



The Flyer

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President's Message

By **Bill Stutz**

I am thrilled at the revitalization and reenergizing of our Post that I have seen over the past few months.

Several folks have come forward to get more involved in the Post as officers and committee members, and others have taken on more and more responsibilities to help fill the voids when we really needed the help.

We will be appointing **Courtney Ingersoll** as our new Vice President at the April meeting. **Christy Gardner** of BEM Systems, Inc. has volunteered to take over as the Small Business Chair. **2nd Lt. Jethro Sadorra** from the 1st CES will be taking on the Publicity Committee, and, in general, the level of interest to serve the Post and the Society seems to be growing every day.

I thank you all for your support and help as we renew our commitment to the military engineering community and to bringing the Virginia Peninsula Post back up to its rightful position as a Top Post in the Society of American Military Engineers.

April Meeting Topic

April 2nd

Membership Lunch Meeting, 1130 a.m., Langley AFB Officer's Club

Presenter: Bryan Stevenson, AES Consulting Engineers, Williamsburg

Program Topic: Virginia Tech's Land Development Design Initiative

In the spring of 2006, Professor Dr. Randel Dymond, PE, and the Charles E. Via, Jr. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Virginia Tech started the Land Development Design Initiative, a program created to promote land development as a career option and to improve the educational experience in this emphasis. The program involves practitioners from the private industry and government to help shape the future of land development design exposure and education at Virginia Tech. Since 2006, six land development classes have been added to the curriculum, among other enhancements. There are plans to create a Land Development design track with the CEE program, which would make Virginia Tech the first university to offer this.



Rumble Ready

left to right
Virginia Military Institute Cadets Papet, Rhodes and Tunnell help prepare VMI's trebuchet for a competition with Virginia Tech's SAME Student Chapter March 28th at VMI. Cadets will attend the Peninsula Post April 2nd meeting to report results.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

April 10th

Student applications to attend summer construction camps due

April 15th

SAME Hampton Roads Post Small Business Conference, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., register at <http://samesmallbusinessconference.wufoo.com/forms/same-small-business-conference-sponsorship/>

May 7th

Membership Lunch Meeting, 1130 a.m., Langley AFB Officer's Club

Presenter: Col. Liesel Golden, HQ AF/A7CA, Pentagon

Program Topic: Air Force Activity Management Plans

Call for Nominations

May 7th the Post will elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations are now being accepted.

Volunteers are also needed to serve in several committee chair positions. To volunteer for a committee or nominate an officer, contact Jerry Eudy at (757) 214-6809.

Maintain Your Membership

Don't forget to renew your membership with the Virginia Peninsula Post! Individual membership is down 20%. As of Jan. 1, the Post had 338 members; but currently, there are 304, with 90 individual members and the remainder from Sustaining Member firms.



With Thanks to MALCOLM PIRNIE April's Sustaining Member Sponsor

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Membership can be renewed online at www.same.org.

If you have any questions, contact Lisa Steele at (757) 764-1960 or lisa.steele@langley.af.mil.

Access

Please be sure to update your information with SAME national. The Post pulls all email lists—as well as the **base access roster for monthly meetings**—from national's master list; so if your information is not current, you may miss out on emails, newsletters and the access approval letter. To bring a guest to a monthly meeting, submit their name to Bill Hedstrom via email at William.Hedstrom@langley.af.mil **72 hours in advance.**

Summer Construction Camps for High School Students

Know any high school students who have completed freshmen year and are interested in engineering? The Peninsula Post would like to help send them to an **Air Force Academy or Seebees Summer Construction Camp**. Student applications are due April 10th.

For more information, go to <http://posts.same.org/camps/2009/>. Or, contact Amy Doye for application information at amy.doye@langley.af.mil or (757) 764-1496.

Meet the New Small Business Chair

Welcome Christy Gardner of BEM Systems, Inc., the new Chair of the Post's Small Business Committee! Christy Gardner has eight years experience working in the environmental consulting field. BEM Systems, Inc. is a small business, and delivers environmental remediation, planning and compliance; natural and water resource conservation, enhancement and restoration; and environmental management information system services to clients around the country.

Christy says among her goals as Small Business Chair is to introduce more local small businesses to SAME and encourage their membership and involvement in the Society. Christy can be reached at cgardner@bemsys.com or (757) 591-9466.

Help Bring "Joe" to the Fisher House

As an outreach activity, the Peninsula Post is working to provide coffee service for residents of the Fisher House™ at Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond. It may not sound critical, but Fisher House manager manage Avila Porter reports the beverage plays a key role in helping families keep up their vigils while their wounded warriors heal. Stocking coffee and all the related accoutrements (think sugar, creamers and filters, etc.) is a constant effort, she says.

To ensure there's enough "joe" on hand at all times at the Richmond Fisher House™, the Peninsula Post aims to sponsor a year's worth of coffee service. The Post Board has approved paying for the first month of coffee service, and now seeks the support of Sustaining Member firms who would

Thanks to the following generous individuals and firms who have already agreed to sponsor a month, only four months are still available for sponsorship:

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like to help support Fisher House™ guests by sponsoring a month's worth of coffee.

Cost is \$200 per month, and all 12 months must be committed before service can begin. To sponsor a month, e-mail Cindy Allen at callen@djginc.com. For more information about Fisher House™, visit www.fisherhouse.org.

Vice President's Message

By Rich Howell
VP Education & Training

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Virginia Peninsula Post as one of your Vice Presidents for 2009. Having long been associated with SAME, I welcome the chance to support you and to help in making contributions to the goals of SAME. Our organization is in what the pros might call a re-building year. We've recently lost some great talent, but there are a lot of team players in our Post with much to offer. Together, we can make a significant difference in our Post, our community, and within the Society. From building excitement for engineering and the sciences in our youth; to aiding deserving college students; to our professional mentorship, continuing education, and other programs, we are a significant part of the glue that binds military engineering and the engineering and construction industry into a world force, ready, capable and prepared to meet the needs of our nation. As a past Post President, I understand both the difficulties and the great things we can accomplish as a team, and I look forward to working with you to raise to the next level the bar of excellence this Post has already achieved.

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