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MARCH MEETING: Commander Briefings & Small Business Conference

Please join us on Thursday March 20th and Friday, March 21st for a special event at the Isle of Capri Casino in Bettendorf, Iowa. This conference helps Small Businesses expand its outreach efforts in the small business community and to increase small business opportunities with the Corps of Engineers. The conference features U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Engineers and distinguished guest who relate the ongoing and future programs in their respective commands, their outlook on the future workload, trends, and job opportunities. Speaking at the Small Business session includes: Vicky Miller, Tom Koopmeiners, Carolyn A. Tonn, Jim Summons, and Scott Ward. Commander's briefing will include: St. Paul, Omaha, Louisville, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Rock Island Districts; and the US Army Garrison Manager.

MEETING DATE: Thursday and Friday, March 20 & 21, 2008

LOCATION: **Isle of Capri Casino**
 1777 Isle Parkway
 Bettendorf, IA 52722

AGENDA: **Thursday – March 20th**
 1215 Registration Salon A
 1300- 1550 Small Business Conference
 1700- 1900 Ice Breaker and Social Hours
 Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar

Friday – March 21st
 0730 Registration: Salon A
 0820 – 1130 Commanders Conference
 1130 – 1315 Luncheon and Keynote Speaker
 1315 – 1515 Continuation of the Commanders Conference

COST: Full Registration: Small Business Conference, Ice Breaker and Commander Briefings (with one Free Drink Ticket)
 SAME Member \$100
 Non- Member \$125
 Sustaining Member Booth Space \$250
 (Conference registration not included.)

Luncheon & Keynote Speaker Only
 SAME Member \$20 (In Place of the regularly monthly

meeting)
 Non- Member \$25

Ice Breaker Only – One Free Drink Ticket
 SAME Member \$10
 Non- Member \$15

RESERVATIONS: Contact Scott Bullock at scott.a.bullock@usace.army.mil
 Or 309.794.5579.



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COMMANDER BRIEFINGS

&

SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

March 20 & 21, 2008

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1777 Isle Parkway
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722**

For Registration or more information, contact:

Scott Bullock at (309) 794-5579 or Scott.A.Bullock@usace.army.mil

For more information on the Small Business Conference, contact:

Doug Davis at (309) 794-5205 or Doug.D.Davis@usace.army.mil

Or Visit our Post Website:

<http://www.same.org/rockisland>

Small Business Conference

Driving Sustainable Change

The purpose of the Small Business Conference is to expand outreach efforts in the small business community and to increase small business opportunities with the Corps of Engineers.

Thursday – March 20th

- 1215 – 1300 *Registration: Salon A*
1300 – 1310 **Welcome – Doug Davis – Rock Island District Corps of Engineers**
1310 – 1330 **Procurement Technical Assistance / SBDC – Vicky Miller**
1330 – 1400 **Small Business Subcontract Plans – Tom Koopmeiners**
1400 – 1410 Break
1410 – 1440 **Women Owned Small Business / SBA Loan Program – Carolyn A. Tonn**
1440 – 1550 **Doing Business with the Government – Russell Construction: James V. Russell - President, Scott Ward – Senior Project Manager**
1550 – 1600 **Closing Remarks – Doug Davis – Rock Island District Corps of Engineers**

Ice Breaker Reception

Thursday – March 20th

- 1700 – 1900 *Ice Breaker Reception / Social Hour: Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar.
(One Free drink ticket is provided with registration.)*

Commander Briefings

*The Commander Briefings will feature U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Engineers and distinguished guests, speaking about the ongoing and future programs in their respective commands. Listen to their outlook on the future workload trends and opportunities for firms both large and small.
The invited speakers include:*

Friday – March 21st

- 0730 - 0820 – *Registration: Salon A*
0820 - 0830 – **Welcome, Main Conference Room**
0830 - 0900 – **St. Paul District Commander**
0900 - 0930 – **Omaha District Commander**
0930 - 0945 – Break
0945 - 1015 – **Louisville District Commander**
1015 - 1045 – **Chicago District Commander**
1045 - 1115 – **Kansas City District Commander**
1115 - 1130 – Break, Move to Luncheon Room: Salon B/C
1130 - 1315 – **Luncheon and Keynote Speaker – Mississippi Valley Division Commander (tentatively)**
1315 - 1330 – Break, Move to Main Conference Room
1330 - 1400 – **St. Louis District Commander**
1400 - 1430 – **Rock Island District Commander**
1430 - 1500 – **US Army Garrison Manager – Rock Island Arsenal**
1430 - 1445 – **Closing Remarks**

