

The Bridge



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7th Annual Golf Outing

The 7th Annual Scholarship and Training Fund Golf Outing hosted by the Huntington Post will be October 16th, 2009 at Hidden Cove Golf Club 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 Chapter 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 an 8:00 am registration and a continental breakfast will be provided from 7:30 am – 9:00 am. Play will tee-off with a 9:00 am Shotgun Start. A hotdog/hamburger lunch will be provided during the outing and prize drawing will immediately follow the golf scramble.

If you wish to sponsor this outing contact Cheryl Fitzwater by fax (304) 399-5281 or email Cheryl.B.Fitzwater@usace.army.mil. Sponsor and registration sheets are located on the Post website.

SCRAMBLE REGISTRATION FEE

Federal Employees and Retirees **\$40**

SAME Members **\$60**

All Others **\$75**

***Entry fee includes greens fees, cart, lunch, on course beverages along with a door prize ticket.*

15th Annual Holiday Dinner Dance

Our 15th Annual Holiday Dinner and Dance is just around the corner! It will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at the Marshall University Student Center in Huntington, WV. The Cocktail Hour begins at 6:30, Dinner at 7:30, with the Dance going from 9:00 pm to midnight.

For entertainment, back by popular demand is "Big Planet Soul"! Big Planet Soul specializes in "classic soul" and contemporary dance music and is highlighted by a five-piece horn section.

DINNER INCLUDES OPEN BAR. Cost is \$25 for SAME Members and their guests and \$30 for non-SAME Members and their guests. For tickets and information, contact Mark Kessinger at 304-399-5083.

PRIZES GIVEN

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Teams

Various Hole Prizes

INCENTIVES AVAILABLE

Mulligan - 2 for \$10.00

50/50 raffle

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

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- **Bronze Sponsor: (\$200)** Sign on one tee box with corporate name and logo

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UPCOMING POST EVENTS

- Oct 13 - Post Meeting
- Oct 16 - Golf Outing
- Nov 10 - Post Meeting
- Dec 5 - Dinner-Dance
- Dec 8 - Post Meeting
- Jan 12 - Post Meeting
- Feb 18 - Career Day

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

Gold Sponsor - \$500
includes 4 dinner tickets

Silver Sponsor - \$250
includes 2 dinner tickets

Bronze Sponsor - \$100
includes 1 dinner ticket

The Skinny on Small Business: Facts, Figures, and Interesting Tidbits

This Month's Luncheon features Mrs. Debbie Czewski, who will discuss the critical role small businesses play in the U.S. economy and her role as an advocate, helping to ensure small businesses get a fair share of Corps contracts.

Deborah Czewski is the Huntington District's Deputy for Small Business. She is responsible for ensuring that a fair proportion of the District's business contracts for supplies and services are provided to small businesses. In this capacity, she is an advocate, a program



manager, and an advisor on matters pertaining to her agency's small business policies and initiatives.

A native West Virginian, Ms. Czewski joined the Corps in 1986 as a cooperative education student majoring in accounting. She spent the first ten years of her Corps career in various financial positions including accountant, budget analyst, auditor, and Budget Officer before joining Engineering Division in 1995.

There, she was instrumental in establishing a financial and business office dedicated to the needs of that organization. The Business Office continues today, providing skilled accounting and analytical services to the District's Engineering and Construction Division.

Ms. Czewski's Corps career has taken many challenging and varied turns, but one of the most interesting to her was when it took her to the Europe District Office in Wiesbaden, Germany. There, she worked with the Balkans Program Manager on numerous financial projects associated with the Corps' presence in Bosnia, Kosovo, and Hungary.

A Marshall University graduate, Ms. Czewski is proud of her humble Appalachian roots. She grew up in the rural farming community of Apple Grove, along the Ohio River valley in Mason County (home of the famous Moth Man!) She actively embraces her role as a Corps advocate for small business and looks forward to working with all businesses interested in doing business with the Corps.

The October monthly meeting is scheduled for October 13 on the 3rd floor of the Cabell County Main Library located at 455 9th Street in Huntington, WV. Meeting will begin at 1130 with lunch following. Our speaker will begin at noon. Lunch is \$5 for students, \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Make your reservations with Mike Fitzwater at Gary.M.Fitzwater@usace.army.mil or (304) 399-5933.

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

Younger Members, *Brian Ball, PE, Chair*

In December the Younger Members will lead the meeting and provide the speaker. We are bouncing around a few ideas, but the two top ones are the hot transmission line project, PATH, in the planning for WV and surrounding states. The other topic of choice is on invasive plant control. Some diverse

topics. If you have any topics you would like covered, please contact me and let me know. I would expect all young members to be there at the December meeting since none of us has any "use or lose" built up! See you in December.

MU Student Chapter, *Andrew Copley, President*

Student Chapter officers elected for the 2009-2010 academic year are:

President - Andrew Copley

Vice-President - Mark Upton

Treasurer - Nathan Wagner

Secretary - Caitlyn Davis-McDaniel

Individuals interested in the Marshall University Student Chapter can contact Andrew Copley, Chapter

President, at copley86@marshall.edu. Any ideas for on-site visits would be greatly appreciated.

Sustaining Member of the Month - **L. Robert Kimball & Associates**

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News From the President, *Ralph Norman, Jr, PE, PS, Post President*

Last month I closed my message with a note that our monthly SAME Huntington Post Meetings are held on the 3rd floor of the Cabell County Library at 11:30 AM on the second Tuesday of each month. I'm leading off my October message as a reminder to those who have good intentions to come to the meeting each month, but don't often make it when the day arrives. It's well worth coming to the meetings to get to know our SAME members; those committed to the civil works engineering program as employees of the USACE Huntington District, as well as Sustaining Member firms from the consulting engineering community, material suppliers, contractors, and other professional and technical services providers. You'll meet new people and old friends, stay informed, and those who need it can even pick up a Continuing Educa-

tion Hour by coming to listen to our "speaker of the month". Watch the Post Newsletter each month for the topic and the speaker for upcoming meetings.

SAME is the only professional engineering organization in the U.S. that unites architects, engineers, and builders in both the public and private sectors toward a common goal of preparing for and overcoming natural and man-made disasters, acts of terrorism, and improving security at home and abroad. We can be proud to be members of such an esteemed and far-reaching organization.

We have a few upcoming events on the calendar that you should be aware of. Our annual scholarship fundraiser golf outing will again be at Grayson Lake

State Park on Friday, October 16th; and our Annual Holiday Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the Marshall University Student Center in Huntington, WV. For those who have not attended in the past, the Holiday Dinner Dance is among the best of our events each year, and a great opportunity for celebrating our friendships, our organization, and the holiday season! Keep your eyes open for more details in the Post Newsletter. These are both great chances for you to have some fun, help raise money for scholarships and for the Post, and network with fellow SAME members and USACE staff.

Travel safely as you head to our meeting on October 13, 2009.

Best regards, Ralph

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