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JULY MEETING:

This month's meeting will feature a presentation from Colonel (Ret.) Thomas Hodgini and Ms. Barbara Lester of the recently established Rock Island New Orleans Support (RINOS) office. Tom and Barbara will discuss the Rock Island District's new mission to help design and construct the greater New Orleans area Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) by 2011. They lead the RINOS team, which is responsible for providing the New Orleans District with project management, engineering, design, contracting, real estate and other support for four specific West Bank & Vicinity (WBV) HSDRRS projects totaling nearly \$1 billion of construction.

MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 9, 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- Joan Freitag (Hanson)
1215-1330 Lunch and Speaker

MENU: Beef Stroganoff
Whole Kernel Corn
Twice Baked 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

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**JUNE MEETING SUMMARY:
Engineering Lessons from SW Asia and SAME Scholarship Awards**

The June Meeting featured a riviting and relevent presentation from Col Richard Houghton, Chief, Readiness and Emergency Management Division and Directorate of Installations & Mission Support Headquarters Air Mobility Command. He discussed several of his experiences working for the Army's 101st Airborne Division (CJTF-101) at Bagram Airfield and provided an overview of some of the common missions undertaken by some of the Facility Engineer Teams in Southwest Asia.

Col Houghton also went over several of the engineering opportunities that presented themselves with the current surge of coalition forces back into Afghanistan. He discussed in detail the challenges of working with the local sponsors and the Afghan contractors to facilitate the desperately needed improvements to the local and regional infrastructure of the country. He also addressed several issues regarding facility sustainment and long range infrastructure solutions that the Afghan people would have to face when coalition forces withdraw from Afghanistan.



All in all, he did an excellent job of conveying the progress of the current engineering missions taking place within the country while providing a glimpse of the tremendous opportunities and advancements that await the Afghan people in the future.

The June meeting also offered an excellent opportunity to recognize this year’s SAME Scholarship Award winners. Several of the award winners along with their family members were present at the luncheon to receive their SAME scholarships from the Rock Island Post. *Pictured to the right is John Sanderson after receiving his scholarship for Post President Matthew Clark.*



A complete list of this year’s award winners along with their respective colleges and their anticipated majors are listed below-

Name	High School	Attending	Degree
Rebecca Briesmoore	Davenport Central	University of Iowa	Civil Engineering
Austin A. Dobbels	Galva	Iowa State University	Chemical Engineering
Kelsey Regan	Davenport North	Iowa State University	Civil Engineering
John Sanderson	Peoria Notre Dame	University of Illinois	Industrial Engineering
Nathaniel Thompson	Geneseo	University of Dayton	Mechanical Engineering

I would also like to take a moment to recognize Luke Johanson (prior SAME Scholarship award winner and SAME Summer Camp Participant) for volunteering to give a summary of his recent college experiences and how SAME has helped him on the road to becoming a successful civil engineer. Luke did a nice job of conveying to this year’s award winners the typical problems and decisions that a college student must undertake in order to become a successful engineer.

Best wishes to Luke in his future career as a civil engineering officer in the US Air Force and good luck to all of our award winners. You all have the ability and drive to become successful engineers and we look forward to the great accomplishments that you will achieve.

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>
Dominic Kempson	(NRC, Inc.)	Sep 10	Lynn Pruitt	(Stanley)	2010
Jim Hagan	(Baker)	Nov 12	Ken Beck	(Terracon)	2010
Dave Hart	(Continental)	Dec 17	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.

2009 Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Regional Conference

Time is running out to sign up for this year's Great Lakes and Ohio River Valley Regional Conference. The event will be co-hosted by the Detroit and Sault St. Marie Posts and take place 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

As the days grow longer and the temperatures heat up, we're constantly reminded that summer is defiantly here. With these hot summer days comes the temptation for kids to relax and play video games all day long. Fortunately a couple of local students have decided to challenge themselves this summer and have selected to attend the annual summer 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 has just recently returned from her trip to the Air Force Academy located in beautiful Colorado Springs, Colorado. Throughout her week at camp, Loren designed, built, and tested materials while participating in several team-building and problem-solving activities. Some of the projects that she participated in were the concrete beam competition, the planning and layout of a sprinkler system, the construction of a wood shed, and the design of a wastewater treatment system. She was able to spend some time with a local A&E firm and was also given the opportunity to tour the USAFA laboratories and some of the cadet facilities.

Danielle Kimler, an upcoming senior at Davenport Central High School, has been nominated by the Rock Island Post and approved by camp coordinators to attend the Seabees Engineering and Construction Camp at Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, California. The camp is a week long hands on training session that encourages students to pursue careers in multiple engineering fields while giving an introduction to the work of military engineers and the Seabee community. Danielle will be leaving later this month to attend the camp. Unfortunately, due to increased enrollment, our alternate candidate Austin Seneca, an upcoming senior from Gibson City Melvin Sibley High School was not approved for Seabee camp.

