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## April 14 Meeting: Devils Lake, N.D. - Defending against a Rising Tide

*On April 2, 2010, Devils Lake crept to a new record level, surpassing the previous record EL of 1450.73 feet NGVD 29, set on June 27, 2009. Devils Lake is a natural glacial lake that varies in stage with wet and dry cycles. From its lowest 1993 elevation of 1422.62 feet NGVD to its June 2010 record elevation of 1452.05 feet NGVD, Devils Lake rose 29.43 feet. The rising lake levels have caused considerable damage to houses, roads and infrastructure throughout the Devils Lake Basin.*



The **Bergmann-Hanson-HDR JV** is providing services to the St. Paul District to complete the design, plans, specifications and other supporting documents for raising the Devils Lake City Embankments. Technical challenges include a demanding design and construction schedule, unsuitable, unstable soils, interior drainage, a new 312,000 gpm pump station, and other options to add value to the project and reduce the overall cost to the Government and the public.

## Commanding General of the U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp



The Rock Island Post is privileged to host General Van Antwerp as a quest speaker for the Thursday, April 14 meeting.

On May 18, 2007, Lieutenant General Robert L. "Van" Van Antwerp became the U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). General Van serves as the senior military officer overseeing most of the Nation's civil works infrastructure and military construction.

As the USACE Commanding General, he is responsible for approximately 36,000 civilian and 600 military employees, who provide project management and construction support to 250 Army and Air Force installations in nearly 100 countries around the world. USACE has a key role in support to Overseas Contingency Operations, with thousands of Civilians and Soldiers deployed to support reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. General Van is also responsible for hundreds of environmental protection projects and for overseeing the regulatory permit program to protect, restore and enhance thousands of acres of wetlands. In addition, USACE has an emergency response mission to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency in restoration and repair after a disaster, whether natural or manmade.

## **April Meeting Details:**

- MEETING DATE:** Thursday, April 14, 2011
- LOCATION:** Quad City Botanical Center  
2525 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201
- AGENDA:** 1100-1130 Board Meeting  
1130-1200 Networking Period  
1200-1330 LTG Van Antwerp Brief, Lunch, and Speaker
- MENU:** Chicken Breast in Creamy Herb Sauce  
Green Bean Almondine  
Wild Rice Mix  
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:** Please register by COB Tuesday, 2011 April 12 at:  
<http://posts.same.org/rockisland/registration.htm>  
As an alternate, please email Sarah Kowalczyk at  
[Sarah.Kowalczyk@usace.army.mil](mailto:Sarah.Kowalczyk@usace.army.mil)

## **Other News:**

The Boy Scouts Engineering Merit Badge Day was held on April 2, 2011 at the Davenport Public Works Building. It was a great showing with 85 boy scouts from the eastern Iowa and western Illinois area. The scouts learned about the different fields of engineering and participated in various engineering activities to see what it was all about.

A big thanks to Roger Perk for organizing the event and to the volunteers who helped make this day fun and educational for the scouts. For more information on how the event went check out the article at the Quad City Times. [http://qctimes.com/news/local/article\\_84190896-5d7a-11e0-97e8-001cc4c03286.html](http://qctimes.com/news/local/article_84190896-5d7a-11e0-97e8-001cc4c03286.html)

## **Additional Upcoming Events**

### **University of Iowa Student Chapter**

The April meeting for the University of Iowa Student Chapter will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Seamans Center at the University of Iowa. Mr. Michael Hrzic from HNTB will be the speaker. He will be presenting on the design of the West Closure Complex Pump Station in New Orleans, LA.

The date for the last of the University of Iowa Student Chapter meetings this semester is Wednesday, May 4, 2011. If anyone would like information about this month's meeting, or to discuss a presentation or sponsorship for a future meeting, please contact Heather Day at [DayHeather@stanleygroup.com](mailto:DayHeather@stanleygroup.com)

### **Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium & SAME District Engineers Briefings** Monday, May 16, 2011 - Wednesday, May 18, 2011

- **First Annual Golf Outing**  
Monday, May 16th starting 09:00  
Rock Island Arsenal Golf Course  
See flyer on page 4 for more details
- **Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium**  
Tuesday/Wednesday, May 17th-18th from 08:00-17:00  
I-wireless Center, Moline, IL  
See flyer on page 5 for more details
- **Networking Reception w/ Live Entertainment**  
Tuesday, May 17th from 17:00-20:00  
I-Wireless Center, Moline, IL
- **Society of American Military Engineers- District Commander's Briefing**  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011 from 08:00-15:30  
Metro Center, Moline, IL  
See flyer on page 6 for more details

# Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium *First Annual Golf Outing*



- **What: Co-ed, Best Shot Golf Tournament**

- 128 players
- Shot gun start

- **When: Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM**

- Registration open at 7:30 am

- **Where: Rock Island Arsenal Golf Course**

- **Cost: \$90 per person**

- Register online at [RegOnline](#)

- **Benefit:**

- Local Charities

- **\$10,000 Hole-in-one Prize**

- **Sponsorship opportunities available**

- **Included:**

- Golf
- Cart
- Driving Range and balls
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Transportation to/from the course
- Arsenal Island Tour
- Networking



Please contact Teresa Johnston for more information 309-782-3862 / [teresa.johnston@viops.com](mailto:teresa.johnston@viops.com)

# Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium



**Register NOW!**

**Golf Outing: May 16<sup>th</sup> 9 am**

**Symposium: May 17-18, 2011**

**Location :** 

Trade Show Booths

Contracting Reps

Primes

RI Arsenal Commands

Speakers

Lunch

Matchmaking

Training

- SBA Updates for Small Business Programs
- 8(a) Small Business to Large Prime Success Story
- Mentor Protégé & Teaming Agreement Success Stories
- ACC-RI invited to speak about EAGLE
- Government Contracting Expert Panel
- Networking Reception with Entertainment

For more information, as it becomes available, go to [www.regonline.com](http://www.regonline.com) or look us up on .

