



SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS



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President's Corner

Portland Post Team Members,

March is National Women's History Month. To recognize this, we'll host a panel discussion on "Women in STEM" during our March 1st lunch meeting. We'll hear from distinguished female leaders in the AEC community, including Brig. Gen. Donna Prigmore, Oregon Air National Guard Commander; Liza Wells, USACE Portland Deputy District Engineer; and Christine Svetkovich, Oregon DEQ Northwest Region Administrator. These trailblazers have many leadership lessons to share with our current and next generation of engineers. To attend in person or virtually, please register through Eventbrite by February 22nd at [SAME Portland Post: March Meeting Tickets, Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 11:30 AM](#) | [Eventbrite](#)



February includes Engineer Week. We're doing our part to inspire the next generation of engineers and supporting USACE Portland District and Portland School District for E-Day. I'd like to thank our past president Heidi Nelson for coordinating the event, and others who are helping to sponsor the event and feed many hungry aspiring engineers.

February also includes our Young Professional Social at Ex Novo Brewing. Thank you to Amber Weber for planning this fun networking opportunity.

I'd like to thank Craig Totten from KPFF and John Breshears from Architectural Applications for their fascinating presentation at our February meeting on design and construction of the Blumenauer Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge. The \$19 million project across Interstate-84 adds one more signature bridge to Portland's title as a city of bridges.

In April, we're mixing things up. We'll meet on April 5th, 3:30 pm at the University of Portland for a tour and briefing on the Shiley Marcos Center for Engineering and Innovation. Registration is free and details will follow next month and on the web.

Our signature event of the year is coming up on June 5th – 7th. Mark your calendar now and sign up as a sponsor for the SAME Pacific Northwest Small Business Outreach and Industry Day. This premier regional event, formerly known as Meet the Chiefs, will be held at the Portland DoubleTree. It is a combined event with the Seattle and Mount Tacoma Posts and will include a golf tournament, presentations by federal and state agencies on AEC opportunities from across the region, and networking/matchmaking.

We're proud to be Portland's leader in Industry Government Engagement. We need your help to grow by inviting fellow engineers, architects, and builders to join us. If you are interested in serving in a post leadership position, please contact Andrew Young, Nominations Committee Chair.

Sincerely,

Brig. Gen., USA (Ret)

President, SAME Portland Post

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Next Post Event – Mar 1, 2023

Presentation: **Women in STEM Panel**
Date: Wednesday, Feb 1, 2023
Time: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
LOCATION: **[DoubleTree Hilton, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232](#)**
****Free Parking at DoubleTree is included in registration****

In-Person Cost: Retired Members, Public Agency Members & Military (\$35.00+\$3.77 fee)
SAME Portland Post Members (\$40.00+\$4.37 fee)
SAME Member (\$45.00 +4.37 fee)
Retired/Govt (\$35.00 + \$4.19 fee)
Virtual (\$20.00 + \$3.18 fee)
All others (\$50.00 +\$4.67)

RSVP By: **Feb 22, 2023 (PREPAYMENT REQUIRED)** at

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Women in STEM Panel

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Abstract: Panel discussion on “Women in STEM” during our March 1st lunch meeting. We’ll hear from distinguished female leaders in the AEC community, including Brig. Gen. Donna Prigmore, Oregon Air National Guard Commander; Liza Wells, USACE Portland Deputy District Engineer; and Christine Svetkovich, Oregon DEQ Northwest Region Administrator.

Speaker Biography:

Brig Gen Donna M. Prigmore is the Commander, Oregon Air National Guard. She is responsible for the mission readiness and operational effectiveness of the military and civilian personnel assigned to the 142nd Wing in Portland, Ore., the 173rd Fighter Wing in Klamath Falls, Ore. and Joint Forces Headquarters (Air) in Salem, Ore. In this role, General Prigmore oversees development and deployment of operationally trained, equipped and mission-ready forces in support of Federal mission requirements, to include a 24/7 immediate response capability in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command, the 125th Special Tactics Squadron, and the only F-15C training unit in the United States. She also oversees State missions related to emergency response operations throughout Oregon.



