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The Marshall University Chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers would like to invite you to join us for our 4th Annual Winter Technical Conference on Thursday, January 26, 2012. The conference will again be held in the Memorial Student Center at Marshall University. This year we are offering a variety of topics that will be educational as well as entertaining.

Registration includes a continental breakfast, lunch buffet, refreshments, free parking, registration give-a-ways, and door prizes.

This conference is a convenient and affordable way to earn 6 PDHs in a single day, provides an excellent opportunity to meet fellow professionals and support our student chapter activities that occur during the school year. Don't hesitate! Fill out and submit your registration today. The registration form and agenda for the Winter Technical Conference are included at the end of this newsletter.

For additional information, contact Nathan O'Kane or Jessica Meadows.

Sincerely,

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UPCOMING POST EVENTS

- Jan 10 - Post Meeting
- Jan 26 - 4th Annual Winter Technical Conference
- Feb 23 - SAME Engineering Career Day @ Marshall University
- March 13 - Post Meeting

Remember monthly meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Put it on your calendar as a recurring reminder!

Huntington Post SAME January's Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for January 10 at Marshall University Student Center (Don Morris Room) in Huntington, WV. Meeting will begin at 11:30 AM with lunch following. Our presentation will begin at noon. Our speaker will be Don Fuller II of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. He will be presenting on "Ash Dredge Cell Incident Recovery and Closure Design Engineering for the Tennessee Valley Authority Kingston Plant"

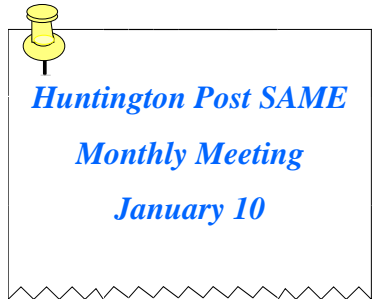
Lunch:

CASH - FREE for active MU SAME students, \$5 for young members, \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

Debit/Credit - \$0.50 surcharge

Make your reservations with Corey Weaver at Corey.T.Weaver@usace.army.mil or (304) 399-5989.

PDH Certificates are available by contacting Dave Meadows at David.F.Meadows@usace.army.mil.



Mark Your Calendars! SAME Huntington Post: No February Meeting

Engineering Career Day will be on February 23, 2012 in lieu of the Monthly Post Luncheon. The next monthly luncheon will be March 13, 2012.

News From the President, Ken Woodard, Post President

I am honored to have served as your Post President during 2011. During the year, we re-energized the Post awards program, presented longevity awards to numerous members based on length of SAME membership, and hosted a joint meeting with the Student Chapter at Marshall University. In addition, the Post kept doing the things that it has done so well for years: Engineering Career Day, fall golf outing, and the winter dinner/dance. We added some new Sustaining Member firms during the year, plus some first-time public sector individual members. New blood was injected into Post leadership positions, and they helped make the Post even better. Thanks for all that you do to support the Post. I look forward to continuing my involvement in a different role as the Post continues to excel in 2012.

Thanks,

Ken

Huntington Post Supports Local Wounded Warrior

One of SAME's new missions is to support wounded warriors and families of fallen warriors. The Society developed three key efforts to help support our wounded warriors through their rehabilitation and for many, their transition to the civilian workforce. These efforts are focused on rehabilitation, improving the quality of life for the soldier, and assisting with job transition.

One local soldier stationed in Afghanistan made the trip home to Huntington for the holidays, but not for the reasons he'd hoped. Staff Sgt. Robert Geer was stationed in Afghanistan for what was supposed to be a 12-month tour of duty. But, six months into his detail, his worst fear came true. One of his soldiers in his unit stepped on a landmine right behind him.

"I flew up 5 feet in the air," Staff Sgt. Geer recalled. The explosion left his left leg, back and left arm badly damaged. His left hand and his left leg were both broken.

After seeing a news story about Sgt Geer on television, Kristin Blake contacted Post leadership to suggest we provide SSGT Geer with financial support. Then, on the day after Christmas, Bill Graham and Mark Kessinger visited with SSGT Geer, his wife Angela, and daughter Taylor while they were in Huntington.

Bill said if there was any doubt about this being a good thing to do, all you had to do was be there with Staff Sgt. Geer and his family to understand that it was exactly the best way for us to support the Wounded Warrior Program. "We got to know them, learned about his service, and the incident on September 28th that caused his injuries," Bill said.

Since then, Staff Sgt. Geer has been rehabilitating at a facility in San Antonio, Texas. "I'm getting better each day," Staff Sgt. Geer said. "It has been very difficult to walk because of the pain." So, for this soldier to be home for the holidays was nothing short of truly extraordinary.

Staff Sgt. Geer said, "To have my family spend this Christmas together after having such a tragic moment for me is probably the best gift I could get for Christmas, that's for sure."

After the meeting, Bill presented Staff Sgt. Geer with \$500 on behalf of the Post. When asked what else we could do for him, Staff Sgt. Geer replied "Stay in touch with me through email and Facebook, and please go visit my parents here in Huntington."



News From the Incoming President, *Dan Bailey*

Thanks to everyone for the confidence you have in me to lead the Huntington Post SAME. I especially thank Ken Woodard for his leadership over the past year and the direction he has set for this Post. We have a great history and I see us having an even greater future. One of my goals this year is to increase our member participation. One way you can help with this immediately is to invite a co-worker to the next Post luncheon. Offer to buy them lunch that day. Get them inspired to advance their profession. Bring someone and participate. Looking forward to a great 2012!

