

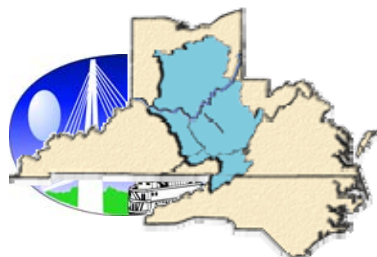


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## This Month's SAME Meeting 9 September 2008

**Topic: Mission to Nicaragua**  
**Presented by: Rodney Holbert**

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### September Meeting

**Topic: Mission to Nicaragua (2007 and 2008)**

**Speakers: Rodney Holbert**

**Date: Tuesday September 9, 2008**

**Time: 1130 to 1300**

**Location: Cabell County Main Library, 455 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gary.m.fitzwater@usace.army.mil)**

**Office (304) 399-5933**

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

### MONTHLY POST MEETING SCHEDULE

October 14, 2008 – Monthly Meeting

November 12, 2008 – Monthly Meeting (Wednesday)

December 9, 2008 – 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](mailto: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:

SAME Team,

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who had a part in the planning and execution of last month's regional conference. I have received a significant amount of praise and positive feedback from nearly everyone who was in attendance. You should be proud of your efforts. I would like to single out the tremendous leadership of our co-chairs, Dave Meadows and Mack McCarty. Both invested a significant amount of time and their efforts were instrumental throughout.



To all our sponsors and exhibitors, thank you for your participation. Because of your support, each event within the three day program was first class.



Our technical sessions were superb, top-notch speakers on various "managing risk" topics which invited further dialogue within our professions. Dr. Ed Link's and Ms. Karen Durham-Aguilera's sessions were very informative and relative. The Hurricane Protection System in New Orleans performed well against Hurricane Gustav last week, its first major test since Katrina three years ago.

Most all of the net proceeds from the conference will go towards the Post's Scholarship and mentor fund. Investment in our future engineers leaves a

legacy we all can be proud of.

Thank you again, and see you at our monthly meeting.

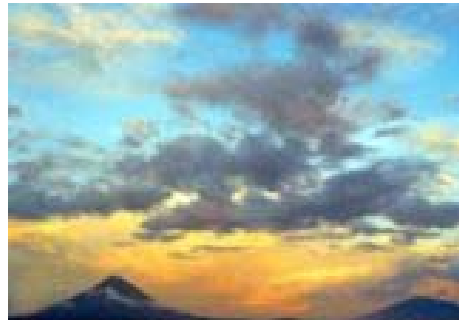
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## **This Month's Presentation:**

### **Mission to Nicaragua**



Rodney will give a presentation on his July 2007 and August 2008 trips to Nicaragua to assist in a medical mission and to help clean up one town's contaminated water supply. During the August 2008 trip Rodney assisted the WVU Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Student Chapter on their first trip to Nicaragua. His presentation will also include an overview of Nicaragua culture, economy, and future engineering projects for the WVU-EWB Student Chapter.

## **This Month's Speaker:**

### **Rodney Holbert**

Rodney Holbert is a lifetime resident of West Virginia. Rodney is a graduate of West Virginia Institute of Technology with a degree in Civil Engineer and a Master's degree in Business Administration from West Virginia University. He is the current Office Director for Burgess & Niple, Inc. in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Burgess & Niple is a multi-disciplined engineering and architectural firm with 15 offices located throughout the United States. Rodney has been a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers since 1983 and served as President of the West Virginia ASCE Section. He recently became a member of Engineers Without Borders, an organization devoted to providing engineering assistance to developing countries to improve their quality of life.

Rodney is a registered Professional Engineer in West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia, and Oregon and Professional Surveyor in West Virginia.



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## Event Exceeds Expectations:

### 2008 Ohio Valley and Great Lakes Regional Conference

It was our pleasure to have you join us for the 2008 Ohio Valley and Great Lakes Regional Conference of the Society of American Military Engineers, held August 26 - 28, 2008, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena/Conference Center and the Pullman Plaza Hotel in beautiful downtown Huntington, West Virginia. This year's Annual Conference was hosted by the Huntington Post.



The conference kicked off Tuesday evening with a fun night of casino activities and entertainment by the band "Big Planet Soul". Conference attendance exceeded 300 technical registrants. The conference theme of "Managing Risk" included four tracks covering General Risk, MILCON, Dams & Levees and a Young Members track.

If you were unable to attend the conference, you missed an outstanding event. The technical tracks provided an excellent opportunity to expand one's knowledge and depth of understanding on a variety of subjects and networking opportunities were plentiful. SAME continues to provide excellent opportunities for government, military and private industry to meet and share information. Many of our exhibitor's expressed appreciation for the great attendance by Huntington District employees stating that "these are the people we are here to meet and talk to". The excitement from participants has far exceeded our already high expectations.



Appreciation is again extended to the regional conference co-chairs Dave Meadows (USACE-CELRH-EC-W) and Mack McCarty (Triad Engineering, Inc.), to the regional conference planning committee, to our sustaining members for their continued support, to our many conference exhibitors and to the Huntington District for supporting the conference with outstanding participation and attendance.

The success of the conference will contribute to the endeavors of the Huntington Post far into the future. The many scholarships, engineering camps, engineering career day, engineering academy of excellence and other events will continue to benefit from the efforts of the Huntington Post.

We greatly appreciate and look forward to your continued support. Again thanks to our sustaining members for their support and participation with the conference and on the regional conference committee; this could not have happened without you.



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