Representatives of the Rock Island Post, Active Around the Region

The Rock Island Post has the unique distinction of having three people sitting on the SAME Board of Direction: S. K Nanda, the Regional Vice President for the Great Lakes Region; Heather Cross, the Chairperson of the Young Members Council; and, Dudley Hanson, an Elected Director.

RVP Nanda has made it a point of his Vice-Presidency to try and visit all of the posts in the Great Lakes Region at least once during his two year tenure. Just over half way into his term, he has already visited 6 out of 8 of the Great Lakes Region posts, with only the Buffalo, NY and the Sault Ste. Marie, MI Posts remaining on his tour list. RVP Nanda often travels to these posts to help them focus their energies on achieving the strategic goals of SAME, to install and energize their new officers, and to inspire them to develop their long-term engineering potential.



Pictured above is SK with the officers he had just recently installed for the Minneapolis- St. Paul (M-SP) Post. Left to right, Chris Afdahl, RVP SK Nanda, incoming M-SP President Steve Alm, Ben Tustison, Chris Ericson and outgoing M-SP Post President Mark Angelo.

While it is true that he has put in several long hours of hard work and travel, he has not had to endure it all by himself. Luckily, Dudley Hanson of Graef-USA (sustaining member) has often accompanied RVP Nanda on his travels. Mr. Hanson was selected as an Elected Director for 2008-2011 and is a voting member on the SAME Board of Direction. He has accompanied RVP Nanda on several trips and their most recent visit to The Illini Post is depicted in the pictures below.



Above, RVP SK Nanda presents the RVP Medal to Illini Post members Hal Balback (left) and Roch Ducey (right).

Information about the activities of Heather Cross, the Chairperson of the Young Members Council can be found in the Young Member's Corner on the next page.

Young Member's Corner

The National Young Members Council (YMC) strives to provide guidance and professional development resources to Posts and Young Members, while facilitating participation in Society events and activities at the national and local levels. The YMC also works to develop and enhance the Young Members' "networking" relationship. As such, the YMC has selected [LinkedIn](#) as the official networking choice for SAME. Membership is easy and hassle free so be sure to join the Society of American Military Engineers Group. It is an excellent way for Young Members to enhance their networking opportunities. To visit the Young Member section of the SAME website or to provide any feedback please visit- <http://www.same.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3410>.

National Young Member Council: Here are your current council members and their emails:

Heather Cross	Council Chair, same.ymchair@gmail.com
Timothy Scheffler	Council Secretary, same.ymsecretary@gmail.com
Patrick Miller	Vice Chair, Communications, same.ymcommunications@gmail.com
Chris Stoppel	Vice Chair, Mentoring & Recognition, same.ymmentoring@gmail.com
Kierston Koory	Vice Chair, Conferences, same.ymconferences@gmail.com
Dave Pratt	Vice Chair, Programs, same.ymprograms@gmail.com

The council is always looking for individuals interested in getting involved at the national level. If you're interested, please contact Heather Cross at same.ymchair@gmail.com. Liaison positions currently open include: NCO, College Outreach, Engineering & Construction Camps, and Awards & Recognition.

Scholarship Golf Outing

Besides being the National YMC Chair, Heather is also the organizer for this year's Annual Scholarship Golf Outing which will be held on Friday, August 21st at the Geneva Golf and Country Club in Muscatine, Iowa. If you would like to receive more information, please feel free to contact Heather at (563)-264-6779 or by email at Heather.A.Cross@usace.army.mil. If you would like to sign up for the event, please send a completed registration form and a check written out to the Rock Island Post SAME to Bryan Snook. All prices, times, and addresses are located on the attached registration form.

X-Stream River Clean Up with ASCE

This year's sixth annual X-Stream Clean-up will be held on Saturday, August 22 at Sunset Park. The anticipated start and end times will be approximately 8:00am-11:30am. Anyone interested in purifying and protecting the local waters is encouraged to participate. Make it a family event by bringing your children and loved ones. No previous experience is necessary. Other venues are also available all along the river. Just [sign up now](#) and choose the site where you'd like to help out or simply show up that morning. We would like to suggest early enrollment to ensure that everyone receives a special commemorative T-Shirt for helping out.



Picture of last year's X-Stream Clean-up effort.

We also want to encourage a good turn-out this year in order to beat last year's massive effort in which volunteers removed over 142,000 pounds of debris from the local area waterways. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. For more information please check the official website at- www.xstreamcleanup.org or contact Dave Bequeith at- (309)794-5270.

July Meeting Location: Quad Cities Botanical Center



Quad Cities Botanical Center
 2525 4th Ave
 Rock Island, IL 61201

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
22-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