Registration Form

SAME Rock Island Post Commander Briefings & Small Business Conference

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
City, ST, ZIP: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Office Website: _____
SAME Member? (yes/no) _____
if yes, what Post Affiliation(s) _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Full Registration: Small Business Conference, Ice Breaker and Commander Briefings

- SAME Member \$100
 Non- Member \$125

Receive one FREE drink ticket for the Ice Breaker Reception with Full Registration.

- Sustaining Member Booth Space \$250 (Conference registration not included.)

Luncheon & Keynote Speaker Only

- SAME Member \$20 (this option takes the place of the regularly scheduled monthly meeting)
 Non- Member \$25

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 Non- Member \$15

Receive one FREE drink ticket

Method of Payment: **Make checks payable to SAME Rock Island Post**
(Sorry, Registration by Credit Card is not possible)

Please send check to:

Scott Bullock
U.S. Army Engineer District, Rock Island
CEMVR-EC-HQ
Clock Tower Building
Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

Please send Registration Form to the address above, or FAX to (309) 794-5584 (Attn: Scott Bullock), or email this registration form to Scott.A.Bullock@usace.army.mil.

Thank You for Registering!

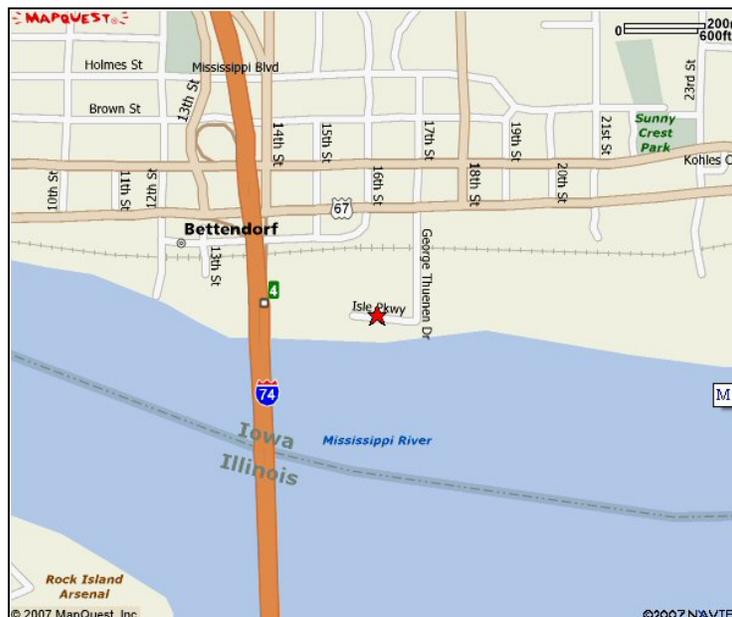
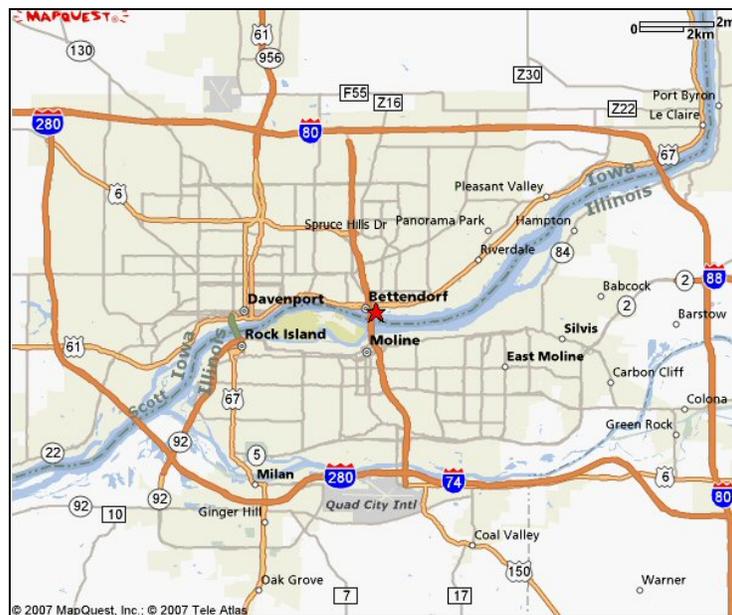
HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Isle of Capri Casino
1777 Isle Parkway
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722
1-800-THE-ISLE

