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2005 SAME Washington DC Post Federal Opportunities Conference

The SAME Washington DC Post hosted the Federal Opportunities Conference



Kurt Kuhn, Capital Improvements Director, NAVFAC Washington



on 26 October 2005 at Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Crystal City, VA, that was



Will Colston, Deputy Director for Project Execution, Overseas Building Operations, Department of State

Ed Tupay, Office of Asset Management, Department of Homeland Security



Representatives from the US Air National Guard, the US Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and the US Army Corps of



Bruce Ware, Deputy Director Construction USACE Baltimore District (background left)



Engineers Baltimore district gave presentations that focused on opportunities for design, construction, maintenance of facilities and upcoming project opportunities.

Jerry Ripken and Bruce Ware, USACE Baltimore District, Ben Lawless, HQ ANG, and Kurt Kuhn, NAVFAC Washington gave riveting presentations. The conference also included presentations by Department of State and Department of Homeland Security representatives. Will Colston, Overseas Building Operations, Department of State, and Ed Tupay, Department of Homeland Security gave presentations that focused on both agency outlooks for contract opportunities both within the United States and at international locations.

attended by 228 SAME members, young members, non members, and public sector representatives.

This was a very successful conference that included presentations by representatives from NAVFAC, HQ ANG, USACE Baltimore District, Air National Guard, Department of State, and Department of Homeland Security.



Ben Lawless, Chief Engineering Division HQ Air National Guard





SAME Washington DC Post VA CARES Program Spotlight

The SAME Washington DC Post hosted a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) program on 22 September 2005, held at the Conference Center Washington Navy Yard in Washington DC, and attended by 87 SAME members, young members, and representatives from both the public and private sectors.

Mike Heaton of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provided an excellent presentation on the VA's Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) program and its goals for the best utilization of VA capital assets.

In 1999, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) started the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) process to study the best utilization of VA capital assets. The plan was adopted in February 2004 and has resulted in a major increase in both new construction and renovation of VA owned and leased facilities. Michael Heaton, PE, CCP - Project Management Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, gave an excellent presentation and explained how increases in spending and workload have caused several problems for a reduced Project Management Staff. The presentation addressed the current workloads resulting from the CARES process, the problems of the increase in work, and the solutions that the VA is implementing. The FY '06 budget proposal includes \$750 million for the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) program, bringing the total department investment to date to \$2.15 billion. The FY '06 proposal includes 28 new outpatient clinics; funding for design work for two new medical facilities in Biloxi, MS; and Fayetteville, AR; as well as additional funding for five other major construction projects in Las Vegas, NV; Cleveland, OH; Pittsburgh, PA; Gainesville, FL; and Anchorage, AK. The total program allocation is approximately \$1 billion.

SAME Washington DC Post Communications Brief

The SAME Washington DC Post is a very active Post at the Society of American Military Engineers. The Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs at the Washington DC Post work hard to make sure that members receive the best benefits possible, attend first-rate programs, and have maximum opportunities for professional networking. These dedicated individuals meet monthly at board meetings to review ongoing initiatives, plan future programs, and come up with ways to make your membership more valuable.

The SAME Washington DC Post's membership is the largest in the Society. As a matter of fact membership at the SAME Washington DC Post is twice as large as any other Post in the Society. This is not to sound boastful but only to make a note that retaining that many members, and there are over 1,400 Individual and Sustaining members at the Washington DC Post, and growing membership each year is a huge undertaking. Your feedback, ideas, contributions for content to put on our Web site and include in our newsletter issues is very important. Please consider forwarding your ideas to any one of our Officers, Directors or Committee Chairs. The SAME Washington DC Post is committed to teamwork and everyone's input is valued.

As we approach the last few months of this very exciting and productive year we begin to look forward to the next year. There is so much we want to accomplish. In addition to striving to meet all of our yearly SAME Post criteria, we also strive to surpass expectations and think of new programs and new ways to make your membership more valuable.

There is nothing more exciting than seeing over 100 SAME members, young members and representatives from both the public and private sectors at each one of our monthly programs. But attending programs is not the only initiative being led by the leadership of the SAME Washington DC Post. Education programs, Scholarship Program, Community Outreach programs, and our 1 on 1 MENTOR program, are some of the other initiatives we continue to excel in. We look to you, our members, for feedback and ideas.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at one of our next programs.

PARTICIPATE

in the SAME Washington DC Post Support Our Troops Program



The SAME Washington DC Post is running a three month drive to raise fund to support our troops. The Support Our Troops program aims to raise funds toward the purchase of phone cards in support of our troops abroad. This program is being led with the assistance of the Baghdad Post who will assist with the distribution of the phone cards to our troops. So, a joint international Post effort to Support Our Troops is something we are very proud of.

The SAME Washington DC Post is committed to making a difference at home and abroad. And it is with your contributions that we will be able to make this program a success.

For additional information and contribute to this program please visit our Web site at www.sameDCpost.org.



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1 on 1 MENTOR Program

The SAME Washington DC Post has launched a very successful 1 on 1 MENTOR program, that brings together Young Member and Fellows / Senior Society member pairs together in a professional forum of mentoring. This unique 1 on 1 MENTOR program is intended to allow SAME Washington DC Post Young Members take full advantage of the professional expertise our Post's Fellows and Senior Members can impart to our Young Members. Over 90 Fellows and over 200 Young Members are members at the SAME Washington DC Post.

MENTORS - You've been there, done that! But not everyone else has. Please consider sharing your professional expertise and mentoring abilities with our Young Members. There is so much they can learn from you. As a mentor you will have the opportunity to learn something new, we all do - at any age. And, you will make a difference in the professional orientation of our young members. Just as we reach out at the K-12 and University level, to help the younger generation make their way to A/E/C and related professions, we also want to guide and lead our young professionals.

YOUNG MEMBERS - This is a unique opportunity for you to get engaged, learn more and network. With the Young Member / Mentor pairs that have already been established in 2005 it is evident that the pairs are strong teams and are benefiting from participating in the program. Your commitment to this program is as much as you make of it. Please consider participating and learning more.

"Mentoring enriches the education of others, motivates thought, reveals new ways of orienting the mentor's own work and experience, and creates a wealth of tutorship and networking opportunities."

SIGN UP TODAY:

<http://www.samedcpost.org/mentorinfo.asp>

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Calendar of Events

SAME Washington DC Post Upcoming Programs

Date: **17 November 2005**
 Program: **Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)**
 Speaker: Philip Grone, Deputy Under Secretary for Defense Installations and Environment
 Location: Conference Center Washington Navy Yard, Washington DC

Date: **20 December 2005**
 Program: **Recognition Ceremony of our Nation's Deployed Engineering Team and Holiday Program**
 Location: Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA



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