President’s Message

by April Ricketts, PE. CPD, LEED AP BD+C – SAME Chicago Post President

Winter Greetings!

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is finally here. So far the snow has been pretty minimal and hopefully it stays that way for awhile.

Here are a few updates since the Fall newsletter:

Updates to Bylaws...

At the October Post meeting, a couple of amendments were made to the Post Bylaws, to help allow for a more streamline board when involvement is at low levels as well as requiring candidates for Post President to have served on a past Board or committee. A full copy of the Post’s bylaws with added amendments are available on the Post website.

Member participation seems to go up and down depending everyone’s work and personal schedules, and as a consequence the past few years it has been difficult to find enough members in good standing to run for office. With that said...

Elections...

Post Elections are this month (see back of this newsletter the ballot). Thanks to everyone who has expressed an interest in serving on the Board in 2020. Please be sure to fill out your ballot and email it to the Post’s nominations chair or bring it with you to the December meeting. Remember, only Chicago Post members in good standing can cast a vote.

The 2020 Board will need committee chairs and members. See the list of 2019 Post Committees list on this page to see where we will need help in 2020. If you have a desire to serve on a committee, please contact let me know.

Membership Pins...

Please also check out the listing of membership milestone anniversaries on Page 4 of the newsletter. Membership pins will be presented at the December Post meeting. If you are on the list and are planning to attend, please let me know.

Centennial Celebration Swag...

The SAME Centennial Celebration is happening in 2020 and SAME National has a lot of exciting events planned. As part of the celebration, SAME has sent the Posts some Centennial memorabilia including tote bags, buttons, post-it notes, and a few other knick-knacks. All of these items are free and I will plan to bring a few to the upcoming Post meetings for distribution.

Thanks for the memories...

Even though I am running for Post President again, I do still want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Chicago Post President this year. Thanks, also, to the current Chicago Post Board, Committees, and all of the volunteers who gave of their time to make this year a memorable one.

Until Next Time...

April Ricketts
SAME Chicago Post President

SAME HISTORY

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is the premier professional engineering association in the United States for connecting architects, engineers and builders in the public sector and private industry, uniting them to improve individual and collective capabilities for national security.

Its goal is to unite A/E/C entities and individuals in the public and private sector to prepare for – and overcome – natural and manmade disasters, acts of terrorism and improve security at home and abroad.

In 1919, Maj. Gen. William M. Black, USA, the Army’s Chief of Engineers, appointed a nine-officer board to consider the formation of an “association of engineers” that would preserve, and expand upon, connections formed in war and promote the advancement of engineering and its related professions. Early in 1920, the first SAME Posts were established.
SAME MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

MISSION
“To provide education and support to the engineering components of the military and uniformed services and other federal, state and local government agencies responsible for the nation’s infrastructure, and to advance the partnership between government and the architecture, engineering and construction industry in the interest of national security.”

VISION
“To be a premier global engineering organization advancing the professional and personal growth of its members, the military and public sector engineering community, and the architecture, engineering and construction industry.”

VALUES
Integrity: Unwavering commitment to always do what is right, regardless of consequences.

Patriotism: Support our national ideals and take pride in our country.

Public Service: Recognize the critical contribution that public servants make in supporting the economic and environmental needs of the nation.

National Security: Recognize the dedication of our national security team, comprised of the uniformed services, civil service and contractors, in defending freedom.

Technical Competence: Deliver high-quality solutions.

Excellence: Strive for the highest standards of performance in all actions, both personal and professional.

Environmental Stewardship: Preserve, protect, conserve and restore our national resources through sustainable practices.

UPCOMING WINTER EVENTS

DECEMBER
12/18/2019: Post Meeting. Topic: Camp Fire in Paradise

JANUARY
1/15/2020: Post Meeting and Installation of New Officers.
Topic—TBD

FEBRUARY
TBD

The SAME Chicago Post holds regular lunch meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, unless “special events” supersede. Networking begins at 11:30, with presentations starting at about 12:00. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the USACE Chicago District Office, 231 S. LaSalle Street, 16th Floor. Reservations are required for lunch and for building access.

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www.same-chicago.org

Or Follow us on Social Media!
Greetings from Post 2nd Vice-President

by Tatiana Papakos--SAME Chicago Post 2nd Vice President

Greetings SAME Chicago Members,

We hope you can join us at our upcoming events! See below for information on the next December Post Meeting.

If you have any topics you’d like to hear about in the future, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Papakos

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December Post Meeting on Camp Fire in Paradise, California

The Camp Fire in Paradise, California, took 85 lives and destroyed more than 150,000 acres and 18,000 structures. Shortly after the fire was extinguished, Tetra Tech was awarded a $250 million clean-up contract to help the town slowly recover. The massive undertaking involved more than 3,500 individuals and encompassed a variety of tasks, including site assessments, asbestos testing, air monitoring, debris sorting and removal, soil and testing. Beyond these tasks, though, new methods of data collection, synthesis, and storage, as well as logistical capabilities, needed to be developed to handle this sizeable project.

