



Denver Metro Post

Society of American Military Engineers

March 2006

Monthly SAME Luncheon

Topic: Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site Update

When: Thursday, March 16, 2006

Time:

11:30 – Networking

12:00 – Lunch

12:30 – Speaker

Where: Colorado School of Mines Student Center

1600 Maple Street
Golden, CO 80401

Price: \$10 – military; \$20 - members
\$25 - non-members

RSVP: Noon, March 13th, 2006 to [Cyndi Lincicome@URSCorp.com](mailto:Cyndi_Lincicome@URSCorp.com)

Directions to luncheon:

From 6th Avenue, turn south on 19th Street (at the light). Take your first left (no light) on ELM Street.

The Student Center is at the corner of 16th at Elm and Maple. Please note that there is no parking or driving on 16th Street between Maple and Elm. The SAME meeting is in the Student Center, second floor, Ballroom B. If you get lost and/or need help, call 303-273-3333 for directions.

Maps can be downloaded from: http://www.mines.edu/csm_maps/

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – Geoffrey McKenzie

Dear Denver Metro Post Members:

The Denver Metro Post Officers and Board of Direction are in the process of determining programs and initiatives for the coming year. As in previous years, the National President sets strategic goals for the year. This year, the goals are:

- Increase the relevance, diversity, and public sector participation through inspired leadership at the Post, Region, and national levels
- Support continuing education for licensure, professional certifications, and professional development of Society members
- Support the Nation's deployed engineering team and their families

Our preliminary plan is to develop programs and initiatives around these strategic goals as well as one additional one: increase our recognition of individual and sustaining members of the Post. I have asked the appropriate committee chairs to consider these goals and recommend to the Board our path forward. I also solicit your help in identifying the direction that you would like the Post to take in the coming year. Please send your thoughts and ideas for programs or initiatives to me at mckenziegm@cdm.com.

My thanks to all those who volunteered to be either Proctors or Scorers at the February 10 and 11 MATHCOUNTS regional competitions. Your experience from the regional competitions would be greatly valued at the state competition which will be held on March 18 -- please consider volunteering for that event, too! If interested, please contact Chuck Jones at Cwjones6@aol.com. We are very proud to be a sponsor of MATHCOUNTS and your time would be deeply appreciated by all involved.

Later in this newsletter you will find an article listing the recipients of the 2006-2007 Denver Metro Post SAME scholarships. This was a competitive process and the winners are very deserving of their scholarships. These scholarships are yet another way the DMP reaches out to the community and promotes engineering and engineering-based professions.

You will also find an article concerning the 2006 Engineering and Construction Camp at the U.S. Air Force Academy to be held July 6 – 12. We are actively recruiting candidates to attend the camp, so if you know of eligible high school students interested in a career in engineering or related fields, please encourage them to apply. For information on the camp and how to apply, please contact John Coats at jcoats@pwt.com

SAME is always looking for people to promote the engineering profession while making a difference in both their community and their profession. If you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved with the Denver Metro Post of SAME, please contact me at the e-mail address listed above.

Geoff McKenzie, President, Denver Metro Post

Sustaining Member Support Needed for Engineering and Construction Camp

The Board of the Denver Metro Post is soliciting corporate contributions for support of the SAME/US Air Force Academy Engineering and Construction Camp's engineering activities. Financial support is required to provide materials for the engineering activities not directly sponsored by sustaining member firms. For the 2006 Camp, Denver Metro Post sustaining member firms and individuals directly sponsor the following activities:

Concrete Beam Event: Merrick & Co. provides instructors, concrete and form oil

Sprinkler Event: Chuck Jones sponsors this event and instructs on one of the two days of these classes

The Civil Engineering Lab: Tetra Tech, EC purchases the materials for this activity.

