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Society of American Military Engineers

Newsletter

VA National Cemeteries Program

SAME DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Learn how the VA plans, programs and maintains cemeteries, the process for constructing new ones and gain insight on future cemetery programs for small businesses.

Presented by: Trish Hartman, MBA, PM, National Region, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Construction & Facilities Management

Date: Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Eagles Pride Golf Course
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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.

EVENTS

December 7, 2023	SAME Seattle & Holiday Social Elysian Fields Restaurant, Seattle, WA
December 12, 2023	SAME Tacoma Monthly Luncheon (VA National Cemeteries Program) Eagles Pride Golf Course, Dupont, WA
January 25, 2024	Meet the Agencies Crowne Plaza, SeaTac, WA
March 12, 2024	ASCE/SAME Meeting TBD
April 15 th , 16 th , 2024	Small Business Symposium Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA
June 11, 2024	Meet the Chiefs TBD, Seattle, WA
July TBD, 2024	SAME Joint Summer Social (Tacoma & Seattle) Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA
August TBD, 2024	SAME Joint Golf Tournament (Tacoma & Seattle) TBD



MOUNT TACOMA POST

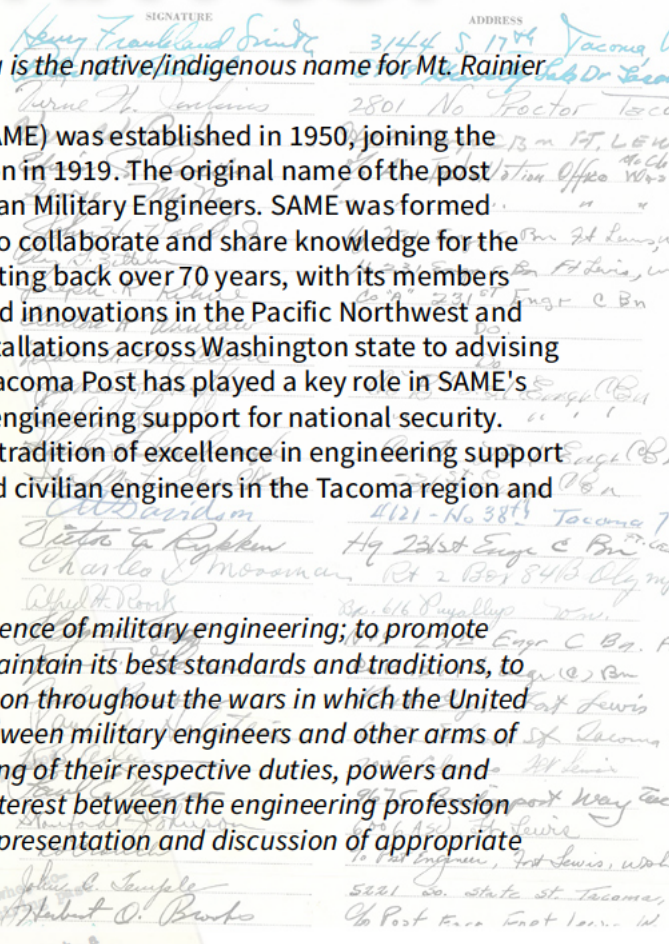
Origins of the SAME Mount Tacoma Post

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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