- **Presentation Topic:** Camp Fire in Paradise
- **Speakers:** Ted Flatbow and Caeli Cleary from Tetra Tech
- **When:** Wednesday, December 18, 2019
- **Where:** US Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District Office, 231 S LaSalle St, 16th Floor, Chicago IL (The meeting will be on the 16th floor, but you will need to sign in at the lobby and at the 15th floor - Bring your photo ID).
- **Time:** 11:30am (There will be a Board Meeting at 10:30am.)
- **Lunch Fee:** $20 (on RSVP form, please indicate if any dietary restrictions)

Ted Flatbow Bio
Mr. Flatbow is an Environmental Engineer with Tetra Tech in Chicago, IL. He earned Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology from the University of California, Los Angeles and his Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Arizona State University. He has extensive work experience in wastewater engineering/permitting and currently works on a variety of environmental remediation projects.

Caeli Cleary Bio
Ms. Cleary is an Environmental Scientist with Tetra Tech in Chicago, IL. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has experience in community involvement and disaster relief, and currently works as an associate editor with EPA Region 5 START.

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2020 JETC will be in Washington DC

The 2020 Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo is headed to Washington, DC May 27-29. Join your colleagues from across the A/E/C industry and joint engineer community for three days of education, training and networking opportunities. And as SAME's Annual Meeting, JETC offers numerous awards and recognition activities to celebrate the contributions and excellence of the Society's Posts and members in supporting the SAME mission "to lead collaborative efforts to identify and resolve national security infrastructure-related challenges".

In addition to a robust education and training schedule, the 2020 JETC will feature special events, programs, and ceremonies to honor our 100th Anniversary and most importantly, to showcase the enduring contributions of our members, partners, and stakeholders to national security.

The 2020 JETC will provide general sessions and keynote speakers that highlight how SAME and our partners and stakeholders are making an impact. Education and training sessions will include presentations addressing the broad technical nature of SAME’s membership.

The Exhibit Hall will be the center of activity during the week. Exhibit booths will be complemented by historical enhancements, including engineering achievements over the past century, profiles of SAME’s named awards, and even historic vehicles to symbolize the era of 1920 in which we were formed.

The 2020 JETC will be highlighted with a special presentation of the Golden Eagle Awards, bringing the Academy of Fellows’ distinguished awards into the Society’s Centennial Celebration. Finally, a collection of supporting events and activities will be offered before and during JETC, including tours of area attractions.
Chicago Post Membership Anniversaries

Congratulations to those SAME Chicago Post members celebrating milestone membership anniversaries this year. Be sure to us at our December Post meeting to receive an anniversary pin (us know ahead of time so that we can be sure to have enough pins).

5 Year
- Christopher Allen, P.E.
- Mark Hoagie, P.E.
- Katelyn Delahanty
- Daniel Johnson, USA
- Steven Elver, P.E.
- Reed Laverack
- Jamie Matus
- Bill Walton, P.E.
- Paul Zinnecker
- John Cook, USA
- Nick Talarico
- Greg Graske, P.E.
- Kevin Sherlock, RA
- Joe Hockberger
- Diane Odom
- Shane Finnane, USA
- Shawn Woldt
- Jeremy Berg
- Scott LaVanne
- Anthony Bilotti
- Jody Mertzke
- Brian Smith
- Dave Kotula
- Michele Atkinson
- Neil Brown
- Craig Seger, P.E.
- James Evans
- George Geczy III
- Michael Gale
- Laura Pager

Jennifer Maercklein
Thomas Slowinski
April Ricketts, P.E.
Kristi Root
Tom Mitoraj, P.E.
Michelle French
Patrick Kelsey
Scott Randall
John Wills
John Witte
Lawrence Tormey, USCG
Cory Reiter, P.E.
Don Eggert, ARNG

10 Year
- Brandon Deardorff
- Thomas Burke
- Lou Ehrhard
- Mary Floyd
- Sudhir Mantri, P.E.
- Ralph Mora
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- Charles Dierker, P.E., USA (Ret.)
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- Robert Kirkley, P.E.
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- Michael McGibbon
- Kevin Wilson, USA

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40 Year
- Ray Schwartz, P.E., F.SAME, USAF (Ret.)

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45 Year
- Theodore Verges, P.E.
- John Aniello, P.E., F.SAME

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Photos from October Chicago Post Meeting

October Post Meeting—Presentation on “Operation Power Play” by Michelle Dojutrek with the USACE Chicago District Office and Tony O’Neal with Ameren
# Chicago Post Ballot for Election of 2020 Board

**Society of American Military Engineers - Chicago Post**  
**Officers and Board of Direction**  
**2020 Election Ballot**

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**Signature:**  

**Printed Name:**  

**Date:**  

Every Chicago Post individual member and sustaining member firm representative in good standing as of December 2019 may vote.

Ballots can also be sent to Nominations Chair, Jim Wescott, via email at [Jim.Wescott@tetratech.com](mailto:Jim.Wescott@tetratech.com) no later than **Monday, December 16, 2019**