

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Louis Post Members,

Thank you to APWA St. Louis Branch for organizing the joint meeting between our organizations on March 25. Looking back on the past 13 months, the joint meeting between our 2 groups was the first casualty of the pandemic. It would have been difficult to imagine back then that, one year later, we would still not be meeting in person. The largest benefit of our joint meetings is the networking and camaraderie that takes place. Although it is challenging when meetings are virtual, we can still stay knowledgeable of each other's activities to stay engaged.

Our April meeting will be jointly held with the Scott Field Post and will focused on small business. The content is still being finalized, but the date will be April 15 at 1:00 pm via Microsoft Teams. We'll send out the remainder of the information as it's available.

We continue to plan our Centennial Celebration in early Fall of this year and our annual Veteran's Benefit Trivia Night on November 12, 2021. We are optimistic that we will be able to safely hold these events in person but continue to plan with everyone's safety in mind. As with this past year, we will remain flexible for both events.

Other active committee news: our Young Members Committee is planning a few events in the upcoming months which will allow networking with social distancing in mind. One last reminder from the Education and Mentoring Committee - applications for college scholarships are open until April 16.

Did you notice the new logo at the top of this newsletter? Thanks to Loren Boyd for creating this SAME logo specific to the St. Louis Post. We'll be seeing this logo on our future communications.

At the National level, elections for SAME National Board of Direction are open now through April 15. National has put together an impressive slate of women and men to lead our organization. Please take time to review the slate and cast your vote for our next leadership. Registration for JETC, May 17 – 21, is currently open. The speaker and seminar line-up are again top-notch.

As always, please reach out to me or any of our officers with questions or comments regarding Post activities. We look forward to hearing from you and are looking forward to seeing all of you again in person when it's safe.

*Pam Hobbs*

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President, St. Louis Post



***SAME MISSION: "To lead collaborative efforts to identify and resolve national security infrastructure-related challenges."***

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

### Joint Luncheon Meeting with Scott Field Post “Focus on Small Business”

Date / Time:

April 15, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CDT

Location:

Virtual

### Program Details

Description: SAME Joint Meeting with Scott Field Post and St. Louis Post Presentation, “Focus on Small Business” on April 15. Each of the three Presenters will speak 15-minutes each on their respective programs with 15-minutes of Q&A at the end.

Speakers:

Ashanti Griffin - Began serving as the Deputy of Small Business Programs for the USACE-St. Louis District in August 2020. She provides education and guidance to Small Businesses and District personnel on the ever-changing policies, which allows for all business entities the ability to compete successfully for the District’s projects. Additionally, her main responsibility is to be the small business advocate and competition advocate. Prior to joining the St. Louis District, she served 10 years as a Contract Specialist at the USACE-Little Rock District, DCMA-Boeing, and Army Contracting Command-Rock Island.

Jeremy Vasquez - Supervisory Contracting Officer with unlimited warrant authority for the Air Force. Serves as Director of Business Operations and Deputy Squadron Commander for the 375th Contracting Squadron. Oversees installation support contracts with an annual spend of \$80M+ for services, commodities, information technology, and construction contracts. Additionally, responsible for the oversight of the small business program and serves as the activity competition advocate. Began my Government contracting in 2010 and have been with the Air Force since 2015.

SBA Speaker (TBD)

### JOIN US ON TEAMS AT THE LINK BELOW!

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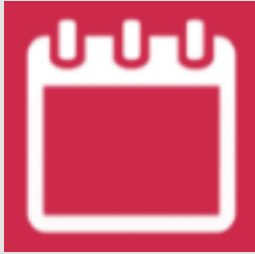
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 1-April 15<sup>th</sup> – SAME National Board of Direction Elections Open  
April 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> – Young Members: Confluence Trash Bash  
May 15<sup>th</sup> – Luncheon Meeting (Virtual)  
May 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo (Virtual)  
May 21<sup>st</sup> – SAME Scott Field Post Golf Fundraiser  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Benefit Trivia Night – SAVE THE DATE!  
POSTPONED TO 2021 – SAME Centennial Celebration

### APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> – LUNCHEON MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CDT  
Where: Virtual  
Cost: Free Virtual Event  
Presentation: “Focus on Small Business”  
Speaker: Ashanti Griffin, Jeremy Vasquez, and SBA Speaker

### APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – YOUNG MEMBERS: CONFLUENCE TRASH BASH

SAME will be participating in the Great Rivers Greenway Confluence Trash Bash which occurs between April 17 and April 24. Each participant should register at the link to the right. Our team will be working on the “Creve Coeur Lake Park Fee Fee Greenway” section. You can pick up work supplies (gloves, bags, etc.) provided by Great Rivers Greenway (these pick-up locations are presented in the registration process), or Bronson will have these if you're available to meet/work with him. After you have registered, please contact Bronson at [blb@shanwil.com](mailto:blb@shanwil.com) if you'd like to coordinate the service dates.