<http://www.isleofcapricasinos.com/Bettendorf/>

The Isle of Capri Casino Complex is located on the banks of the Mississippi River just east of Interstate I-74. It's easily accessible from Interstates I-80 and I-280 and is just north of the Quad-Cities International Airport in Moline, Illinois. A shuttle service is available from the airport to the hotel upon request. Please contact the hotel directly to reserve a room. A block of rooms has been set aside for the event; ask for group "S.A.M.E." Act fast; there are a limited number of rooms available that will be released after March 15.

★ **Isle of Capri Casino & Hotel:**
563-359-7280
1777 Isle Pkwy
Bettendorf, IA 52722, US



February Meeting Summary – The Quad City Engineering and Science Council (QCESC) Awards Banquet.

Dr. Kenneth J. Klunde, Distinguished Chemistry Professor from Kansas State University, spoke on Nanotechnology: Innovation for the 21st Century. The exciting and rapidly evolving multi-discipline field of Nanotechnology has involved into the creation of materials, devices and systems through manipulating matter less than 100 nanometers in length. He's helped shape the world's future through science, technology, and new products that represent benchmarks of engineering.

Our Post Member, Mr. Roger Less, Chief of the Design Branch at the Rock Island District, was awarded the Senior Engineer of the Year. Please congratulate Roger!

Further Congratulations go to our Post... The winner of the Society of the Year Award. Your support and dedication made it possible.

SAME 2008 National Conference Update

Sustaining Member firms in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post and the Rock Island Post can now make reservations for Exhibit Booths. Registration flyers are available for downloading at the 2008 Conference Website:

<http://www.same-2008.org/sponsors/sponsors.htm>

If you want to get a booth or sponsorship while you still have choices, please follow the link above, or contact Heather Cross at CrossHeather@stanleygroup.com.

Volunteers are needed to help execute the 2008 conference. Please look ahead and prepare to help pull off this event. Post members who are willing to help, please send your contact information to Chuck Spitzack at charles.p.spitzack@mvr02.usace.army.mil. Also, tell Chuck if you have a particular type of activity for which you want to volunteer. If you are available to help wherever needed, just tell Chuck to put you down as a general volunteer looking for an assignment.

Membership Update

As stated in The Military Engineer, September – October 2007 magazine, the transition to a new Association Management System (AMS) for Individual Members is up and running. If you need to determine your new SAME Member ID Number to update your member profile, please contact Individual Member Specialist Christine Gruskowski at christine@same.org, 703-549-3800, ext. 123, or Membership Support Specialist Heather Alexander at halexander@same.org, or 703-549-3800, ext. 122.

SAME has converted all Sustaining Members to its new Association Management System (AMS) and is now doing a final quality assurance check on the data. We appreciate our members' patience through this challenging process.

If you have any questions, please contact Sustaining Member Specialist Jackie Porter at jporter@same.org, or 703-549-3800, ext.121. You may also e-mail your comments or concerns to the SAME membership department at member@same.org.

2008 Engineering and Construction Camp

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Rock Island Post is the proud sponsor of three Engineering and Construction Summer Camps designed to provide qualified high school students with hands-on experience in the field. Our goal is to promote engineering excellence and increased awareness among local high school students. The SAME Rock Island Post will pay the full tuition and airfare for three students who best fit the selection criteria. This is an opportunity for exceptional local students to meet similarly interested and talented youth from around the world.

Continued - 2008 Engineering and Construction Camp

The camps are being held at the U.S. Army Camp in Vicksburg, Mississippi, the U.S. Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, California. The respective dates of the camps are June 8-14, June 27-July 3, and July 20-26, 2008.