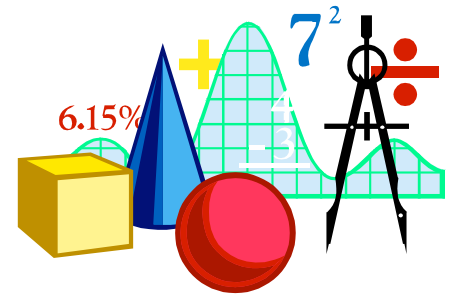
The point of contact for contributions is **John Mullans**, the Denver Metro Post Camp Coordinator. Checks should be made to: SAME Engineering and Construction Camp. We would like to complete collection of funds by the end of May 2006. Thanks for your support.

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Need Volunteers for MATHCOUNTS – March 18

NEED Scorers and Proctors – NOW!

We are looking for scorers and proctors for the state competition on March 18 at the Student Center at Colorado School of Mines. No advanced preparation is required (yes, they do provide the answers for the scorers, so you don't have to be afraid!). Those of us who have done this in the past are really impressed with the great things the young people are doing through MATHCOUNTS. If you can help on Friday and/or Saturday, please contact **Chuck Jones** at 303-949-9774 or at cwjones6@aol.com and he will get details to you.



General Fox to Speak at USAFA Civil Engineering Banquet - Open to SAME Members

The 2006 SAME/USAFA Civil Engineer Banquet honors the USAFA Class of 2006 entering Air Force Civil Engineering. Please consider attending on Thursday, March 23, 2006 in the Officer's Club at the United States Air Force Academy. The civil engineer reception starts at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and presentations from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Major General L. Dean Fox will be the keynote speaker. Access www.same.org to register for the event and to get details on menu, dress code, and cost for the event. Sponsorship opportunities are also available at www.same.org.

SAVE the DATES

The **Denver Metro Post "8 on 8" Annual Event** is scheduled for **June 22, 2006**. Don't miss the opportunity for "table-talk" discussions with many top local military agencies and their representatives.

More Information on the Engineering and Construction Camp Scheduled for July 6-12, 2006

The Society of American Military Engineers and the United States Air Force Academy annually sponsor an Engineering and Construction Summer Camp for select high school sophomores. The camp offers an opportunity for 60 students from all over the United States and the world to learn hands on engineering skills and other group activities on the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Applicants should be interested in an engineering education and/or a military academy education or a Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship at a civilian college or university.

Applications and related paperwork/checks must be submitted to arrive not later than April 15th, 2006. For additional information about the Denver Metro Post's sponsorship please contact: John Coats at Pacific Western Technologies; 605 Parfet Street, Suite 200; Lakewood, CO 80215, (303) 274-6160 Ext. 26. E-mail at jcoats@pwt.com

Congratulations to the SAME 2006 Scholarship Winners

The Denver Metro Post SAME Scholarship Committee received applications from 22 highly qualified high school and college-age engineering students for the 2006-2007 school year. The committee is pleased to announce the winners described below.

Chris Causey, Colorado School of Mines - Chris is a third year petroleum engineering student at the Colorado School of Mines. Chris is involved in many activities such as basketball, football, and Frisbee. He is also a member of The Society of Petroleum Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers. He is an active Army ROTC participant and has held positions such as company commander, platoon sergeant and squad leader. Chris recently organized a battalion ski trip between two ROTC programs. He is on the Dean's List and Honor Roll, and has received miscellaneous academic scholarships. We congratulate Chris on his award of \$1,000 to further his education at Colorado School of Mines.