### MAY 21<sup>st</sup> – SAME SCOTT FIELD POST ANNUAL GOLF FUNDRAISER

Date: Friday, May 21, 2021  
Time: 8:00 am Registration; 9:00 am Shotgun start  
Where: Cardinal Creek Golf Course - Scott AFB, IL  
Cost Per Person: \$120 (private sector); \$85 (public sector non-SAME member); \$75 (public section SAME member); \$65 (military active / guard / retired); Includes fees, cart & range, lunch, and 2 drink tickets, and course prizes.  
Questions or Sponsorships: BJ Bovee – [BJBovee@gmail.com](mailto:BJBovee@gmail.com) or 618-806-8689.  
Sponsorships: Gold \$1000, Silver \$500, Bronze \$200, Lunch \$400, Beverage \$300, Hole in One \$300

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HERE!**

### JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> – LUNCHEON MEETING

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Where: Virtual  
Cost: Free Virtual Event  
Presentation: “UMRR Improvements on Mississippi River Below St. Louis”  
Bio: Jasen Brown, USACE St. Louis District PM – UMRR Projects.

## CAREERS

### U.S. Navy Reserve

**US Navy Reserve** – The Navy has openings for Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) and Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) Reserve Officers, among others. Please contact LT Jack Ramage in charge of Officer Production for the Talent Acquisition Onboarding Center St. Louis.

**CONTACT: LT JACK RAMAGE –**  
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### VETERANS CURATION PROGRAM (VCP)

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Veterans Curation Program is not accepting applications at this time. They will not be conducting a fall session. Please periodically visit the site for updates on the upcoming terms on the location. Currently, all satellite VCP labs are operated on-site at university campuses.

Visit [www.VeteransCurationProgram.org](http://www.VeteransCurationProgram.org) to learn more about the Program and download an application.

### HydroGeoLogic (HGL) – SEEKING ENGINEERS, GEOLOGISTS, CAD/GIS PROFESSIONALS

HydroGeoLogic (HGL) is seeking highly motivated environmental professionals to join our STL FUSRAP Team. Successful candidates will be engaged in developing studies, strategies, and implementation of environmental remediation. Individuals with degrees/experience in Engineering, Geology, and CAD/GIS are encouraged to visit <https://hgl.balancetrak.com> for more details and to apply.

## DID YOU KNOW?

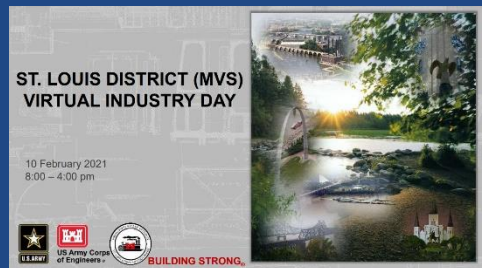
### SAME NATIONAL

Be sure to visit SAME National Calendar of Events to stay up to date on free webinars and national programs! You can find more information [here!](#)

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

If you are interested in supporting a Committee or Board position, we are always looking for volunteers. Contact President, Pam Hobbs for more information!

### Follow us on LinkedIn!



### USACE St. Louis District Industry Day

The virtual industry day event was held on Feb 10, 2021. All presentations and materials can be found [HERE](#).

## MEMBERSHIP

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Dwight Silva - Bold Concepts  
 Bryan Carlo - SCI Engineering, Inc.

Rob Verheggen - SCI Engineering, Inc.  
 Sydney Manning - JE Dunn Construction

### Sustaining Members

AECOM  
 Aerial Services, Inc.  
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**Sustaining Member Benefit:** One benefit is the opportunity to present a three-minute organization overview at a monthly luncheon. For more information, or to schedule a presentation, please contact *Loren Boyd* at [loren@faithgroupllc.com](mailto:loren@faithgroupllc.com).

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP  
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## QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?



*If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions for the newsletter, please reach out to Loren Boyd.*



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