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2011 Joint Engineer Training Conference and Expo

The Huntington Post just wrapped up a week-long extravaganza at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas, where Ed Stowasser and Mark Kessinger attended SAME's "Joint Engineer Training Conference and Expo" national conference from May 24 through May 26.



Ed attended as 1 of 38 young members selected by SAME headquarters to receive a competitive stipend for attendance. As Dr. Bob Wolff,

SAME executive director, stated in an email to Post president Ken Woodard, "The purpose of this initiative [to provide stipends] is to reward a select group of . . . Young Members who are actively engaged at the Post level with an opportunity to attend the SAME national meeting." Dr. Wolff's email to Ed and the other winners read, "Congratulations! . . . I was very impressed with your applications—truly rewarding for SAME to have such outstanding participation and enthusiasm by our Young Members. . . . We look forward to you experiencing a JETC-I am sure it will enhance your passion for SAME." Ed remarked, "JETC was a great opportunity to network and learn what engineering leaders are doing across the country. At the ice breaker, we were greeted with tornado sirens and had to hunker down in the hotel service tunnels for about an hour. The tornadoes did not hit our hotel but were spotted just to the north and south of us. The next two days went a lot smoother, with better weather I was able to attend several tracks on water resources engineering and make new friends at the exhibit hall. I really appreciate the nomination from the Huntington Post, it was a great experience!"

At the conference, the Post furthered its outreach goals and garnered publicity by displaying a booth in the exhibit hall—made possible by the monetary support of sustaining members Burgess & Niple, DLZ, Eastham & Associates, Palmer, Triad, and Woolpert, as well as management and logistics support from Mark.

During the conference festivities, the Post was publicly recognized for winning 3 awards (called streamers)—for "education and training," "outreach and communications," and "relationships and recognition." Mark emphasized, "These streamers are quite difficult to achieve and only about half of the Posts get them. Each streamer has several requirements so our Post's members can be very proud of what they accomplished last year, and we need to build on this success in 2011."

Dr. Bob Wolff, SAME executive director, delivered a "state of the society" address during which he reported on summarized the activities of SAME's 99 posts (31 of which are small; 32, medium sized; and 36, large). Dr. Wolff reported that, as a group, the medium-size posts (which includes Huntington) awarded \$223,000 in scholarships last year, for an average of \$7,000 per post (Huntington fell right in line with the average).

Dr. Wolff also noted that, in 2010, Headquarters provided a \$2,000 rebate to each small and medium post, based on 2009 profits; he stated that he expects headquarters to distribute a similar dividend for 2011.

Dr. Wolff closed by saying that later this year each post will receive a 20-minute video on the history of SAME (suitable for showing at an upcoming luncheon).

The Post plans to sponsor another exhibit booth at the 2012 National Conference in St. Louis, scheduled for May 22 through 25.

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UPCOMING POST EVENTS

- Jun 14 - Post Meeting
- Jun 26—Jul 1 - EEAE @ Marshall University
- Jun 28 - EEAE Lunch @ Marshall University
- Jun 30 - Young Members Social
- Jul 12 - Post Meeting
- Aug 9 - Post Meeting
- Sept 13 - Post Meeting
- Oct 7 - Golf Outing
- Oct 11 - Post Meeting
- Nov 8 - 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 Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for June 14 at the Cabell County Public Library in Huntington, WV. Meeting will begin at 11:30AM with lunch following. Our demonstration will begin at noon. Our speaker is Harch Gill, PhD from PARS Environmental, Inc. He will be discussing "Nano Technologies for a Green and Sustainable Environment."

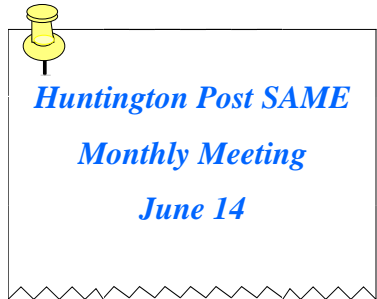
Lunch:

CASH - \$5 for students, \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

ATM/Debit/Credit - \$5.50 for students, \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for non-members.