Joshua Hayes, Colorado School of Mines - Joshua also attends the Colorado School of Mines, and is a third year mechanical engineering student. He is active in the Pershing Rifles training program, is a student member of SAME and attended the SAME leadership conference in Salt Lake City during 2006. He is a member of the Air Force ROTC where he has been the captain of freshman training and a physical fitness officer. Joshua is an Eagle Scout and has also received an ROTC scholarship. We commend Joshua for his outstanding work and are happy to award him with a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Tanairi Lopez, West High School, Denver Public Schools - Tanairi is an outstanding senior at West High School in Denver. She will attend the Colorado School of Mines in the fall and pursue an engineering degree. Tanairi has an amazing 3.9 GPA that she has maintained while being involved in many activities, including the JROTC Female Exhibition Drill Team with Arms, the Rifle Team, the Honor Platoon, and the Color Guard. She is a Brigade Executive Officer, and also involved in Special Olympics and the Center for International Studies. She has received many honors in association with these activities and her schoolwork. We are happy to award Tanairi with a \$1,000 scholarship for her continued education at the Colorado School of Mines.

Kaitlin McKenzie, Chatfield High School, Jefferson County Schools - Kaitlin is a senior at Chatfield High School who will pursue her education at the University of Colorado in the fall. Kaitlin also maintains a 3.9 GPA and will study engineering and applied science. She is involved in many activities including Key Club, the National Honor Society, and the Thespian Society. Kaitlin has spent many hours volunteering at Swedish Hospital, Littleton Public Schools, and for the 9News Health Fair. Kaitlin is also an accomplished pianist. We wish Kaitlin well in continuing her education and are pleased to award her with a \$1,000 SAME scholarship.

Ching-Han Tseng, Green Mountain High School, Jefferson County Schools - Ching left his family in Taiwan in 2004 to come to the U.S. and pursue his education. Ching did not speak English when he arrived in the U.S. He has been faced with personal and academic adversity. In spite of these hardships, Ching has excelled at Green Mountain High School and is a student that any teacher would be proud of. While maintaining a very high GPA, Ching has still found time to be involved in church activities as well as participating in the Science Olympiad Club, a Pre-Collegiate Development Program at the University of Colorado at Denver, was a member of the Environment of Colorado Program at Boulder, and assisted at the Dare 2 Share Conference collecting canned goods for the Denver Rescue Mission to be distributed to poor and homeless people. Ching has received many honors at Green Mountain High School including: Top of Mountain Reward (High GPA 3.8 or above), Top of Mountain Reward (English as a second language), Certificate of Achievement for the Pre-collegiate Development Program, Green Mountain High School Math Award for outstanding achievement in Math, and was a semi-finalist for the Daniels Fund Award. We are honored to present Ching with a \$1,000 SAME scholarship and congratulate him on his many accomplishments both academically and personally.

David Wang, Green Mountain High School, Jefferson County Schools - David is a senior at Green Mountain High School who will attend the Colorado School of Mines in the fall and pursue his education in computer/electrical engineering. David is taking all AP and advanced classes in math and science and maintains a 3.9 GPA. In addition to his studies, David has been the concertmaster (1st chair) of the Green Mountain High School Orchestra since his Junior year. David has also been involved with the World Vision Charity Organization, the JEFFCO Outdoor Lab School, the Metro Volunteer Food Drive and the Taiwan Association in Denver where he helped organize a fundraiser for earthquake victims. David was on the principal's list for maintaining a GPA of 3.8 or higher. He received the Top of the Mountain Award, the Soloist Award at the Six Flags Music Festival, and the AP Scholar Award. We wish David well in continuing his education and are happy to present him with a \$1,000 scholarship.

SAME Members Invited to National Contract Management Association Event

The local chapter of NCMA is inviting SAME members to their April 11, 2006 event. The speaker is Mr. John S. Rush, Vice-President of Training Resource Consultants Inc, where he is responsible for course development, quality assurance, and consulting services. He is a former Defense Acquisition University - Norfolk Campus Instructor, who co-authored and developed courses on Performance Based Contracting, Contract Termination, Incentive Contracting, Project Management, and Source Selection Evaluation Boards. Mr. Rush has over 25 years of experience in the Contracting Career field. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Gayle Niles at 303.236.7302 or email her at gayle.niles@gsa.gov

