

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Louis Post Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day holiday and were able to take time to remember and honor the brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

As the summer begins and COVID restrictions lessen, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again and finding our new normal. My favorite line (I don't recall where I heard it, so cannot give credit) is that we can get back to seeing folks in "3D". At this point, we are still planning our summer meetings in a virtual format, but remain flexible to guidance from CDC, SAME National and local authorities. We did receive word that SAME's Small Business Conference (SBC), will be LIVE with virtual participation available! For those of you who are ready to be out and about again, mark your calendars for SBC 2021 in Atlanta, November 17 – 19.



Our May meeting was very interesting, with Josh VerDught presenting on a structural specialist's role in Urban Search and Rescue. Thanks to Josh and his team for their efforts and training, even in subzero conditions! Please make sure to join us for our June 23 virtual meeting (note the change of date, details in this newsletter).

Our Centennial Celebration is a go for September! Again, we are looking to celebrate not only 100 years as a Post, but we want to celebrate YOU, our members, that have made the this Post the success it is. We are truly excited about seeing all our members that have participated in the St. Louis Post throughout the years.

I hope you are getting your trivia teams together for the November 12 Trivia Night to benefit a local veteran's organization.

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 3D.

*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

### Luncheon Meeting

## “St. Louis District’s Upper Mississippi River Restoration (UMRR) Program”

Date / Time:

Wednesday, June 23, 2021  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CDT

Cost:

Free

Location:

Virtual

### Program Details

Speaker Bio: Jasen Brown, PE, Engineering Lead of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration (UMRR) Program, St. Louis District, USACE. Jasen Brown graduated from the University of Missouri at Rolla (now Missouri University of Science and Technology) in 2004 with a Bachelor’s of Science in Civil Engineering. Including my years as a student / COOP, Jasen has been with the USACE, St. Louis District for 20 years including his years as a student employee. Jasen’s current role is the Engineering Lead of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration (UMRR) Program within the St. Louis District. He handles project management duties, as well as ensuring design consistency and efficiency of construction and Operations and Maintenance across all St. Louis District UMRR projects.

Description: *St. Louis District’s Upper Mississippi River Restoration (UMRR) Program.* The Upper Mississippi River Restoration (UMRR) Program is authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 and was the first environmental restoration and monitoring program undertaken on a large river system in the United States. Since its creation, it has come to be recognized as the single most important effort committed to ensuring the viability and vitality of the Upper Mississippi River System’s (UMRS) diverse and significant fish and wildlife resources since establishment of the National Wildlife Refuges on that system in the 1920s. Since 1986, the St. Louis District UMRR Program has partnered with federal, state, and local organizations to design and construct many Habitat Restoration and Enhancement (HREP) projects. The strength of the UMRR Program in St. Louis continues today, with multiple efforts in the planning, design, or construction phases of the project life cycle in the pooled reaches of the St. Louis District (River Miles 300 - 195) as well as the open (no locks and dams) reach of the Mississippi River (River Miles 195-0).

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[+1 630-765-5138,,902645734#](#) United States, Aurora

Phone Conference ID: 902 645 734#

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Luncheon Meeting (Virtual)  
Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> – Luncheon Meeting (Virtual)  
Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – Centennial Celebration – SAVE THE DATE!  
Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – SAME Golf Tournament – SAVE THE DATE!  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Benefit Trivia Night – SAVE THE DATE!

### JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> – LUNCHEON MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 23, 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.

### AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup> – LUNCHEON MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CDT

Where: Virtual

Cost: Free Virtual Event

Description: Come join us for a recap of the summer STEM Camp presented by high school participants.

### SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> – SAME CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DINNER

Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021

Where: TBD

Cost Per Person: TBD

SAVE THE DATE!

### OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> – SAME GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date: Friday, October 1, 2021

Time: TBD

Where: Forest Park

Cost: TBD

Cost Per Person: TBD

SAVE THE DATE!

### NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> – VETERANS BENEFIT TRIVIA NIGHT

Date: Friday, November 12, 2021

SAVE THE DATE!

## 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.

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### VETERANS CURATION PROGRAM (VCP)

The Veterans Curation Program is re-open. The Program is now accepting applications for the Summer 2021 session. Please visit the site for more information and to download an application. 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.

## 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

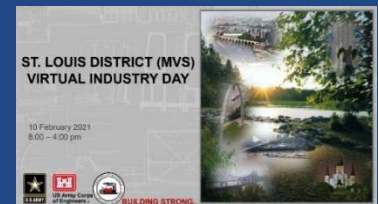
If you are interested in supporting a Committee or Board position, we are always looking for volunteers. Contact President, Pam Hobbs for more information!

### SBC 2021 – In Person

**SAME Federal Small Business Conference**  
**Atlanta, GA**

**November 15-19, 2021**

[www.samesbc.org](http://www.samesbc.org)



### 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!

John Kroutil – NGA St. Louis  
 Gregory Walgate – NGA St. Louis

Steve McCollum – TRANSCOM Analysis Center  
 Paul Taylor – The Whiting Turner Contracting Company

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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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