Sponsorship and tradeshow booth spaces also available.

## Society of American Military Engineers- District Commander's Briefing – Wednesday, May 18, 2011

This year's District Commander's Briefing will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 from 08:00 - 15:30 at the Metro Center, 1200 River Drive, Moline, IL. It features U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Engineers, Deputy Engineers, and distinguished guests who will relate the ongoing and future programs in their respective commands and their outlook on the future workload, trends, and job opportunities within their district.

Represented U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Districts are scheduled to include: St. Paul, Omaha, Louisville, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, New Orleans, and Rock Island. These Districts cover portions of 18 states from Montana to Tennessee and Minnesota to Louisiana.

The Commander's Briefing will be held in conjunction with the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium. The Symposium is scheduled from May 17-18 at the iWireless Center adjacent to the Metro Center. Please visit [www.ndia-ia-il.org](http://www.ndia-ia-il.org) for an agenda and information about exhibiting at this event.

Due to feedback from last year's conference, members will have the option to purchase a 2-day registration to the Symposium and Commander's Briefing, a 1-day registration for the Commander's Briefing or a lunch-only option on the day of the briefings. Please note that the 1-day registration option includes access to the Networking Reception at the iWireless Center on the evening of May 17. Consult the matrix below for a summary of registration options.

2 Day Options (Tuesday/Wednesday )	1 Day Option (Wednesday Only)	Lunch Only Option
Small Business Rate: \$169.00	Gov't/Ret SAME Cdrs Briefings Rate: \$80.00	Wednesday Lunch Rate: \$20.00
Large Business Rate: \$189.00	Business SAME Cdrs Briefings Rate: \$120.00	
Government Rate: \$149.00		

If you choose the 2-day option, please be sure to indicate that you are an SAME member on the registration form! To register for this year's event, please visit the following link- [https://www.regonline.com/2011\\_MSBGCS](https://www.regonline.com/2011_MSBGCS)



Follow live conference updates by checking out our Facebook page at- <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Midwest-Small-Business-Government-Contracting-Symposium/108939645846095>

Additionally, there will be a golf outing held in conjunction with this year's conference. Be sure to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to play at one of the most exclusive courses in the area by signing up today.



2011 District Engineers' Commanders Brief

Golf Outing (Monday May 16th)  
Rock Island Arsenal Golf Course

Golf Only: \$90.00

Small Business Registration + Golf: \$259.00

Large Business Registration + Golf: \$279.00



### Upcoming 2011 SAME Events

To add events to the calendar, email Tom Gambucci at [Thomas.R.Gambucci@usace.army.mil](mailto:Thomas.R.Gambucci@usace.army.mil)

<b>Date and Time (if available)</b>	<b>Post Event Description</b>	<b>Event Information</b>
Thursday, April 14	Joint Meeting with ASCE	Sarah Kowalczyk, 309-794-5812 <a href="mailto:sarah.kowalczyk@usace.army.mil">sarah.kowalczyk@usace.army.mil</a>
May 17 - 19	Small Business / Commanders Conference	Doug Davis, 309-794-5205 <a href="mailto:douglas.d.davis@usace.army.mil">douglas.d.davis@usace.army.mil</a>
May 24-27	Joint Engineer Education & Training Conference & Expo	<a href="http://www.same.org">www.same.org</a>
Thursday, June 9 11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Sarah Kowalczyk, 309-794-5812 <a href="mailto:sarah.kowalczyk@usace.army.mil">sarah.kowalczyk@usace.army.mil</a>
Thursday, July 14 11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Sarah Kowalczyk, 309-794-5812 <a href="mailto:sarah.kowalczyk@usace.army.mil">sarah.kowalczyk@usace.army.mil</a>
Friday, August 19	Scholarship Golf Outing	Heather Day, 563-264-6779 <a href="mailto:DayHeather@stanleygroup.com">DayHeather@stanleygroup.com</a>
Saturday, August 13	X-Stream River Clean-up	Dominic Kempson, 262-309-9997 <a href="mailto:dkempson@nrc-inc.net">dkempson@nrc-inc.net</a>
Thursday, September 8 11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Sarah Kowalczyk, 309-794-5812 <a href="mailto:sarah.kowalczyk@usace.army.mil">sarah.kowalczyk@usace.army.mil</a>
October 4-6	Great Lakes & Ohio Valley Regional Conference	<a href="http://www.same.org">www.same.org</a>
Tuesday, October 18	Joint SAME/ASCE Training Conference	Mike Ryan, 319-841-4391 <a href="mailto:mryan@hrgreen.com">mryan@hrgreen.com</a>
Thursday, November 10 11:30 AM	National Security Meeting	Dean Cerny, 563-386-0572 <a href="mailto:Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil">Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil</a>
Thursday, December 8 11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Sarah Kowalczyk, 309-794-5812 <a href="mailto:sarah.kowalczyk@usace.army.mil">sarah.kowalczyk@usace.army.mil</a>