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**FEBRUARY MEETING: 47<sup>th</sup> Annual National Engineers Week Banquet**

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This year's program will include original film and photos showing the construction of Locks and Dam 15 between 1932 and 1934. This will be followed by an illustrated presentation by Dr. John O. Anfinson.

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**MEETING DATE:** Friday, February 20, 2009

**LOCATION:** Radisson Quad City Plaza  
111 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Davenport, IA

**AGENDA:** 5:00-6:30 Social Hour w/ Cash Bar, Silent Auction, & Displays  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Program with Awards, Scholarships, & Presentation

**MENU:** Choice of three entrée(s):  
1-Sautéed Breast of Chicken with a Herb Champagne Sauce  
2-Marinated Pork Loin with Garlic Shiitake Mushroom  
Demi 3-Eggplant Parmesan in a Rich Marinara Sauce.  
Includes Seasonal Greens, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Rolls, Dessert with Coffee or Ice Tea. Special requests May be accommodated.

**COST:** \$40 per person  
\$20 per person for Full-Time Student (if registered with an adult)  
\$375 for a table of ten

**RESERVATIONS:** Please sign up by Monday, 2009 February 16<sup>th</sup> at [http://www.qcesc.org/Registration/QCESCRegistration\\_2009.htm](http://www.qcesc.org/Registration/QCESCRegistration_2009.htm). Please try to make reservations as soon as possible! .

# The Quad City Engineering and Science Council

In Partnership with the Henry Farnam Committee Present:

## 47th Annual National Engineers Week Banquet & 6th Annual Henry Farnam Dinner



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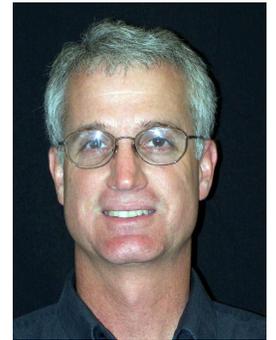


Featured Speaker:

**Dr. John O. Anfinson, National Park Service**

Speaking On:

***A River Transformed: The Upper Mississippi  
Before and After the Locks and Dams***



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- Time:** 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Social with cash bar, silent auction, and displays  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Program with Awards, Scholarships, and Featured Speaker
- Location:** Radisson Quad City Plaza • 111 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street • Davenport, Iowa
- Menu:** Choice of three entrée(s): (1) – Sautéed Breast of Chicken with a Herb Champagne Sauce, (2) – Marinated Pork Loin with a Garlic Shiitake Mushroom Demi, (3) – Eggplant Parmesan in a Rich Marinara Sauce. Includes Seasonal Greens, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Rolls, Dessert with Coffee or Ice Tea.
- Cost:** Banquet: \$40.00 per person • \$20 for full-time students if registered with adult • \$375 for a table of ten
- Further Info:** Contact Pat Barnes via e-mail [president@qcesc.org](mailto:president@qcesc.org) or call 309-748-1333

**For Reservations: Make your reservation online at [www.qcesc.org](http://www.qcesc.org) (preferred) or Call 309-748-1333**

**Advance reservations and payment are required by February 16, 2008 - No Late reservations**

**The general public including students are welcome to attend this event.**

## JANUARY MEETING: Spouse Night, Awards & Installation of New Officers

This year's celebration of last years accomplishments was held at the Davenport Outing Club. Over 70 people attended the event that included Installation of Officers, Awards, and a Tribute to the Troops Video. Robert and Scott Cerny provided music from their latest CD entitled Planning the Rebellion: Songs of the Earth. The recipient of the Paul Norton award was Scott Bullock. Regional Vice President SK Nanda awarded the RVP medal to Kevin Landwehr and Dean Cerny for their tremendous efforts and dedication to the post. H.R. Green was selected as the Sustaining Member of Year, and COL Sinkler was presented with the Past President hammer award. Lastly, MSG Dominic Kempson, NCO Director and Master of Ceremonies, was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal presented by COL Sinkler.



Thank you to last year's officers for an excellent job. Your high standards of service and commitment have proven well for our post as shown in the increase in membership, attendance, and new programs. This commitment to bettering the post will surely continue with this year's new officers. Speakers this year included, but is not limited to: SK Nanda, Regional Vice President, discussing regional issues; our past President, COL Sinkler, recapping the past year's happenings; and our current President, Matt Clark, describing his plan for the upcoming year. As always the evening concluded with the signing of "Auld Lang Syne" led by Dudley Hanson and MSG Dominic Kempson.

Installed at the meeting:

### **Rock Island Post**

#### **2009 Officers**

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Immediate Past President	Col. Robert Sinkler- USACE
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Director 1 Years	Joan Freitag- Hanson-Inc
Director (Young Member)	Cory Haberman- USACE
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#### **Appointed Directors**

Director Emeritus	S. K. Nanda- USACE
Director Emeritus	Dudley Hanson – GASAI
Director Emeritus	Lynn Pruitt- Stanley Consultants

### **Planning for Boy Scout Engineering Day**

As part of our program planning for 2009, we will be hosting an event with the local Boy Scout troop to support their efforts in obtaining an engineering badge. The event has been scheduled for April 4, 2009, (Saturday) at a location to be determined. We need 3-4 volunteers to support planning and 10-15 volunteers to host the event (working with the Scouts at different activity stations). If any members were an eagle scout, feel obligated to volunteer. Please contact Sarah Babcock, [BabcockS@AyresAssociates.com](mailto:BabcockS@AyresAssociates.com), if you are interested in volunteering, have an idea about a possible venue, or know of a simple engineering exercise/activity (like bridge contest) that teaches engineering values.

