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JUNE MEETING:

The June Meeting will be conducted on Wednesday the 10th of June at the Quad City Botanical Center and will feature guest speaker COL Richard Houghton, Chief, Readiness and Emergency Management Division and Directorate of Installations & Mission Support Headquarters Air Mobility Command.

Col Houghton will discuss his specific experiences working for the Army's 101st Airborne Division (CJTF-101) at Bagram Airfield and provide an overview of some of the common missions undertaken by Facility Engineer Teams in southwest Asia.

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2009

**LOCATION: Quad City Botanical Center
 2525 4th Avenue
 Rock Island, IL 61201**

AGENDA:

- 1100-1130 Board Meeting
- 1130-1200 Social Hour
- 1200-1215 Business Brief- Pat Sloan (Foth)
- 1215-1230 Scholarship Back Brief- Luke Johanson
- 1230-1245 Presentation of Scholarships
- 1245-1330 Lunch and Speaker

MENU:

- Sweet and Sour Pork
- Asian Blend Vegetables
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Assorted Salads
- Dinner Rolls and Beverage

COST:

- \$10 for Public Sector and Retirees, Per Person
- \$15 for Private Sector, Per Person.
- All are Payable at the Door

RESERVATIONS: **RSVP By COB, Monday, 8 June 2009 to:**
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Commander's Conference + Small Business Conference = "One Great Event!"

This year's Commander's Briefings Conference was combined with the National Defense Industrial Association's annual Small Business Conference to create the Small Business Symposium. An unimaginable success, this "Great Event" had well over 300 people in attendance for two days and contained over 80 booths displaying a wide range of products and services from local businesses. This was a significant and surprising turn out when compared to last year's event which contained only 27 booths.



Speakers for the Thursday portion of symposium included representatives from each Corp of Engineer District in the Mississippi Valley Division. In addition, during the Commander's Briefings portion of the meeting, the Kansas City, Omaha, Chicago, and Louisville Corps Districts along with the Rock Island Garrison Manager each presented updates on current projects in there respective areas and outlined future work for the upcoming year.

The Small Business portion of the Symposium featured many speakers from several large and small businesses, as well as notable personnel from many Governmental Contracting agencies. The presentations were insightful and discussed topics ranging from how to obtain contracts for government work to how to successfully manage a small business in these harsh economic times. The keynote speaker on Friday was Iowa Congressman Bruce Braley. He discussed "The Importance of Small Business to the U.S. Economy" and focused on the business opportunities and other economic issues that pertain specifically to the small businesses in the local area.

For more information on the Commanders Briefings, please visit the SAME Rock Island Post home page at- <http://posts.same.org/rockisland/briefings.htm>

Information on the other briefings held during the Symposium can be found at <http://www.ndia-ia-il.org/briefings.html>

SAME 2009 National Conference

With more than 10 post leaders in attendance, the Rock Island Post was well represented at the SAME National JETC 2009 in Salt Lake City. The Rock Island Post was honored as the Top Medium Post for 2008 at the Post Awards Luncheon and won additional kudos the next day at the Awards Breakfast. Also, Regional Vice President (RVP) S.K. Nanda was on hand to receive the award on behalf of the Great Lakes Region being honored as the Top Region. All in all it was an exciting week with interesting presentations, excellent guest speakers, and several opportunities to mingle with other SAME members from across the country. Needless to say, the members present at the conference had a great time and are looking forward to attending next year’s conference in Atlanta, GA (May 4-7, 2010).



Pictured Above (L to R): SK Nanda, RVP; Dudley Hanson Rock Island Post; Joan Freitag, Illini Post; Connie Boris, Detroit Post; Jim Scott, Minneapolis- St. Paul Post; Ken Endress, Lake Michigan Post; Dean Geers, Chicago Post; CPT. Julius Washington, President of Lake Michigan Post; and RADM Greg Shear, outgoing President of SAME.



(L to R): Matt Clark, President of the Rock Island Post being awarded the Top Medium Post banner by RADM Greg Shear.



(L to R): LTG Van Antwerp and S.K. Nanda, Great Lakes RVP with the Top Region banner

Hanson Receives Award for Support of the National Guard and Reserve

Hanson Professional Services Inc. recently received the Pro Patria award from the Illinois Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). The Pro Patria award is the highest-level ESGR award that can be given by an individual state field committee.

The award is presented annually to an employer in the state that provides exceptional support of our national defense through leadership practices and personnel policies that support their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

Pictured at right (L to R) are Hanson's President and CEO, Sergio "Satch" Pecori, along with Hanson employee, Maj. Craig Holan, accepting the Pro Patria award on behalf of the company from Michael Ayers, Employer Outreach Chairman for the Illinois Committee for ESGR.



Congratulations to Chris Day of Stanley Consultants

Chris Day, P.E., Senior Project Manager for Stanley Consultants in Muscatine, IA was the recipient of the Toulmin Medal for the best article in The Military Engineer (TME) by an SAME member.

