

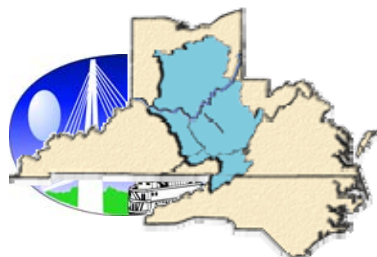


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This Month's SAME Meeting 14 October 2008

Topic: Clearing the Way in Iraq

Presented by: Daniel Bailey

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October Meeting

Topic: Clearing the Way in Iraq

Speakers: Daniel Bailey

Date: Tuesday October 14, 2008

Time: 1130 to 1300

Location: Cabell County Main Library, 455 9th St., Huntington, WV

Cost: \$5.00 students \$7.00 members and \$8.00 non-members

RSVP: Mike Fitzwater at: gary.m.fitzwater@usace.army.mil

Office (304) 399-5933

Menu: Pork chops, salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and drinks.

MONTHLY POST MEETING SCHEDULE

November 12, 2008 – Monthly Meeting (Wednesday)

December 9, 2008 – Monthly Meeting

January 13, 2009 – Monthly Meeting

Don't forget to ask Dave Meadows for a PDH certificate if you need one.

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Does your firm have a special announcement or major promotion on a SAME member?

If so, contact Tom MacFarland, thomas.g.macfarland@usace.army.mil or (304) 399-5369, and he will include it in the next edition of "THE BRIDGE".



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News from the President:

The Huntington District closed out FY08 with tremendous results, both in terms of completed work as well as the obligation of its appropriations. The strong partnerships which we all have developed contribute to these results enabling the communities we serve to have a better quality of life from reduced risk of flooding, navigation channels remain open thereby supporting our economy and we continue to improve our ecosystem, leaving our earth better for those who follow us. I thank you.

As we move into FY09, I hope we will continue to advance the goals of the SAME and have another successful year.

Dana R. Hurst, P.E.
Colonel, U.S. Army
Post President



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This Month's Presentation:

Clearing the Way in Iraq

Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) are the number one killer in Iraq and Afghanistan to Coalition Forces deployed to those areas. Route Clearance operations have developed from basic rudimentary hunts to truly scientific search and destroy missions. These teams receive specialized training and equipment necessary to search, detect, and potentially neutralize IEDs along routes utilized by not only Coalition Forces, but also local people.

The 396th Engineer Company recently returned from a deployment to western Iraq. They altered their primary mission as combat engineers to become a Route Clearance Company with over 180 Soldiers. The 5 teams safely trained, deployed, engaged the enemy, and returned home all while not losing a single Soldier. Our discussion will focus on the training, equipment and execution of the Company's Route Clearance mission.

Captain Dan Bailey has served in the Army Reserve for over 8 years. He deployed in 2003 as a Platoon Leader in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2007-2008 he returned to Iraq as Company Commander of the 396th Engineer Company. While not wearing the uniform, he is a Civil Engineer and Project Manager for the Planning Branch at the Huntington District Corps of Engineers. He has served on the Huntington Post SAME Board of Directors in various positions, most recently as the Past Post President.

This Month's Speaker:

Daniel Bailey

Daniel Bailey is a Civil Engineer/Program Manager with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District. Dan also serves as a Captain with the 396th U.S. Army Reserve where he recently spent a year training for and then deployed Iraq with his unit.



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Two ACEC Nominees Selected For National Committee on Levee Safety

Two ACEC nominees—Don Basham of Stantec and Dr. Les Harder of HDR—were selected recently to serve as the two private sector members on a national panel charged with developing safety policies for the nation's levees.

Basham is Stantec's senior consultant and advisor on water resources specializing in levees and dams. He previously served as Chief of Engineering and Construction with the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Harder is HDR's senior water policy technical advisor, who previously held leadership positions with the California Department of Water Resources.

A provision in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 required the Corps to develop a national levee safety and inspection program and create the National Committee on Levee Safety.

A key objective of ACEC during this effort is to prevent unreasonable liability for those who perform levee safety assessments.

"We were very pleased to have the opportunity to select two such highly qualified and well-respected professionals from the private sector as Don Basham and Les Harder for the National Committee on Levee Safety," said Eric Halpin, committee vice chairman and special assistant for dam and levee safety at the Corps.

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As the challenges facing the U.S. military continue, and strong support from experienced private sector partners becomes imperative, Baker is providing that strength in support at home and abroad everyday. By mastering the processes unique to the military and focusing top engineering talent on supplying cost effective, timely and innovative solutions, Baker has made a significant commitment to achieving the U.S. Department of Defense's diverse missions. Baker helps keep America's military installations fully mission-capable by providing everything from master planning and GIT/GIS to environmental remediation and compliance, facilities and infrastructure design, force protection solutions as well as complete program and construction management and design-build services.

Notable contract awards include:

- ID/IQ, USACE, TAC, as part of the Stanley Baker Hill, LLC team to provide construction management services to assist the PMO in reconstructing Iraq. The maximum contract value is \$200 million.
- ID/IQ, USACE, with the following Corps Districts: Baltimore, Fort Worth, Huntington, Louisville, New York, New Orleans, Norfolk, Omaha, Savannah, and Vicksburg.
- Five-year contract by DHS' FEMA to serve as the PM to develop, plan, manage, implement, and monitor the Multi-Hazard Flood Map Modernization (MHFMM) Program for flood hazard mitigation across the U.S. and its territories. The maximum contract value is \$750 million.

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