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Society of American Military Engineers

Newsletter

Pierce County Public Works Update

SAME OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Presented by Jen Tetatzin, PE, PMP, Director of Planning and Public Works

Date: October 10, 2023 - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Eagles Pride Golf Course (Lunch by Tin Hut BBQ)
1529 Mounts Rd SW, DuPont, WA 98327



Jen Tetatzin, a licensed Professional Engineer and certified Project Management Professional, will be presenting an update on upcoming programs and opportunities for doing business with Pierce County's Department of Planning and Public Works. Jen oversees numerous infrastructure and development projects that present contracting and partnering prospects. She will discuss current initiatives her

department is leading to improve public assets while fostering sustainable growth in Pierce County. This is a chance to learn from the leadership of Pierce County's Planning and Public Works Department.

RSVP by Friday, October 6th to: Dave Newkirk (daven@rahaec.com)



SAME VISION

"To promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals."

Young Professionals Representative Needed

Join us in making a difference by becoming our Young Professionals Representative. As a liaison between our organization's leadership and young members, you'll have the opportunity to advocate for your peers, organize engaging events, and contribute to initiatives that cater specifically to young professionals. Submit your application with a cover letter and resume to Christian Thompson (cthompson@civilaire.com) to be considered for this exciting role.



To receive monthly updates on our post and events.



Triple Nickel Bids Farewell to COL Hall, Welcomes COL Sanborn

The Triple Nickel family bid a fond farewell to COL Jeff Hall and welcomed incoming commander COL Marc Sanborn earlier this month. COL Hall relinquished command after two tremendous years leading the 555th Engineer Brigade. We thank him for his outstanding service and dedication to the soldiers and families of the Triple Nickel. COL Sanborn, a decorated veteran, now takes the helm to lead the Triple Nickel into the future.



Colonel Marc Sanborn was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 2001 after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Throughout his career, he has continued his education, earning a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from Missouri Science & Technology, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

Colonel Sanborn has served in a variety of roles and assignments with the Army Corps of Engineers over the past two decades. His previous assignments include serving as Senior Advisor, Northern Affairs, Office of Security Cooperation – Iraq, U.S. Consulate General, Erbil and Commander of the 29th Brigade Engineer Battalion at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He has been deployed in support of operations in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Some of Colonel Sanborn's other key assignments were with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Liberty, North Carolina where he served as Brigade Engineer and Battalion Operations Officer. He also had platoon and company command positions early in his career as well as teaching experience at West Point in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering. For his decades of service, Colonel Sanborn has been awarded various military honors including the Bronze Star Medal and Defense Meritorious Service Medal. Colonel Sanborn is married to Colonel Kathryn (Purchase) Sanborn, who currently serves as a Commander and District Engineer with the Seattle District.



Colonel Jeff Hall has served as Commander of the 555th Engineer Brigade since June 2021. He graduated from the Army War College, the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and completed Engineer officer courses at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Colonel Hall earned a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Irvine and a Master's of Science in Engineering Management from Missouri University of Science and Technology.

His previous assignments include Battalion Commander roles at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and in Kabul, Afghanistan as well as in Germany. He also served as an Aide-de-Camp with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Washington DC, Company and Battalion leadership positions at Fort Knox, Kentucky and in Afghanistan, and as a Project Engineer and Platoon Leader at installations in California, Iraq, and Texas.

Colonel Hall has been awarded several military medals over the course of his career. He is married with one son. His next assignment will be Deputy Commander of the US Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division in Portland, Oregon.

555th ENGINEER
BRIGADE INVITES YOU



FRIDAY, THE FIRST OF DECEMBER AT FIVE O CLOCK

LITTLE CREEK CASINO
91 W STATE RTE 108
SHELTON, WA 98584

EARLY TICKET PRICING
AVAILABLE UNTIL THE FIRST
OF NOVEMBER.

\$60 - E 1-5 AND THEIR GUEST
(EARLY PRICING)

\$80 - E6+ AND THEIR GUEST
(EARLY PRICING)

\$90 - ALL TICKET SALES AFTER THE
FIRST OF NOVEMBER



MAIN COURSE OPTIONS INCLUDE BEEF,
CHICKEN, AND VEGETARIAN. PLEASE SPECIFY
CHOICE UPON TICKET PURCHASE.

