.

As part of AECOM, a global provider of professional technical and management services, AECOM Design's integrated delivery platform appeals to a broad range of clients across all market sectors. Our clients include federal, state, and local governments; Fortune 100 corporations, industrial manufacturers; commercial developers; and educational, cultural, public, and private institutions.

In 2008, AECOM integrated its North American operations into five expertise-based business lines: AECOM Design, AECOM Water, AECOM Transportation, AECOM Energy, and AECOM Environment. For our clients, this development provides greater access to AECOM's worldwide capabilities and professional expertise and improved delivery of AECOM's diverse services and technologies. For our employees, the new structure enhances career and professional development opportunities, while facilitating the sharing of expertise and capabilities across geographic and organizational boundaries.

Over the years, leading industry publications have ranked AECOM among the world's top companies providing services for the built environment. In 2008, Architectural Record magazine ranked AECOM #1 based solely on architectural revenues, and Engineering News-Record magazine ranked AECOM among the world's top ten "green" firms as well as #1 in general building, education, design, and transportation markets. With 43,000 professionals around the world, AECOM serves clients in more than 100 countries and had revenue of \$5.2 billion during fiscal year 2008.

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

For immediate release

AECOM is ranked #1 in Buildings in ENR's Top 500 Design Firms

The firm's Virginia Beach office plays key role in reaching international leadership positions

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (June 1, 2009)—AECOM has achieved the No. 1 position in multiple annual rankings posted by industry trade publication *Engineering News-Record* (ENR) and has joined *Fortune* magazine's prestigious *Fortune 500* list of leading companies in America at No. 458.

As published in ENR's [April 20 issue](#), AECOM maintained its No. 1 ranking in three categories: General Building, Transportation, and Pure Design. AECOM also ranked first in Hazardous Waste, a jump from last year's sixth slot, and ranked second in the overall [Top 500 design firms](#). Rising on the list in other categories, AECOM ranked third in Water, third in

Sewer/Waste, and sixth in Power. The favorable press continued with AECOM's first-ever listing as a *Fortune 500* company. With revenues of US\$5.2 billion, a 23.1% change from 2007, AECOM has also made *Fortune's* Top 10 list in the engineering and construction industry category. The rankings are based on revenues as of December 31, 2008.

For immediate release

AECOM Design office in Virginia Beach gains new employee



Project manager from Coral Gables' AECOM Design office moves to Hampton Roads

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (June 1, 2009)—AECOM Design's Virginia Beach office welcomes **Project Manager, Steve Berler**, from the Coral Gables, Florida, AECOM Design office. Mr. Berler has architectural design expertise in

corporate, education, justice, and transportation projects for both public and private industries. With significant master planning, design, and construction administration experience, his projects include operations centers, administrative office buildings, parking facilities, museums, child development centers, and various headquarters, in addition to courthouses and county library projects. Mr. Berler has designed new facilities, as well as managed historical restoration design.

With a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Texas and a Masters in Architecture from the University of Houston, Mr. Berler brings additional talent and skills to the Project Management Department of the Virginia Beach office of AECOM Design.

For immediate release



ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC is pleased to announce that Beverly Noffsinger has joined the Williamsburg and Virginia Beach offices of ECS as Marketing Director for Hampton Roads. ECS' Hampton Roads offices are located at:

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