Dan Bailey
Incoming President
Huntington Post SAME



Corey Weaver (USACE) received a Regional Vice-President medal from Ohio Valley RVP Marci Snyder. Corey serves on the national College Outreach Committee and was the Post's Young Member's chair for 2011.

Engineering Career Day Coming February 23

The Huntington Post will once again sponsor an Engineering Career Day — on February 23, 2012, at the Marshall University Student Center in Huntington, WV. Col. Robert Peterson of the Huntington Corps of Engineers will kick off breakfast at 7:30 a.m., with registration following at 8:15 and an opening ceremony starting 9:00. Workshops will begin at 9:15, with exhibits available throughout the event. A catered lunch will be served at noon, with Congressman Nick Rahall giving the keynote speech. The day will conclude after door prizes and scholarship awards.

The Post anticipates awarding five scholarships, each worth approximately \$1,000. About Jan. 9, scholarship applications will be available at www.huntingtonsame.com or through participating schools. The deadline for application submittal is January 31, 2012.

The Post accepts attendees to career day by invitation only — typically several sophomores from each participating school, for a total of approximately 130. Students who wish to express interest in attending, or who need to determine whether their school will participate, should contact their school guidance counselors. (Notification letters and phone calls to schools went out in mid-December to schools in the tri-state area.)

For additional information, please contact Corey Weaver, career day co-chair (304-399-5989; Corey.T.Weaver@usace.army.mil).



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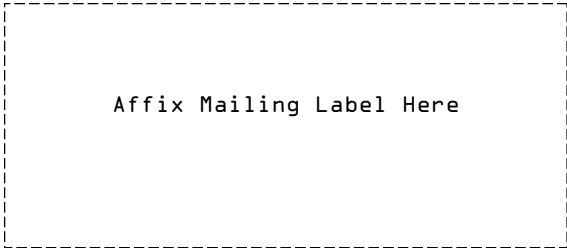


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MU SAME Fourth Annual Winter Technical Conference

Thursday, January 26, 2012
Marshall University Memorial Student Center
BE5—Multipurpose Room
AGENDA

8:00-8:45	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45-9:00	Welcome William Pierson, Ph.D., P.E., Chair, Weisberg Division of Engineering & Computer Science
9:00-9:50	"Soo Locks - Lock Replacement Project" David Sullivan, P.E., Structural Engineer & Darin White, P.E., Civil Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District.
9:50-10:05	BREAK
10:05-11:00	"A Review of Specialty Geotechnical Construction Techniques for Dam and Levee Rehabilitation" Donald A. Bruce, Ph.D., C.Eng., President, Geosystems, L.P.
11:00-12:15	LUNCH
12:15-1:15	"The Wing Tip Bridge - Building an Adventure" Michael R. Dunham, P.E., Structural Engineer, Schlaich Bergermann and Partner.
1:15-2:15	"Building the first LEED Platinum Home in West Virginia" Charles "Chip" Pickering, Ph.D., P.E., President/CEO, Pickering Associates.
2:15-2:30	BREAK
2:30-3:15	"Kanawha River Bridge Project" Ahmed Mongi, P.E., Senior Bridge Engineer, WVDOH
3:15-4:00	"WVDOH Visualization Examples and Methods" Perry McCutcheon, P.E., Unit Leader, WVDOH
4:00	Closing Remarks
4:30-6:30	ASCE WV Section Board Meeting (Shawkey Dining Room, Second Floor, Memorial Student Center)

For Additional Information Contact Nathan
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Registration

MU SAME 4th Annual Winter Technical Conference

Thursday, January 26, 2012

Enroll in the 2012 SAME Winter Technical Conference by completing this form and mailing to the address shown below with your check or money order. Join SAME, ASCE National, or The Huntington Engineers Club prior to the date of the Conference, and you can enjoy the reduced rate.

- _____ General Registration (Cost \$150.00)
- _____ SAME or ASCE Member (Cost \$125.00) **(Include a copy of your SAME or ASCE Membership Card)**
- _____ Engineers Club of Huntington Member (Cost \$100.00) **(Include a copy of your ECH Membership Card)**
- _____ Undergraduate Student or Faculty Member (Cost \$20.00)
- _____ **Registrations made after Thursday, January 19, 2012, please add an additional \$25.**

A light continental breakfast, lunch buffet, refreshments, give-a-ways & door prizes included!
If you have special dietary needs, please contact us!

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Registration: Please mail your registration, with a check or money order payable to SAME MU Student Chapter, to the address below. Sorry, no credit cards accepted. You may fax your registration to (304) 696-5454. Our fax line is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. For more information on this conference, please contact Nathan O’Kane at (703) 731-1771 or by email at okane@live.marshall.edu

Mail registration forms to: Brittney Emerson, CITE Division Secretary
One John Marshall Drive
Marshall University
Huntington, WV 25755

PDH: MU SAME Student Chapter will supply a certificate for those attending the full day of conference activities. This certificate will indicate that this conference contained contact time that should satisfy six (6) Professional Development Hours. Please note that the WV State Board of Registration has final approval of all Professional Development Hours used for license renewal by professional engineers.

Location of Seminar: Marshall University, BE5 Conference Room, Memorial Student Center, Huntington, WV

Registration Deadline: January 19, 2012
If you wish to cancel your registration, you must do so by Thursday, January 19, 2012, in order to receive a refund. After January 19, substitutions will be permitted if you cannot attend.