FORMAL MILITARY DRESS OR BLACK TIE
EQUIVALENT

EVENTS

- October 10, 2023 SAME Monthly Luncheon
Pierce County Public Works (Joan Tetatzin, PE, PMP)
Eagles Pride Golf Course, Dupont, WA
- November 1-2, 2023 SAME National Small Business Conference
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX
- November 12, 2023 SAME Tacoma Monthly Luncheon (WSDOT Fish Passage Program tent.)
Eagles Pride Golf Course, Dupont, WA
- December 1, 2023 555th Engineering Brigade Castle Ball
Little Creek Casino, Shelton, WA
- December 7, 2023 SAME Tacoma Monthly Luncheon (Chehalis River Flood Basin Program)
Eagles Pride Golf Course, Dupont, WA
- December 12, 2023 SAME Seattle Post Holiday Social
Eagles Pride Golf Course, Dupont, WA
- January 25, 2024 Meet the Agencies
Crowne Plaza, SeaTac, WA
- April 15,16, 2024 Small Business Symposium
Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA



MOUNT TACOMA POST

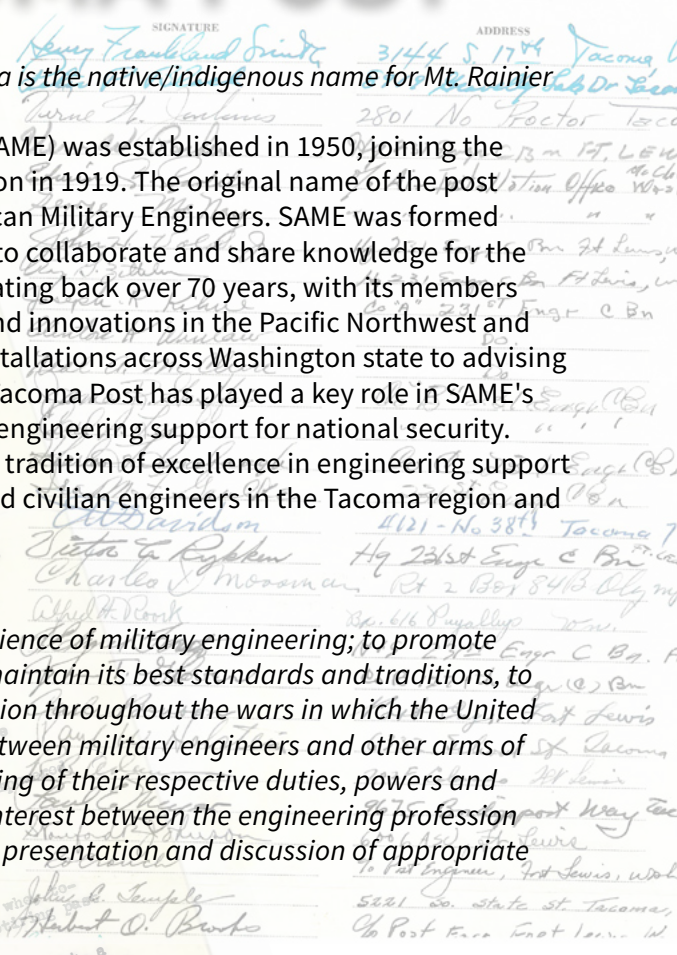
Origins of the SAME Mount Tacoma Post

SAME Mt. Tacoma (Tahoma) was founded November 6, 1950, Tahoma is the native/indigenous name for Mt. Rainier

The Tacoma Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) was established in 1950, joining the growing number of SAME posts after the national Society's creation in 1919. The original name of the post was the Tacoma-Fort Lewis-Olympia Post of the Society of American Military Engineers. SAME was formed with the goal of bringing together civilian and military engineers to collaborate and share knowledge for the benefit of national defense. The Tacoma Post has a rich history dating back over 70 years, with its members making valuable contributions to military engineering projects and innovations in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. From constructing essential infrastructure at military installations across Washington state to advising policymakers on engineering and national security matters, the Tacoma Post has played a key role in SAME's mission of connecting military and civilian engineers to advance engineering support for national security. Over the past seven decades, the Tacoma Post has carried on this tradition of excellence in engineering support and remains an active forum for cooperation between military and civilian engineers in the Tacoma region and surrounding areas.

