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National Defense

January 2010

Upcoming Events

- Jan 10th – TAMU meeting
Jan 20th – General Membership Meeting
Jan 21st – Leadership Forum: Ethics for Engineers

Feb 14th – 20th – Engineer's Week
Feb 17th – PP&FC meeting

Mar 11-13 – Science Engineering Fair of Houston

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: HONORING ONE OF OUR OWN

2010 PUBLIC AGENCY OF THE YEAR DINNER

On January 20, 2010, we will conduct our ninth annual Public Agency of the Year Dinner. This year, we will honor the Harris County Flood Control District (the District). This will be the second time the District has been recognized by the Post for this award, and once again they are quite deserving.

The Honorable Edward M. Emmett, Judge of Harris County, has graciously accepted our invitation as guest speaker. The Honorable Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, will join us as well. In addition, we will recognize our Young Member of the Year.

A selection committee considered several factors in their recommendation of Public Agency of the Year: Society (Post) involvement, individual involvement, and committee involvement: Readiness & Homeland Security committee, Infrastructure committee, Public Agency committee, Environmental committee, and others. Individuals at the District provide leadership in various and numerous capacities throughout the Post, and the membership benefits greatly from the continued leadership and commitment of the District.

We have grown accustomed to a great turnout from our sustaining member firms and individual members for this event. I encourage you to do the same this year and sign up today. A registration form can be accessed through our home page at <http://www.houstonsame.org>. Public Agency members can attend at no charge. To RSVP as a Public Agency member, contact Darrin Willer at dwiller@hntb.com.

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT RECAP

On December 7th, 14 hearty teams slogged it out at Timber Creek Golf Course. Three things were certain: (1) we all got soaked, (2) we all had fun, (3) we all raised money for our college scholarship fund. We raised nearly \$6,000 for deserving students of our members. I'd like to thank Tom Martens and Franco Puentes with Terracon for planning the event and taking care of all of the details. Mr. Mike Marcotte was our Master of Ceremonies and greatly increased our knowledge of football rules. We learned that Nebraska actually beat Texas!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

2010 PROGRAMS

For the first half of 2010, our Program and Committee Chairs are finalizing a list of speakers that are sure to be of continued interest to our membership. Continuing Education credits will be issued at each of our meetings. I encourage you to put these meetings on your calendar and involve yourself in the networking, learning, and career development opportunities of the Post.

January	20 th	Public Agency Dinner at the Petroleum Club
February	15 th	E-Week Young Engineer of the Year Dinner
	17 th	General Membership Meeting on Water
March	17 th	General Membership Meeting on Transportation
	23 rd	Committee Meeting on Traffic
April	21 st	General Membership Meeting on Readiness & Homeland Security
	27 th	Committee Meeting on Ports
May	19 th	General Membership Meeting on Airports
	25 th	Committee Meeting on Ellington Field
June	16 th	Awards and Installation Dinner at the Petroleum Club

See you around the POST!

Lee C. Lennard, PE
President
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**THE SAME HOUSTON/GALVESTON POST
9TH ANNUAL
PUBLIC AGENCY AWARDS BANQUET**

**2010
PUBLIC AGENCY OF THE YEAR AWARD
BANQUET**

January 20, 2010

**Guest Speaker:
The Honorable Edward M. Emmett
Harris County Judge**

**Petroleum Club of Houston
Exxon Mobil Building – 43rd Floor
800 Bell Ave. 77002**

**Registration Form available on our website:
www.houstonsame.org
6:00 pm Reception
7:00 pm Dinner**



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Note that the Themes for 2010 are:
Have a great holiday!

2010 GENERAL MEETING CALENDAR

January:	Public Agency Awards Banquet
February:	Water
March:	Transportation/Traffic
April:	Homeland Security
May:	Aviation
June:	Installation Banquet
July:	Rail
Aug:	Readiness
Sep:	Young Members/Ethics
Oct:	Tolling
Nov:	TBD
Dec:	TBD

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PUBLIC AGENCY/ INFRASTRUCTURE / READINESS JOINT MEETINGS 2009

Due to the Holidays, we will not meet again until January 2010.

Thanks for all your support this year.

Mark

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UNDERWRITER AND WEBSITE SPONSOR SIGN UP

1. A maximum of 5 Underwriters will be assigned per meeting and 1 Website Sponsor per meeting.
2. Underwriters for a given meeting will be selected on a first come first served basis, based on when this form is received by E-mail or Fax as noted below.
3. The amount to underwrite a meeting is \$100.00/Underwriter/meeting. Website Sponsorship is \$200.00/Sponsor/meeting.
4. Please select a minimum of three choices for the meeting you would like to underwrite. We will endeavor to assign you to your first choice, but should that meeting be unavailable, we will use your priority list to make an assignment. Number your choices in order with "1" being your first choice.
5. Please note that speakers and dates are subject to change based on speaker availability.