Make your reservations with Mack McCarty at Earnest.M.Mccarty@usace.army.mil or (304) 399-5957.

PDF Certificates for all luncheons are available by contacting Dave Meadows at David.F.Meadows@usace.army.mil.



Membership Rate Structure

Beginning this year SAME national implemented a new rate structure targeting the uniformed service work forces. This is for both those that wear the uniform and civilians that work for those services as well.

- Uniformed Service - \$60 (one time fee for duration of uniformed service)
- Civilians (uniformed service) - \$45 for 3 years or \$60 for 5 years
- Individual membership - \$85/year
- Young Member - \$35/year
- Student membership is FREE!!
- Life memberships are still available at a tiered rate structure.

If you have not joined or need to renew, now is the time. Go to <http://www.same.org> or contact our membership chair - Debbie Czewski.

News From the President, Ken Woodard, Post President

Over the next few months, the Post will be honoring its members for their long-term commitment to the society. Those who have been members for 5, 10, 15, 25, or 50 years will be recognized at our monthly luncheons. Each of them will also be presented with a SAME pin for their years of membership.

- Lu Clinton - 28 years
- Mark Kessinger - 27 years
- William Root - 27 years
- Joseph Hedges - 26 years
- Dave Meadows - 26 years

Those who have been members for at least 25 years were invited to the May lunch to be recognized. Pins were given to Corps retirees Lu Clinton and Fred Altizer and to Corps H&H chief Tom MacFarland. Fred has been a member for nearly half a century! Those with more than 25 years of membership include the following:

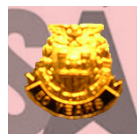
In June, those with at least 15 years of membership will be honored in addition to any 25+-year members who could not attend the May luncheon.

Thanks,

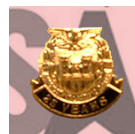
Ken

- Tom Dowling - 56 years
- Fred Altizer - 48 years
- Jeff Franklin - 39 years
- Wayne Reynolds - 37 years
- Ken Halstead - 32 years
- Tom MacFarland - 32 years
- Dwight Metcalf - 32 years

50 Years



25 Years



15 Years



10 Years



5 Years



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Mark Your Calendars! - 2011 Golf Outing

Plans are underway for the 9th Annual Scholarship and Training Fund Golf Outing hosted by the Huntington Post, Society of American Military Engineers. The Scramble will be October 7th, 2011 at [Hidden Cove Golf Course](#) at Grayson Lake State Park near Grayson, KY. Proceeds will go toward the Huntington Post Scholarship Fund, Engineering Career Day, Explorers Post, the Marshall Student Post and the Education and Training Fund established to promote and strengthen young member's participation in the Post.

Activities for the day will begin with a **7:00 am registration** and coffee and donuts will be provided from 7:00am – 8:00 am. **Play will tee-off with an 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start.** A hotdog/hamburger lunch will be provided during the outing and prize drawing will immediately follow the golf scramble.

Since this is a Huntington Post sponsored event, our goal is to encourage interaction among the A-E community and the Corps of Engineers. Teams will be assigned based on handicaps and we will attempt to place one or more Corps employees in each foursome.

Please designate a point of contact for this event so that we may contact you later with additional information. All responses should be submitted to me not later than October 1th, 2011. Please email your registration and response to Deborah.W.Czewski@usace.army.mil. More information at <http://www.samehuntington.com/golfouting/default.aspx>.

Young Members, *Corey Weaver, Chair*

Attention SAME Huntington Post Members! On June 30, 2011 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, the Young Members will be hosting a FREE social event at Mac-Reedo's, 745 7th Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701. Appetizers will be served at no cost. This will be a great way to network with fellow Post members and encourage new individuals to join. There will be no official business during this event. No RSVP is required to attend but in order to get an approximate head count, if you know you will be attending you may contact me at

corey.t.weaver@usace.army.mil or 304-399-5989. I look forward to seeing you all out on the deck at Mac-Reedo's.

