



SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS



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President's Corner

Portland Post Members,

To recognize National Women's History Month, we'll host our annual "Women in STEM" panel discussion on March 6th. Please join this lunch meeting to hear from distinguished female trailblazers in the AEC community, including SAME Northern Tier Regional Vice President Caroline Roberts, GISP, F.SAME; Collins Aerospace Program Manager Sirikit Valentin; and USACE Columbia Basin River Control Center (RCC) Chief Julie Ammann, P.E. These industry and government leaders have many lessons to share with our current and next generation of engineers. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites, our new home in Downtown Portland. Register through Eventbrite by February 28th.



February includes Engineer Week. This year's "E-Day" is February 21st. Portland Post is supporting USACE Portland District and the Portland School District to inspire the next generation of engineers.

I'd like to thank CAPT Todd Wimmer and LCDR Steven Becker from US Coast Guard Base Astoria for their insightful presentation at our February meeting. Their leadership lessons from establishing a new base and reorganizing mission support to the Oregon Coast were fascinating.

Mark your calendar for April 3rd, when our lunch meeting will be held at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas. It will include a tour of the newly renovated Oregon Military Museum. Look for details to be published next month.

Also in April, we will present our slate of nominees for the Post Board of Direction, with voting to occur during our May 1st meeting. If you are interested in serving in a post leadership position, please contact Andrew Young, Nominations Committee Chair, to be included on the slate.

Finally, mark your calendar for the SAME Pacific Northwest Regional "Meet the Chiefs." It will be held this year on June 11th in the Seattle area. More information on the location and agenda will be published soon. The annual event is co-sponsored by Portland, Mount Tacoma, and Seattle Post and will provide business opportunity outreach from USACE, NAVFAC, and other government agencies.

Sincerely,

Pete Helmlinger, PE
Brig. Gen., USA (Ret)
President, SAME Portland Post

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New Post Website: [Portland Post - SAME](https://www.same.org/portland/)

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/same-portland-post>

EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/same-portland-post-56196701413>

Next Post Event – Mar 6, 2024

Presentation: **Women in STEM Panel**
Date: Mar 6, 2024
Time: 11:30 – 1:00 pm
LOCATION: **Embassy Suites, Colonel Lindberg Ballroom**
319 SW Pine Street, Portland, OR 97204
5-minute walk from MAX Oak Street or 6th & Pine Station
Parking, on-street metered parking or \$7 Valet parking

In-Person Cost: **See EventBrite Link for specific cost information**

SAME Portland Post Members \$40.00 (+\$4.52 processing fee)

SAME Members \$45.00 (+\$4.87 processing fee)

All Other Registration Type: \$50.00 (+\$5.20 processing fee)

Donation for Portland Post Scholarship Fund: free

Retired/Govt (ID Required) \$35.00 (+\$4.19 processing fee)

RSVP By: **Wednesday – Feb 28, 2024 (12:00 pm) (PREPAYMENT REQUIRED) at**

Event: [March 2024 - SAME Portland Post Monthly Lunch Meeting Tickets, Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 11:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Women in STEM Panel

Panelist: Ms. Caroline Roberts, GISP, F.SAME

Caroline is a Federal Client Account Manager with responsibilities for clients within the DoD and DHS. In this role she is responsible for working with operations managers to develop and execute business strategy as it relates to global consulting particularly in regulatory compliance, management support, remediation strategies, infrastructure, design, and asset management with our federal clients. In her role, she also determines our near-term and long-term goals, position, and strategy ensuring the profitable growth of Jacobs. Caroline is a graduate of North Carolina State University (Go Wolfpack!) where she received a Bachelor of Science in Geology and a Master of Science in Oceanography. Caroline also serves on the SAME National Board of Direction as the Northern Tier RVP, SAME Seattle Post Board of Direction, and is heavily involved in the SAME Leader Development Program and Leader Development Community of Interest.



Panelist: Ms. Sirikit Valentin

A graduate of Harvey Mudd College and a veteran of the United States Army, Sirikit Valentin currently uses her problem solving and leadership experience to manage programs for Collins Aerospace. Sirikit is passionate about supporting women in STEM fields. As a mother of two forging a career in aerospace, Sirikit understands the struggles, conflicts, and rewards of trying to balance it all. In Sirikit's very limited free time she skis, bikes, and runs in an ongoing battle to keep up with her extremely active family.



Panelist: Julie Ammann, PE

Julie Ammann has worked as a civil engineer for 27 years for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She currently works as the Chief of the Reservoir Control Center (RCC) within the Columbia Basin Water Management Division at Northwestern Division. Her staff oversees day-to-day reservoir operations for the Columbia River Basin. She supervises a team of 10 professional staff comprised of engineers, hydrologists, fisheries biologists and water quality specialists. The Columbia Basin projects are multi-purpose and are operated for flood risk management, fish and wildlife, water supply, irrigation, navigation, recreation, hydropower and water quality. Project operations include coordination with Canada

under the Columbia River Treaty and must meet Biological Opinion and Clean Water Act requirements. Ms. Ammann is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Oregon.

Portland SAME 2024 Program Preview

Please join us for a special monthly meeting in April at the Oregon Military Museum at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas, Oregon. The museum will open for SAME for this private event. The meeting will include a light lunch and a guided tour through the exhibit galleries to learn about the military history of Oregon!