Liza Wells is the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management and the Senior Civilian for the Portland District. She assumed this position in May 2021. Liza Wells, deputy district engineer, Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has had a long and impressive career of “firsts.” In May 2021, Wells became the first woman to serve as deputy district engineer—the most senior civilian at the organization. She was also the first female chief of the district’s Engineering and Construction Division, its Hydraulics and Hydrology Branch, and its Hydraulic Design Section.



Christine Svetkovich, MES is the Northwest Region Administrator at Oregon Department of Environmental Quality DEQ's Air, Land, and Water Quality divisions are the foundation of the agency, protecting human health and the wealth of Oregon's natural resources. DEQ helps protect Oregon's environment in every corner of the state, working with local communities, residents, and stakeholders to address environmental issues.



UPCOMING SAME EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE

Portland SAME “Let’s Get Social” Feb 16, 2023, 5:00pm – 6:30pm Ex Nova Brewing (Free Event!)

Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/february-same-young-professionals-social-tickets-515024501147>

Seattle SAME Post: Jan 26, 2023 8:00 am – 12:00 pm 2023 Meet the Agencies, SeaTac Crowne Plaza

Portland SAME Engineer Week: Feb 19-25, 2023, STEM event supporting over 100 local high school students.

Seattle SAME Post SBC: Apr 17-18, 2023 Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA.

Portland SAME Turkey Shoot: (Date TBD), please join the Portland SAME post as we host our first Turkey shoot, an indoor shooting range event to network and test your accuracy in a casual and fun environment, more details to follow.

Portland SAME Meet the Chiefs 2023: Jun 5-7, 2023 DoubleTree Hotel, Portland, OR.

SAME Career Transition Workshop: Virtual Training begins Jan 17, 2023/Onsite Program in Linthicum, MD Feb 14-16, 2023. The Career Transition Workshop is welcoming to all levels of professionals looking toward a change in their career.

SAME Capital Week: Mar 27-29, 2023 Rockville, MD. Capital Week is open exclusively to SAME members, this opportunity will put you ahead of the curve in planning your company’s acquisition strategy.

JETC: May 2-4, 2023 San Antonio, TX. This premier annual event provides a venue for professionals in engineering and related fields to learn and collaborate in a joint environment that only SAME offers.

SAME SBC: Nov 1-3, San Antonio, TX. Provides an opportunity to engage with government agencies or learning about upcoming federal contracts.



"Call for" Sustaining Member Spotlight Speakers

Member firms, we want to hear about you and what you are doing! If you are interested in providing a quick presentation at our monthly meetings prior to our guest speaker, please connect with 1st VP Bree Sharon for details and availability. Bree Wilson's contact info: breesheron@gmail.com

Portland SAME Engineering Week

S.A.M.E. Portland Post is partnering with the US Army Corps of Engineers for Engineering Days on February 21 & 22, 2023. The Portland Post is asking for donations and participants to support an informal lunch and learn event each day. Registration Deadline is February 15, 2023. Please email completed registration forms to 2023.same.engineering.day@gmail.com. Anyone with questions about how to volunteering to support the event or a firm interested in sponsoring the event please contact our Post POC, Heidi Nelson at heidi_nelson@hotmail.com

Portland SAME Post Leadership Positions

Are you passionate about building leaders for the profession and leading collaboration? The Portland Post of SAME needs your active involvement as an officer or Director in the Post! Nominations are now open for Board Officers and Director Positions.

Nominations (including self-nominations) are due on or before **10 Mar 2023**, please email any questions or your nominations to Andrew Young, Nominations Committee Chair, at ayoung.SAME@gmail.com

SAME Foundation

Established in 2016, the SAME Foundation was established to foster engineering leadership for the nation. The SAME Foundation supports programs that introduce youth to STEM, develop emerging leaders with our membership, and increase the number of veterans transitioning into the engineering and construction workforce. The SAME Foundation also provides a secure and beneficial repository for charitable and other bequeaths from members of the Society and the public at large. You can support the foundation through individual donations, planned giving, Amazon Smile or Corporate Campaign, to learn more check out the following link:

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