Name of Firm: _____
 Point of Contact: _____
 Firm Address: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

\$100.00 / Meeting Underwriter X _____ meetings = \$ _____
 \$200.00 / Website Sponsorship X _____ = \$ _____
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Date	Program/Speaker	Priority (1,2,3....) for Underwriter	Priority (1,2,3....) for Website Sponsor
1-20-10	Annual Public Agency Dinner		

TRANSMITTAL AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

E-mail your completed form to Erin Going at erin.going@hcfcd.org

Please contact Erin regarding payment of the underwriting fee by emailing her at the above address or by calling her at (713) 684-4224.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

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READINESS & HOMELAND SECURITY

READINESS / HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

CHAIR: PETER BORSACK - Phone: (713) 462-3242 - E-Mail: pborsack@cobfen.com

FAST START PLAN AND RHS APRIL 2010 WORKSHOP:

We will be holding a Committee meeting in November and December to establish RHS workshop preparation action items for the April Workshop Agenda.

This was a well attended successful workshop last year and our goal as a committee is to establish an interesting venue for next year's meeting.

We will continue to educate sustaining members on the importance of their capabilities and that they can be utilized during disaster recovery efforts.

Attached below to find out how you can update your firm's information. We will be highlighting these firms that have participated in sending their information to us at our future meetings to show our appreciation for their continued support.

We are continuing work to upload the database for S.A.M.E. firms' capabilities to the Texas Regional Response Network (TRRN). The date and location of our RHS meetings will be announced in the next several days.

 <p>Society of SAME American Military Engineers</p>	<p>SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS</p>	<p>TEXAS REGIONAL RESPONSE NETWORK (TRRN)</p>
 <p>RESPONSE RESOURCES</p> <p>through the</p>	<p><i>Formed "in the interest of National Defense... bringing together all phases of U.S. engineering, [in both the] civil sector and military, for the advancement of knowledge...and the rapid mobilization of engineering capabilities."</i> - The Charter of the Society of American Military Engineers, founded in 1920.</p>	<p>TRRN is a web-based application developed by the Texas Forest Service for the Governor's Division of Emergency Management. The purpose of TRRN is to aid in response and planning efforts by allowing system users to access resource information. Basically, it is an electronic inventory system for available resources and equipment for use by emergency management organizations throughout Texas.</p> <p>Apply on-line for system access at https://www.trrn.state.tx.us</p>
<p>TEXAS REGIONAL RESPONSE NETWORK (TRRN)</p>		<p>SAME READINESS & HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS</p>
	<p>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. Our goal is to unite A/E/C entities and individuals in the public and private sector so that we can prepare for – and overcome – natural and manmade disasters, acts of terrorism and improve security at home and abroad. (http://www.same.org)</p>	<p>Houston Post Mr. Darrin Willer HNTB Corporation Direct 281-931-2737 Cell 713-306-3501 dwiller@hntb.com</p> <p>San Antonio Post Mr. Franz Schmidt Earth Tech, Inc. Direct 210-253-7514 Cell 210-859-1693 franz.schmidt@earthtech.com</p>
	<p>Sustaining member firms from SAME's Houston, Fort Worth, and San Antonio Posts have all entered their capabilities into the TRRN database. These resources range from engineering services in support of Public Works requirements to equipment and other resources.</p>	<p>Fort Worth Post Mr. Paul D. Krebs Fort Worth District Corps of Engineers Direct 817-886-1445 Cell 817-919-5406 Paul.D.Krebs@usace.army.mil</p>



OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

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Email [Bob Powell](mailto:Bob.Powell) if you have problems with “Member Login” or Event Registration.

Online Event Payments are now being handled with PayPal.

[Check, Renew or Update your SAME Membership Info](#)



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(EDUCATION/ECH, K-12, MENTOR/SCHOLARSHIP/TAMU, GOLF (SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER), ENGINEER'S WEEK, SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE)

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As of this writing many of you are aware that on December 20, 2009 we lost LTC (Retired) Kenneth J. Haveman, FSAME; he passed away that day. For those of you who did not know Ken, you missed a very special person. Ken came to Houston when he retired from the US Army Corps of Engineers and worked for LAN on many city programs (Aviation, Surface Water and staff extension at Public Works). He dedicated himself to his work, clients and SAME.