## Quad Cities Battle of the Bridges Planning Committee

The Quad City Engineering and Science Council (QCESC) with support from Putnam/IMAX Museum, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), will host the 2nd Annual Battle of the Bridges scheduled for Saturday February 7th, 2009 at the Putnam/IMAX Museum. The 1st annual event had a phenomenal turnout and the contest was a huge success!

The 2nd Annual Battle of the Bridges is on track for another successful event as ASCE and SAME have agreed to support the contest. So far SAME has donated towards bridge supplies and ASCE is searching their contact list for bridge/structural experts interested in helping out and sending out announcements to their member society asking for volunteers.

As we prepare for the 2nd Annual Battle of the Bridges contest, if you have any would like to help, have questions, and/or comments, feel free to email [scott.a.bullock@usace.army.mil](mailto:scott.a.bullock@usace.army.mil) or call his cell phone at (309) 269-0586.

## Nomination of National Awards, Streamers, Etc, Continued

All members are encouraged to look over the National award criteria ([www.same.org](http://www.same.org)) and fill out nomination packages either for themselves or for someone else. If anyone has inputs for the 2008 streamers, please give that information to Mr. Dean Cerny. This includes any professional articles, newspaper recognition, SAME News, etc.

## To the Future and Beyond

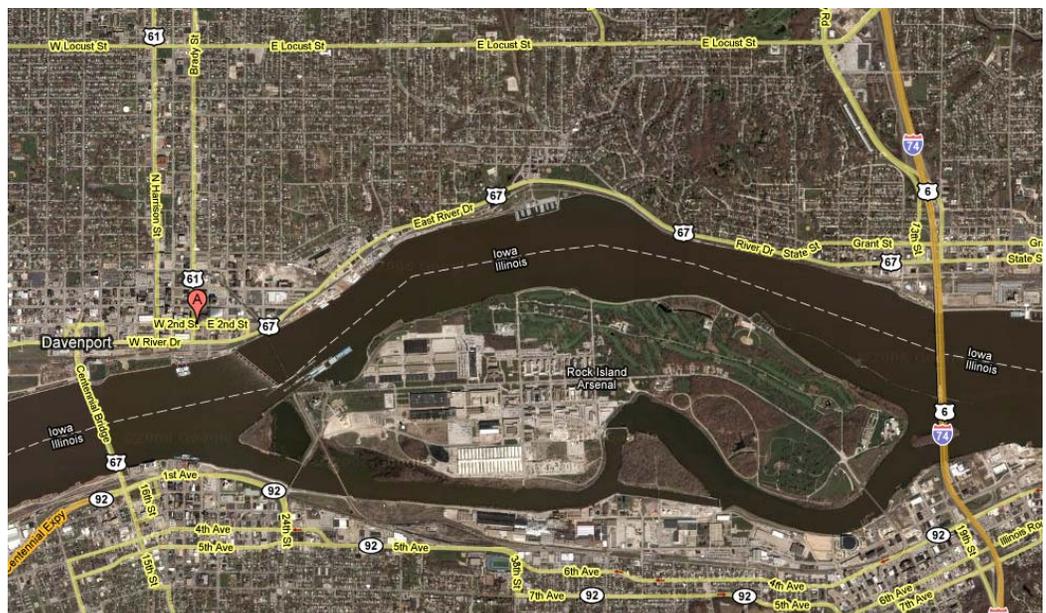
Business Briefs are available for next year for March, April, June, July, September, November, and December. Please speak with Dean Cerny at 563-386-0572 or [Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil](mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil)

The Small Business and Commanders Conference is expanding this year. More information will be coming soon, but please block off May 6-8th, 2009 on your calendars.

## Upcoming SAME Training:

LEED for DOD Projects Workshop, Honolulu Hawaii, Feb 24, 2009, <http://www.same.org/LEED>

**Meeting Location**  
**Radisson Quad City Plaza**  
111 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Davenport, IA



### Upcoming SAME Events:

To add events to the calendar, email Dean Cerny at [Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.army.mil](mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.army.mil)

Date	Post Event Description	Event Information
February 20, 2009 (Fri)	QCESC Dinner	<a href="http://www.QCSEC.org">www.QCSEC.org</a>
March 12, 2009	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: <a href="mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil">Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil</a>
April 4, 2009	Boy Scout Merit Badge Day	Sarah Babcock, Ph. 608-443-1228 email: <a href="mailto:BabcockS@AyresAssociates.com">BabcockS@AyresAssociates.com</a>
April 9, 2009	Joint Meeting with ASCE	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: <a href="mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil">Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil</a>
May 6-8, 2009	Commanders /Small Business Conference	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: <a href="mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil">Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil</a>
May 12-15, 2009	National Conference	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: <a href="mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil">Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil</a>
June 10 (Wed), 2009	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: <a href="mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil">Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil</a>
July 9, 2009	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: <a href="mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil">Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil</a>
August 2009	Scholarship Golf Outing	Heather Cross, Ph. 563-264-6779 email: <a href="mailto:CrossHeather@stanleygroup.com">CrossHeather@stanleygroup.com</a>
August 2009	X-Stream River Clean Up Event with ASCE	David Bequeaith, Ph. 309-794-5270 email: <a href="mailto:David.A.Bequeaith@usace.army.mil">David.A.Bequeaith@usace.army.mil</a>
September 10, 2009	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: <a href="mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil">Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil</a>
October 21, 2009	Training Conference	Mike Ryan, Ph. 319-841-4391 email: <a href="mailto:mryan@hrgreen.com">mryan@hrgreen.com</a>
November 12, 2009	National Security Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: <a href="mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil">Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil</a>
December 17, 2009	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: <a href="mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil">Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil</a>