Original Objective from 1950:

In the interest of national defense; to advance knowledge of the science of military engineering; to promote efficiency in the military engineer service of the United States; to maintain its best standards and traditions, to preserve the memory services rendered by the engineering profession throughout the wars in which the United States has been engaged; to encourage and foster and develop between military engineers and other arms of the military service a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding of their respective duties, powers and limitations; to encourage, foster and develop relations of helpful interest between the engineering profession in civil life and that in the military service; to hold meetings for the presentation and discussion of appropriate papers for social and professional intercourse.





Why join the Society of American Military Engineers?

If you are thinking of joining a professional association, it is critical that you ask yourself “what does membership provide for you?” We can all agree that there is little value in paying dues and investing time into an organization just to check a box. After all, the relationship you have with a professional association should create a connection to something that you can relate to and have a passion for. Personally, I struggled with finding what was right for me when considering membership for many professional associations, but then I discovered the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). My initial impression was that it very much felt like an officer’s club that did not have much to offer a young noncommissioned officer.

I discovered, however, that SAME is a diverse organization that routinely invests in the development of its members. From new member, to the President of the Society, this professional association wants to help you become a better leader supporting the defense of our Nation. SAME provides fantastic networking opportunities, plenty of options for volunteering, technical information through webinars and publications, and even offers stipends to pay for professional certifications. Plus, the membership fee covers the life of your uniformed service!

Everyone can benefit from what SAME has to offer, and you do not need to be an Engineer or have a degree to join. You can volunteer with your local Post, participate in networking events and professional development briefs, and even get a one-day pass for the annual Joint Engineer Training Conference (JETC) or Small Business Conference (SBC) at no cost.

SAME offers professional NCOs tangible value with real rewards, over three distinct periods in a career.

Near-Term: Active SAME membership thrusts us into an environment of exposure to engineering techniques and practices of industry and Military Departments other than our own. We soak up information and knowledge without realizing it, immediately making us better NCOs.

Mid-Term: SAME offers unique opportunities to continue our technical education and pursue licenses and certifications from affiliated associations. Over a few months, credentialing can better posture NCOs for increased responsibility and promotion. Taking advantage of these industry-recognized certifications will also assist with a smoother transition when exiting the military.

Long-Term: NCOs will one day move on from direct military service whether Active Duty or Reserve Component. Most of us change employers but we still prefer technical employment in such a rewarding field. If you want to secure the future, SAME offers the best opportunity for networking with potential employers.

I truly wish I had learned these things sooner in my career, so I urge you not to wait. Come see what SAME can do for you!

CMSgt Adam Boubede

Membership: What's in it for you?

What is SAME?

➤ A professional organization that supports your professional and engineering knowledge and career developmental growth.

➤ SAME offers a wide variety of support programs to help you obtain engineering related professional credentialing.

➤ SAME is recognized as "the multi-disciplined integrator of national infrastructure related capabilities" where you have the opportunity to learn about and network with uniformed service engineers and leading commercial engineering firms all supporting the country.

Benefits of being a SAME Member:

- Relationship building through a network of [100+ Posts](#) around the world, 1500 sustaining member A/C/E firms, academic institutions, military and government agencies at federal, state and local levels.
- [Stipends, Scholarships & Discounts](#) for education and training.
- Connecting with government and industry leaders.
- Access to cutting-edge [professional development opportunities](#).
- Volunteer [leadership opportunities](#) at the local, regional and national levels to grow your skills.
- [Transition assistance](#) with complimentary workshops, mentoring & networking.
- Reimbursement for professional [credentialing fees](#).
- Subscription to [The Military Engineer](#) technical magazine.
- Support through the [Enlisted Committee](#).



STEM, Veterans, & Community Support [In 2017, SAME's 100+ Posts & members...](#)

- Awarded over 700 **scholarships**, totaling nearly \$1 million.
- Spent over 16,000 hours supporting **STEM**.
- Contributed over 12,000 hours of **community service**.
- Donated nearly \$286,000 to **K-12 STEM** programs.
- Gave nearly \$110,000 to **veterans & disabled veterans** programs.
- Spent 4,100 volunteer hours providing support to **veterans**.



Enlisted Membership Application

Join Now → www.same.org/join



Name

Mailing Address

Email 1

Email 2

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Base or Installation

Service Branch and Rank

DOB (mm/yy)

Highest Degree High School Technical/Associates Bachelors Masters Doctorate

Questions about membership?

Contact our Member Services Team member@same.org or 703.549.3800 ext. 131

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