- When: April 3, 2024, 11:30am - 1:00pm
- Where: Oregon Military Museum
Camp Withycombe
15300 Minuteman Way
Clackamas, OR 97015

May 1, 2024 – Sustainable Energy Projects (Portland)
Jun 11, 2024 – Meet the Chiefs (Mount Tacoma Post Hosting)

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Portland SAME Post Opportunities

Are you passionate about building leaders for the profession and leading collaboration? The Portland Post of SAME needs your active involvement as an officer or Director in the Post!

Nominations are now open for Board Officers and Director Positions of the Portland Post of SAME...We are now accepting nominations for the following positions:

Post Officers are voting members and serve on the Board of Direction for 1 year starting June 1st 2024 through May 31st 2025

President

2nd Vice President

Mentoring

Secretary

1st Vice President

Director for Youth and

Director for Education

Treasurer

Directors serve on the Board of Direction for 2 years starting June 1st 2024 through May 31st 2026.

There are four (4) positions open for the 2024-2026 term.

Director (4 positions)

In addition, the Post has a number of appointed positions and committee positions.

Community, Social, And Special Activities

House

Webmaster

Publicity

OSU Student Post Mentor

Readiness

Newsletter Editor

Small Business Liaison

Nominations (including self-nominations) are due on or before **6 Mar 2024**

Please email any questions or your nominations to Andrew Young, Nominations Committee Chair, at ayoung.SAME@gmail.com

SAME Portland Post Young Professionals Winter Networking

Are you ready to sharpen your professional connections? This is your chance to network in a unique, casual environment, so don't let it pass you by. Get together with the SAME Portland Post for *some networking and axe throwing*. Join us for a thrilling evening of axe throwing at Blade & Timber Axe Throwing - Portland! Get ready to unleash your inner lumberjack and show off your skills in a friendly competition. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to socialize, have fun, and try something new! Waivers will need to be filled out upon arrival.

When: Tuesday, Feb 13 at 5pm sharp

Where: Blade & Timber Axe Throwing, 1150 NW 17th Ave, Portland, OR 97209

Details: ****RESCHEDULED**** [Portland Post Young Professionals Axe Throwing! Tickets, Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/portland-post-young-professionals-axe-throwing-tickets-tue-feb-13-2024-at-5-00-pm)

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SAME will be Joining USACE – Portland District for 2024 Engineering Days

SAME and USACE will be hosting a STEM Outreach Program for Local High School Students during Engineering Week, coming up in February 2024. SAME representatives will be reaching out to our members to participate in a lunchtime career fair during the STEM event. The lunchtime career fair will give the student participants an opportunity to engage with STEM professionals, hear career advice from and ask questions of experienced professionals, and practice their networking skills.

Where: USACE downtown headquarters located at Block 300, 333 S.W. 1st Avenue, in Portland, OR
When: Wednesday, 2024 - February 21

For a STEM-program and lunch and learn with our local A/E/C firms from 11:55am to 1:10pm. We are expecting about 130 students. The students will be exposed to a variety of engineering disciplines through hands-on workshops, panel discussions in the morning and afternoon Sessions. The program will allow students a unique opportunity to learn more about engineering professions, other aspects related to engineering and a variety of engineering career options.

EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY: \$300 for sponsor booth

SAME participants will be hosting booths and will have stamps to add to the Student's Passports following a 30-minute pizza lunchtime feast...the entire group of students will be visiting booths to acquire a stamp and will be eligible for the raffle prizes.

Questions about this event and/or sponsorship?

Please email 2024.same.engineering.day@gmail.com – or Call Heidi Nelson at (503) 481-6822 to register.

Registration Ends February 15, 2024. Please make check payable to S.A.M.E. Portland Post. Donation is tax-deductible.

Checks can be submitted at luncheon check-in or mailed to: Tony Roos, 1300 E. Hillsdale Dr., Newberg, Oregon 97132

UPCOMING SAME EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE

Capital Week: Mar 25-27, 2024, Rockville, MD. *Capital Week is open exclusively to SAME members, this opportunity will put you ahead of the curve in planning your company's acquisition strategy. Hear about the government's upcoming engineering, design, construction, and environmental programs during the FY2023 DOD & Federal Agency Programs Briefings. Network with senior leaders and meet directly from contracting representatives, flag and general officers, and other decision-makers from the engineering components of the military services and several federal agencies.*

Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo, May 14 – 16, 2024, Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee, FL. *JETC offers a unique mix of education, training, leader development, networking, innovation, collaboration, and more, drawing over 2,200 professionals from across the military engineering community, private industry, federal agencies, and academia. This premier annual event provides a venue for professionals in engineering and related fields to learn and collaborate in a joint environment that only SAME offers.*

Post Leadership Workshop, Aug 4-6, 2024, Scottsdale, AZ. *SAME will host this multi-day training and networking workshop for volunteer Post and National leaders across the Society. Attendees from SAME posts nationwide will meet to hear from multiple speakers on how to deliver value to members through Industry-Government Engagement and other programming. Insights into membership recruitment and retention and Post best practices will also be shared. Expect a relaxed atmosphere with ample networking and group activities.*

2024 Federal Small Business Conference for the A/E/C Industry, Nov 20-23, 2024, New Orleans, LA. *For three days, attendees took in more than 40 education sessions and participated in; Business Opportunity Sessions Presented by Government Agencies, One-on-One Matched Networking Appointments Between Small Businesses and Both Government Agencies and Large Businesses, General Sessions Featuring Government Outlooks from Government Agencies, Leading Education and Training Insights.*

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