Applications deadlines are fast approaching. See the [SAME national website](#) for applications and the most current information about the SAME summer camps.

Applications for the U.S. Air Force Academy and the Naval Seabees Camps must be submitted to the Rock Island Post point of contact for summer camps, Cory Haberman. Please feel free to contact Cory by phone 309.794.5129, or by [email](#) with any questions or concerns.

2008 Scholarships

For 2008, the Post has a target of offering one-year scholarships at the \$2,000 and \$1,000 levels toward a college education in engineering or the associated sciences. The Post will award the scholarships to high school seniors who best fit the criteria. The benefits to these scholarships include sponsorship to SAME and future mentor connections that can be invaluable to the student. These scholarships are offered to graduating seniors from several local high schools in the Quad Cities Area.

The Rock Island Post shall determine the scholarship recipients in April based on applications received by April 1, 2008. Scholarships will be awarded at a SAME meeting, or at the school if time permits. For questions about scholarship opportunities, please contact Kevin Landwehr at (309) 794-5222, or email Kevin.J.Landwehr@usace.army.mil

Recognition of Post Members and Organizations

If you see Dudley Hanson, Graef Anhalt Schloemer and Associates, make sure you pat him on the back! He is in the current issue of TME Magazine as a nominee for the National Executive Board. He has already visited Washington DC to attend one of their meetings.

Please plan on attending the National Conference (JETC 08) in Minneapolis, MN May 20-23. At the conference our Post will be awarded the Top Post Award for 2007! This puts our Post on top of the world again. Every year National awards 3 top posts for small, medium, and large categories. If you see our 2007 Post President, Mr. Mike Ryan, HR Green, please congratulate him as well as other Post Officers and members that contributed to our success.

Secretary Corner

Dean Cerny, the executive secretary is now filling sustaining member briefings for 2008. If you are a sustaining member and would like to give a briefing to the regular luncheon audience, please call or email Dean Cerny, 563-386-0572 x6704 or Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.Army.mil The briefings are a great opportunity to let our Post know what your company does and important information about your company and people. Briefing slots are currently available for Apr 10, Jun 11, Jul 10, Nov 13, and Dec 10.

Upcoming SAME Events:

To add events to the calendar, email Dean Cerny at Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.army.mil

| Date | Post Event Description | Event Information |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| March 20 and 21 st | Commander Briefings / Small Business | Scott Bullock, Ph. 309-794-5579 email: scott.a.bullock@usace.army.mil |
| April 10th, 2008 | Joint Meeting with ASCE | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| May 8 th , 2008 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| May 20-23 rd , 2008 | National Education & Training Conference | Dudley Hanson http://www.same-2008.org/ |
| June 11 th , 2008 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| July 10th, 2008 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| August 14th, 2008 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| August xx, 2008 | X-Stream River Clean-up | Dave Bequeaith, Ph 309-794-5270 |
| August 15, 2008 | Scholarship Golf Outing | POC: Heather Cross Email: crossheather@stanleygroup.com |
| August 26-28, 2008 | Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Regional Conf | See Web Site |
| September 11, 2008 | Joint Meeting CAT Demo Plant (Tentative) | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| October 15th, 2008 | Engineering and Project Management Conference | Mike Ryan, Ph 319-841-4391 Email: mryan@hrgreen.com |
| November 13th, 2008 | National Security Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |
| December 10th, 2008 | Regular Meeting | Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil |

Two longtime SAME buddies got to the course one day and decided that today they would play the ball where it lies... "No matter what!"

On the 14th hole, one of them sliced his ball and it ended up on the cart path. As he reached down to pick up his ball to get relief, his friend said, "Wait a minute! We agreed that we would not improve our lies! Remember? No matter what!"

The first player tried to explain that he was entitled to this relief -- that it was in the rules of golf. But the second fellow would not allow it. Finally, in disgust, the man went to the cart and grabbed a club.

As he stood near his ball, he took a few practice swings, each time scraping the club on the pavement and sending out showers of sparks.

Finally, he took his shot. The club hit the cement again, sparks went flying, but his ball shot straight towards the green, landed and rolled to a stop -- two inches from the cup.

"Great shot!" his friend exclaimed. "What club did you use?"

The man answered with a wry smile, "Your 7-iron!"