

September 2023



Society of American Military Engineers

Newsletter

SIOP US Navy Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program (SIOP)

SAME SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Date: September 12, 2023 - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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

The Department of Navy has a long-term strategic infrastructure program for naval shipyard facilities. The program aims to recapitalize critical dry dock, industrial, equipment, and utility infrastructure.



The goal is to improve maintenance throughput and on-time, on-budget ship return to the fleet. This comprehensive program will update the four public naval shipyards to meet current and future requirements.

Please RSVP by Monday, September 11th 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.

SAME PNW Golf Tournament (Steve Woolery Annual Scholarship)

The annual SAME PNW Golf Tournament recently took place at the magnificent Eagles Pride Golf Course. This highly anticipated event brought together golf lovers for a day filled with camaraderie, friendly competition, and great memories on the premier course.

The tournament day finally arrived after much excitement and preparation from the attendees. Golfers showed up bright and early, ready to participate in this cherished tradition. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm right from the opening tee off.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather and pristine course conditions. There were many highlights throughout the event for all the golfers. In the end, the day was a huge success and an unforgettable time was had by all. We extend our thanks and congratulations to everyone who participated in the tournament!

The annual SAME PNW Golf Tournament has cemented its place as a can't-miss tradition for local golf enthusiasts. We are already looking forward to next year's event at the magnificent Eagles Pride Golf Course!

In total, \$10,589.84 were raised for SAME scholarship funds.



2023 Tournament Results

(There was a tie for 1st place that was decided by a coinflip)

First: Steve Nickison (AHBL), Kyle Gysler (AHBL), Anthony Fullerton (Med-Tox NW), Brady Hanson (O'Neill Service Group)

Second: Mike Cozart (BCE), Justin Rodgers (BCE), Dave Comingdeer (Akana), Beau Neilson (Olympia School District)

Third: Seth Mattos (GeoResources), Coleman Jennings (Flexe) Davis Carlsen (GeoResources), Andrew Schnitger (GeoResources)





DESIGNING HISTORY

VIRTUAL EVENT

Learn about innovations and technical achievements on historic water infrastructure projects and future projects now underway.



September 14, 2023

12:00 PM Pacific / 3:00 PM Eastern

REGISTER NOW

If planning and designing large, concrete and steel hydraulic structures to create safe, reliable, and environmentally sustainable projects interests you, then join us on Thursday, September 14. We will highlight marine transportation and coastal infrastructure projects that have transformed and improved our nation's channel, lock, port, and waterway infrastructure. Learn about the structural, mechanical, and electrical elements that have and continue to improve our Nation's waterways.



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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