Corey T. Weaver
Young Members Chair

Exploring Engineering: Academy of Excellence (EEAE)

The Exploring Engineering: Academy of Excellence (EEAE) will be held June 26 through July 1, 2011. This is the eleventh year for this week-long, hands-on camp during which high school students have the chance to experience campus life while learning more about the engineering profession. During the week students will have the opportunity to expand their understanding of the engineering field in a fun and active atmosphere. Students are assigned to teams for completing such tasks as building trebuchets (catapults), designing Lego robots, and developing concrete mixes. They also have the opportunity to meet current Marshall University engineering students and

practicing professional engineers. Field trips are also part of the experience. SAME members are invited to have lunch with the students on Tuesday, June 28 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Harless Cafeteria, Ed Gross Room. If you are interested in participating in the lunch and share your experiences with the students, please contact David Meadows at 304-399-5243 or email at David.F.Meadows@usace.army.mil.

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2011 SAME Great Lakes/Ohio Valley Regional Conference Milwaukee, Wisconsin Oct 4-6, 2011

The call for abstracts is out for the 2011 SAME Great Lakes/Ohio Valley Regional Conference in Milwaukee, Oct 4-6. Abstracts are due **June 27**, and the tracks include:

Sustainable Design

This track will focus on Energy Optimization, Sustainable Approach to new and/or renovation of federal facilities. Two aspects of sustainable design much emphasized currently.

- Energy Optimization will discuss innovative methods in energy management in legacy buildings as well as innovative design approaches to new construction.
- Onsite Stormwater Management, its link to reduction in offsite water treatment costs will be a focus for this track as well as examples of Best Management Practices and examples of non-proprietary tools and methods.
- Naval Station Great Lakes is celebrating its Centennial this year, therefore,

Sustainable Design as it has evolved on large military facilities will be a sub theme for this conference, especially the energy optimization challenges presented by legacy buildings and the renovation of these, federal mandates on energy savings on all federal facilities.

Water Resource Management

Great Lakes Initiative and water resource management of the Upper Mississippi Watershed will be topics of interest for this conference. The Great Lakes Initiative, its emphasis of **Collaboration** has inspired one of our Conference themes.

Mentoring - Leadership Training, Innovative Technologies, NCOs, Young Members, and Fellows Interaction

Naval Station Great Lakes Centennial - 100 Years of Evolution in Engineer, Design, Construction, and Sustainability
Small Business - Mentor Protégé Agreements, Joint Ventures & Partnerships, Participation, Regulations, Set Asides, Resources, Networking

More information and the abstract form can be found at:

<http://www.same-lakemichigan.org/Regional%20Conf%20call%20For%20Papers.htm>.

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Sustaining Member of the Month - JBL Technical Solutions



Competition has been a pillar of free enterprise for centuries but as the market evolves, so has the role of competition. Savvy business leaders have learned that maximizing resources by forming strategic alliances through joint ventures can turn former competitors into a competitive advantage. Such is the case with JBL Technical Solutions, LLC (JBL Technical) of Richmond, Kentucky.

Formed in 2009, JBL Technical is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business that specializes in using technology and science to provide a full spectrum of infrastructure services including environmental services, civil/ site development, water resource management, transportation design, bridge design and inspection, surveying, information technology, and software development. Environmental services include permitting, ecosystem restoration, endangered species surveys, environmental site assessments, archeological/cultural resource surveys, and geographic information systems. Technical services include civil engineering, computer network design and maintenance, custom application programming, and e-commerce solutions.

JBL's team has experience conducting a variety of projects throughout the southeastern United States which include linear corridors that range from several miles to thousands of miles in length and area projects from one half acre to 50,000 acres. These projects have included coordination between private land owners and an array of regulatory agencies including:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Kentucky Division of Water
- Kentucky Fish and Wildlife
- Kentucky Department for Natural Resources
- Office of Surface Mining
- Kentucky Heritage Council

JBL Technical team members have more than two decades of experience working on Federal projects such as DOD, USACE, Air Force, Navy, and the U.S. Forest Services. The JBL Technical team has been selected as a subconsultant on three federal projects. These projects include the Open Ended IDIQ A&E Contracts with the VA Heartland Network, FEMA-HMTAP, and the USACE Louisville District IDIQ Contracts for Geotechnical Services.