The article "Master Planning in the AOR" was published in the September-October 2008 issue of TME. Day described the challenges of developing an unprecedented number of air bases within the area of responsibility of the U.S. Air Force Central Command (USAFCENT), which covers more than 27 countries and more than 5,400-sq. mi. in Southwest Asia. The challenges that Day outlines range from evolving external influences such as U.S. Policy changes to shifting host-nation politics to consideration for future site use by host-nation governments.

The Toulmin Medal is named in honor of Lt. Col. H.A. Toulmin Jr. and only two medals may be awarded annually.



Secretary's Corner:

Thank you for your interest in the business briefs and your continued support to the Rock Island Post. The following individuals have already reserved the remaining business brief slots for 2009:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>
Pat Sloan	(Foth)	Jun 10	Dave Hart	(Continental)	Dec 17
Joan Freitag	(Hansen)	July 9	Lynn Pruitt	(Stanley)	2010
Dominic Kempson	(Norris)	Sep 10	Ken Beck	(Terracon)	2010
Jim Hagan	(Baker)	Nov 12	Bob Ivarson	(HNTB)	2010

This is a great opportunity for Sustaining Member firms to showcase their company and let our membership know more about what they do. Business briefs last approximately 10 minutes. Presenters are asked to bring their own laptop and projector. If you are interested in obtaining one of the limited slots in 2010, be sure to contact Dean immediately at: Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.Army.mil as scheduling is on a first come, first serve basis.

2009 Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Regional Conference

This year's Great Lakes and Ohio River Valley Regional Conference will be co-hosted by the Detroit and Sault St. Marie Posts on the 11th-13th of August. The Conference will take place at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance and promises to be an entertaining and exciting event.

Conference details, including the technical program, hotel accommodations, etc. are posted on the Detroit Post's website, located at <http://www.same-detroit.org/09regional.html> For further information and online registration, please consult the following link- www.regonline.com/689039 or contact Pam Horner, Secretary of the Detroit Post, at 313-226-6748 or by email at pam.horner@usace.army.mil.

Summer Engineering and Construction Camps

Three local high school students have been selected to attend the SAME Navy Seabees and USAFA Engineering and Construction Camps. Loren Williams, an upcoming sophomore from J.D. Darnell High School in Geneseo, was selected for the USAFA Camp and will be traveling to Colorado Springs in late June. Danielle Kimler, an upcoming senior at Davenport Central High School, has been nominated by the Rock Island Post to attend the Seabees Camp. Danielle is awaiting final approval at the beginning of June from the national organization to attend the camp. Austin Seneca, an upcoming senior from Gibson City Melvin Sibley High School, was nominated and selected as the alternate candidate for the Seabees Camp and is also awaiting final acceptance to attend. The Rock Island Post will be sponsoring each of these candidates by paying their entire camp tuition as well as airfare. Congratulations to the nominees!

SAME 2008 Top Medium Post: Rock Island Post

As most of you already know, the Rock Island Post was recently selected as the SAME Top Medium Post for a 2nd consecutive year and I'd like to take a moment to provide a summary of some of the elements that contributed to the Post's success. First off, the Rock Island Post was awarded all four of its streamers with distinction. We had an extensive outreach, education, and training program in 2008 that included an engineering conference addressing topics such as the use of the reserve component and its support to the war on terror, Nano and Lidar technology, and construction of the slurry wall along the Lockport canal, to name a few. Additionally, the Post addressed national security issues by attending a flood mitigation workshop, participating in support efforts during the Midwest flooding of 2008, and holding a national security luncheon meeting. To support the education of future engineers, Education and Mentoring Funds were used to send three students to the SAME Engineering and Construction Camps over the summer. The Post also became actively involved in a local bridge building competition and initiated collaboration with the Boy Scouts. The Rock Island Post also co-hosted the 2008 Joint Engineer Training Conference and Expo in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a final note, Post membership grew by nearly 19 percent during the year. There are several other factors that contributed to the success of the post, but from the basic summary provided above it's easy to understand why the Rock Island Post has been selected as a Distinguished Post for past two consecutive years. Well done and keep up the good work in 2009!

June Meeting Location: Quad Cities Botanical Center



Upcoming SAME Events:

Date	Post Event Description	Event Information
9-Jul-09	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
Aug 11-13, 2009	Joint Regional Meeting- Detroit, MI	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
21-Aug-09	Scholarship Golf Outing	Heather Cross, Ph. 563-264-6779 email: CrossHeather@stanleygroup.com
Aug-09	X-Stream River Clean Up Event with ASCE	David Bequeaith, Ph. 309-794-5270 email: David.A.Bequeaith@usace.army.mil
10-Sep-09	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
21-Oct-09	Training Conference	Mike Ryan, Ph. 319-841-4391 email: mryan@hrgreen.com
12-Nov-09	National Security Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
17-Dec-09	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
May 4-7, 2010	SAME National JETC 2010	http://www.same.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=5048

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