



# THE RECONNOITERER CHARLESTON POST

March 2010

*The Society of American Military Engineers*

## **SAME Young Member Social**

Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Buffalo Wild Wings in North Charleston  
(near the Airport and Air Force Base)  
4959 Center Point Drive #104  
North Charleston, SC 29418-6990

20% Military Discount  
Buffalo Wild Wing Happy Hour Specials  
And if that's not enough: SAME Charleston Post will contribute towards a portion of the food costs!

You do not have to be a member (or an engineer) to attend! Please encourage your personnel younger than 35 years of age to come out and meet other people involved in military engineering. RSVP to Blair Goodman at [blair@tidewaterenvironmental.com](mailto:blair@tidewaterenvironmental.com) or 843-696-4736 no later than March 22nd.

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

The 2010/2011 SAME Charleston Post Scholarship Program has been updated, with changes to the requirements and applicability. The application form is now available online at [www.samecharleston.com](http://www.samecharleston.com), and there is a short fuse on submission:

### *2010 Schedule:*

April 8th (Friday): Application Deadline  
May 3rd (Monday): Notification to scholarship recipients by May 3rd.  
May 13th: Distribution of scholarships to recipients at annual SAME Post Meeting

## **SAME Charleston Post Website is Active!**

You'll all be happy to hear that our website has been redirected from [posts.same.org/Charleston](http://posts.same.org/Charleston) to a new site which is much easier to remember:  
[www.samecharleston.com](http://www.samecharleston.com)

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### **Elections Coming Up!**

A slate of officers and board members will be presented at the monthly post meeting on March 18, 2010. While a couple of the board positions are noted as vacant, nominees should be in place by then. However, nominations from the floor will be accepted, so please contact Len Dillinger if you are interested in a board position. Duties are listed in the Post By-Laws which are posted at [www.samecharleston.com](http://www.samecharleston.com).

Elections will be held on April 15, and officers will be installed at the annual meeting on May 13, 2010.

### **Who wants to go to Summer Camp?**

The Society of American Military Engineers offers a very unique series of engineering camps designed for High School students who excel in math, science and technical courses and are interested in pursuing engineering in college. These one-week camps are high energy, hands-on events for students from across the country and around the world. The camps are led by a professional staff of engineers from both private industry and the military services. These exciting week-long camps take place during the summer months in a variety of settings—centered on a military base in the colorful Colorado Rockies, the beautiful Southern California Coast, or the historic Mississippi Valley. Each camp has its own unique focus and theme and is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn what engineers do from professional engineers, learn practical skills and gain exposure to the military services. Eligibility requirements and the application for SAME Engineering & Construction Camps have been posted on the Charleston Post website under the Scholarships page. The national site has more information at: <http://posts.same.org/camps/>

### **Mentor our future engineers!**

One of our missions as a Post is to provide mentoring activities for K - 12 students. If you are involved with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts organizations in the Charleston area, please contact our Young Member Chair, Blair Goodman at [blair@tidewaterenvironmental.com](mailto:blair@tidewaterenvironmental.com) or (843) 696-4736. The Board would like to identify programs within the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts that are related to engineering and may require mentors from the Charleston Post! Thanks for your help!

## What's on the Website?

Program Schedule and information on upcoming events, contact information for the Board of Officers, a list of our wonderful sustaining members, the By-Laws, links to the national site, minutes from past meetings, electronic copies of the newsletter, and anything else our members think is appropriate to add!

Visit us at [www.SAMECharleston.com](http://www.SAMECharleston.com) now!!!

### UPCOMING EVENTS!!

Our next meeting, on March 18, 2010, will feature Kevin Turner, P.E. and Shannon Graeber, P.E., Collins Engineers, Inc., speaking on the "Seismic Screening of 28 Structures at Ft. Vancouver". This meeting will also include presentation of the slate of officers for 2010/2011.

Board members are asked to attend a Board Meeting at 10 am, prior to the monthly meeting.

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04/15/10 - Jason Shiflet, [Zapata Engineering](#), "Site Characterization and Source Delineation of Co-Mingled Trichloroethene (TCE) Plume at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, OK".

05/13/10 - COL Daniel J. Leveille, Commander, 560 RED HORSE Squadron, Charleston AFB, "Unit Standup and Operations".

06/17/10 - LTC Jason A. Kirk, P.E., Commander, Charleston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, "Charleston District, Army Corps of Engineers Programs"

07/15/10 - Michael Cain, from [Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung](#), will speak on "[Engineers Without Borders](#)"

08/19/10 - Dr. Rob Mullins, Jr., [Stantec Consulting](#), will present "Levee Challenges in a Post-Katrina Environment". Prior to joining Stantec, Rob was the Deputy District Engineer for Project Management at the Louisville District of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

09/16/10 - Robert Miller, My Land Solutions, Inc., speaking on the Power of C4

**REMINDER . . .** Please update your Membership contact information on the same national website at: <http://www.same.org>