

December 2024



Society of American Military Engineers

Newsletter

SAME Mt. Tacoma Winter Social

Date: December 10, 2024
Time: 11:30am to 1:00pm
Location: Eagle's Pride Golf Course,
1529 Mounts Rd SW, Dupont, WA 98327

Join us for the SAME Mt. Tacoma Winter Social on December 10, 2024, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Eagle's Pride Golf Course.

In lieu of a program this month, please join us for an afternoon of connection and camaraderie as we celebrate the season together!

This is a chance to relax, mingle, and strengthen the ties that make our organization so special. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the group, this is the perfect opportunity to catch up with colleagues, make new connections, and enjoy the winter season together.

Please join us for a holiday buffet.

Uniformed: \$20
Civilian: \$35

RSVP by Friday, December 6th to: Dave Newkirk at 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."



To receive monthly updates on our post and events.



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Seattle Post Holiday Social 2024

December 3, 2024 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Elysian Fields Restaurant, Seattle

Faith Powell, President, Society of American Military Engineers Seattle Post and the Seattle Post Board cordially invite you and a guest to join them for the annual Society of American Military Engineers Holiday Social.

Hors d'oeuvres & Refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Elysian Fields Restaurant

542 1st Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98104



Toys for Tots Giving Opportunities:

Seattle SAME and the United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots have joined forces again this year! Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a boy or girl this holiday season.

Be Recognized at the Social for a Cash Donation to Toys for Tots.

Sponsor The Social:

\$ 300.00 or \$300.00 worth of toys

Your logo will be posted at the social on poster board and receive special recognition at the Holiday Social by Post President Faith Powell. Please send your logo as a .tif, .jpg or .png file to Zach Pesicka zachary.pesicka@wsp.com by Close of Business, Friday December 2nd. (Any time later there is no guarantee it will make it on the poster board).

Parking:

The restaurant straddles the CenturyLink Field north parking lot and 1st Ave South, so there is plenty of parking choices. In addition, Stadium Place Garage at 530 Occidental Ave South, adjacent to the Century Link Field North parking lot offers covered, secure parking at a rate of \$9/hr until 10 pm:

<https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/parking-program/e-park/stadium-place>

Questions?

Please contact Zach Pesicka Zachary.Pesicka@WSP.com or +1.253.951.3522

EVENTS



December 3, 2024

Seattle Post Holiday Social
Elysian Fields Restaurant

January 23, 2025

Meet the Agencies 2025
Seattle Airport Marriott

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.

RECAP

PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE

Awards ceremony highlighting significant contributions of projects positively impacting our region

This event showcased an array of remarkable federal, state, and local projects from the Northwest Region to celebrate innovation, collaboration, and engineering excellence. Award categories had both a large business and small business winner, reflecting the diverse range of participants and their achievements. This year we included a people's choice award, where attendees voted for their favorite project at the event. Keynote speaker Rear Admiral Jeffrey Kilian, Commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific, highlighted the importance of resilience in engineering.



AWARD WINNERS

OVERALL - TOP SCORING PROJECTS

Highest scoring project across all submissions

Large Business: **HDR Inc.** for the City of Yakima, Nelson Dam Removal and Intake Improvements

Small Business: **Ahtna Environmental** for EPA Laboratory Modernization

COLLABORATION

Exemplified outstanding teamwork and partnership

Large Business: **HDR Inc.** for Nelson Dam Removal and Intake Improvements

Small Business: **Procon Consulting** for GSA R10 Federal Office Bldg Historical Restoration

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Practicing and promoting sustainability throughout project

Large Business: **RSP** for Nemetz Park Site Family Housing Construction

Small Business: **EAS LLC** for Fish Passage Monitoring Studies using Rotary Screw Traps

COMPLEXITY

Employing a range of techniques to solve critical issues

Large Business: **WSP** for NBK Bangor P-834 Service Pier Extension

Small Business: (Tie)

Ahtna Environmental for EPA Laboratory Modernization
BCE Engineers for McChord Fire House Repair

INNOVATION

Displaying creativity and forward thinking

Small Business: **Ahtna Infrastructure and Technologies LLC** for K-12 Pad Pile and Fuel Tanks

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Voted on by event attendees at the event

Large Business: **RSP** for Nemetz Park Site Family Housing Construction

Small Business: **BCE Engineers** for McChord Fire House Repair



OVERALL SB WINNERS
AHTNA ENVIRONMENTAL



OVERALL LB WINNERS
HDR INC



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
RADM J. KILIAN

RECAP CONT'D... PROJECTS OF EXCELLENCE



Award winner for LB Env Stewardship and People's Choice Award - RSP



Award winners for SB Complexity Category - Ahlma Environmental (left) and BCE Engineers (right)



Award winner for SB Env. Stewardship Category - EAS LLC - with Seattle Post President



Award winner for SB Collaboration Category - Procon Consulting



One of the Scholarship Raffle Prize winners receiving a basket



Award winner for LB Complexity - WSP



Award Winner for LB Collaboration & Overall Categories - HDR Inc



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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



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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