SAME Members Invited to the 2006 Government Small Business Outreach Event

If you are interested in a small business outreach event in Colorado Springs focusing on government agencies, please contact Janet.cubas@peterson.af.mil and register today. The event starts on April 25, 2006 with a welcome reception and continues through April 27, 2006 at the Antlers Hilton, 4 South Cascade Ave in Colorado Springs. Sponsors include the following:

Air Force Space Command (AFSPC)
SMDC/Army Forces Strategic Command
US Army Corps of Engineers
USAF Academy
Fort Carson
Peterson AFB
Schriever AFB
Small Business Administration (SBA)
U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)
Small and Disadvantaged Business Opportunity Council (SADBOC)
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce

Sustaining Members News

MWH Awarded Nevada Water Program

MWH issued a press release today announcing we have been retained by the Clark County Water Reclamation District (CCWRD) in Nevada, U.S.A. to provide program management services for a number of capital improvement projects scheduled to be designed and constructed over the next three years. CCWRD plans to spend \$961 million over the next five years on improvements to wastewater and other infrastructure to meet the needs of a rapidly growing population. The total program management contract awarded to MWH is \$11 million.

"We're very happy to have been selected by the District to manage critical wastewater infrastructure improvements that will serve a diverse community that's currently adding about 5,000 new residents every month," said Rick Frank, program manager for MWH. "We look forward to partnering with the District."

ETI Professionals Receives Small Business Award

ETI Professionals Inc. is the recipients of the SAME Robert B. Flowers Small Business Award. This award is presented for eminent contributions by a Small Business Sustaining Member to the Society during the last calendar year. Nominees for this award are judged on leadership at SAME Posts, support to community programs, participation in small business events, and support of young members and mentoring programs.

ETI and its employees have been actively involved and have dedicated their time to various positions for their respective SAME Posts across the country. As recipient of this prestigious award, President and CEO of ETI, Ms. Susan Holland, will become a member of the SAME Senior Executive Group for a two-year term. ETI will accept the Robert B. Flowers Award at the 2006 SAME National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana in May.

2006 DoD Nunn-Perry Awards Presented to Earth Tech and ETI Professionals

The Department of Defense has announced that the Mentor-Protégé Team of EarthTech, Inc. (mentor) and ETI Professionals Inc. (protégé) are the recipients of the prestigious 2006 Nunn-Perry Award. The Nunn-Perry award is awarded to recognize outstanding Mentor-Protégé teams formed under the auspices of the DoD Mentor-Protégé Program.

EarthTech and ETI are sustaining members of SAME and are in year two of a three year DoD Air Force Sponsored Agreement and have experienced phenomenal success. The Mentor-Protégé Program is the pre-eminent program within the Federal government designed to assist in the transformation of a small business firm to one that is able to perform well as a prime and/or subcontractor on Federal projects.

The Mentor-Protégé Program has provided an extraordinary opportunity for the team formed among EarthTech, ETI and Florida International University. The program has ultimately led to ETI becoming a valued business partner and an innovator within a relationship that fosters technical progress and improved business systems. The Nunn-Perry award ultimately recognizes EarthTech and ETI as pre-eminent companies within the Department of Defense.

Zach Hall Joins CH2M HILL

Zach Hall has joined CH2M HILL's Government Facilities and Infrastructure Business Group. Hall brings project and program management and leadership experience to the firm from his career as a U.S. Air Force Captain, where he most recently served at Buckley Air Force Base as Chief of Design and Construction, Deputy Chief of Engineering and Chief of Base Development. Hall also served as Chief of Facility Management at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar where he led the maintenance team responsible for sustaining the \$42 million Combined Air Operation Center complex, the Air Force's command and control center for the Middle East. Hall attended the United States Air Force Academy and received his bachelor's in Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. He is currently enrolled in the MBA program at the University of Colorado. Contact him at Zach.Hall@ch2m.com

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Our mailing list is now 400 strong and a great way to promote awards, professional promotions, or any company news. Send info to Loretta.Davis@ch2m.com