JBL Technical provides its clients with the best services available by listening to and understanding their needs, offering competitive prices, and rapidly completing projects on time and on budget to meet and exceed clients' expectations in solving their problems.

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News From the Ohio Regional VP, *Marci Snyder*

It was great seeing such a strong Ohio Valley contingency at the SAME JETC last week! Each of the posts were well represented, and it was wonderful to have Gen Byers award the posts with their streamers.

After the conclusion of the conference, the SAME BOD took place, and here's a brief recap:

- * The new bylaws were approved with the understanding that major decisions are approved by the Exec Committee first instead of being Exec Director driven. There were no major changes in these laws that impact the posts.
- * The revised Strategic Plan was approved for 2011-2015.
- * Major initiatives for SAME this year:
 - * Wounded warrior - SAME would like posts to become more involved with a wounded warrior-type organization of their choice or it can be Wounded Warriors (the actual organization). The goal is to obviously support our wounded and returning troops into their day-to-day life. More info will be announced later in the year, but SAME HQ would like to sponsor some of these wounded warriors to participate in the SAME Transition Workshop & Job Fair in January in the hopes of helping them land a job.
 - * Sustainable installations - more info forthcoming from Nadja Turek on SAME's involvement with this initiative.
 - * The website templates are available for the small posts participating in the pilot project. It will be maintained and populated with data by Blue Water Media. All the post needs to do is provide the information monthly for posting. Additional small posts will have this option as the year progresses. A plan for the medium and large posts may be forthcoming in 2012. (The initial roll-out has taken longer than anticipated, so HQ doesn't want to commit to too much too soon.)
- * Distinguished Post Streamer Changes
 - * It's now official that the Fellow's requirement is now desired and not required.
 - * Also, the financial reports from a post is no longer required. (There's still incentive to submit the financial reports annually to receive the post dues.)
 - * Two of the RVPs, Jeanne LeBron - Missouri River Region and myself have agreed to further examine the lack of enthusiasm from the federal sector (uniformed and civilian) as a whole for the Society. (Some posts this isn't an issue.) The concern is that the Society is losing it's balance between the public and private sectors, which is part of the major purpose of SAME. If anyone has any ideas on how to bridge the gap, please let me know. I'll be reaching out to a number of posts over the next few month on this matter. Until then, here are some stats:
 - * SAME membership - PRIVATE SECTOR - 27,878/81% and FEDERAL/UNIFORMED SECTOR - 5449/19%
 - * SAME JETC attendance - PRIVATE SECTOR/Individuals & Exhibitors - 84%, FEDERAL/UNIFORMED SECTOR - 12%, Speakers 4%

Please feel free to ask me any questions on the above items or anything else with SAME HQ. Keep doing what you're doing because it's working for your post!

Marci R. Snyder

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The Boston Marathon

Post Vice-President Dan Bailey recently ran and completed the Boston Marathon. He completed this grueling 26.2-mile race in 3:21:10. He finished 5278th out of nearly 27,000 runners, some of whom were unable to even finish the race. Dan was 13th among men from West Virginia. Great job, Dan!



Left:
Action shot #1. Dan running in the Boston Marathon.



Above: Dan poses at the finish line.



Right:
Stretching after the race.



Left:
Action shot #2. Dan running in the Boston Marathon.



Above: Sporting the new threads.



Does your firm have a special announcement or promotion of a member? Contact Ed Stowasser, Post Secretary, for inclusion in an upcoming issue of "The Bridge".
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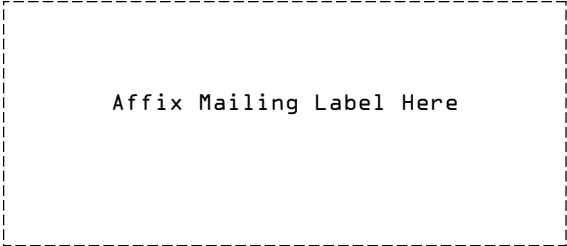


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