He was our Post President, the TEXOMA Regional Vice President, National Vice President and the maker of golf clubs that many of us received at our annual scholarship golf tournaments. Ken wrote the RVP Manual for SAME National, he was the "Father" of the Public Agency Sustaining Membership – getting Bob McClendon and Jimmie Schindewolf to be the first agencies to join in 1995, and he also started the Past President & Fellows Council.

Ken and his wife Jackie moved to Fort Worth in 2000 and have been there since. He last played golf at the 2000 SAME National on Torre Pines South Course with me and my son, we did not win but as always we had a great time. Ken will be laid to rest on December 28, 2009. Our Scholarship Golf Tournament was named for Ken because he cared so much for those entering into the Engineering and Construction Management professions. He has been a mentor to many of us, a leader and partner to many of us and a friend to all of us. Keep Jackie and Ken's family in your thoughts.

TAMU CHAPTER

President: LOGAN ROTH - E-Mail: newt_89@hotmail.com

Howdy,

The 2009/2010 officers are:

President: Logan Roth

Vice President: Kirra Brooks

Secretary: Matt Whitaker

Treasurer: Brian Anderson

Well this semester is gone and we will be ready for the spring semester when we return from our break.

Our next meeting will be in January, 2010 we are scheduling a tour of the new building next to the Zachary Civil Building. Professor John Walewski will be taking us thru the construction area to show us the newest "Green" building on campus. The date will be announced in the January Wordpasser. In February we plan to have a field trip to Ellington Airport to visit the 147th Reconnaissance Wing, Texas National Guard.

If any Houston/Galveston Post members have a design or construction project at TAMU or in College Station/Bryan and wish to present a project to our student chapter we would really like to have you do it, please



let Buddy Barnes know and he will schedule the presentation. Our meetings have usually been the third Tuesday of the month, but to avoid test schedules and increase the opportunity to attend we will occasionally have the meetings on other Tuesdays and even other days – like January 2010 may be Friday or Saturday.

As always we invite the Houston/Galveston Post members to attend and meet members of the student chapter.

GOLF (SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER) COMMITTEE

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Many thanks to the firms and public agency guests who contributed to and participated in the 3rd Annual Kenneth J. Haveman Scholarship Golf Tournament on December 7, 2009! The wet weather did not allow play to complete 18 holes, but the event at Timber Creek Golf Club was still enjoyable. It concluded with a BBQ dinner and another entertaining presentation by Mike Marcotte (Director, COH PWE) who stumped the audience on unique football officiating situations.

The event raised over \$5,800 in scholarship funds which is tremendous given the economic struggles of 2009. Fourteen firms entered teams in the tournament, including the team that Hobas Pipe USA donated back to the Post that was filled with Past Presidents & Fellows.

The following firms entered teams for the tournament:

Aviles Engineering Corp.
Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc.
CH2M Hill
Fugro Consultants, Inc.
Hobas Pipe USA
Huitt Zollars
Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.
MECx, LP
Midtown Engineers
Montgomery & Associates
S&B Infrastructure
Sander Engineering Corp.
Terracon Consultants, Inc.
Tetra Tech
Weisser Engineering

Franco Puentes (Terracon) should also be recognized for his significant efforts as co-chair of the tournament.

Tom

ENGINEER'S WEEK COMMITTEE

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Mr. Larry Barfield, P.E. with Binkley & Barfield was selected as the 2010 Engineer of the Year. Please help me in congratulating Larry.

Please mark your calendars for the 2010 Houston Engineers Week events listed below. The reservation form will be ready soon.

Saturday, January 23, 2010 Future Cities Competition at San Jacinto College

Saturday, February 13, 2010 MATHCOUNTS Competition at Fluor

Monday, February 15, 2010 Young Engineer of the Year Dinner at Intercontinental Houston Hotel



Tuesday, February 16, 2010 Student Award Luncheon at Prairie View A&M
Thursday, February 18, 2010 Auxiliary Luncheon (by invitation only)
Friday, February 19, 2010 Engineer of the Year Banquet at Intercontinental Houston Hotel

How can you get involved? Donations for the Silent Auction to be held at the Engineer of the Year banquet are needed as well as volunteers for Future Cities and MATHCOUNTS. Please contact Katherine Mears, P.E. at katherine.mears@klotz.com for more information, or you can go to www.houstonengineersweek.org.

PAST PRESIDENTS AND FELLOWS COUNCIL

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The PP&FC held their quarterly meeting 15 December, 2009. 12 members attended and enjoyed breakfast at the HESS Club. A range of local, regional and national issues with regards to SAME were discussed. As always the PP&FC committed to assist the Houston/Galveston Post in the New Year with Membership, the Top Post Plan, and any other endeavors as needed. The next meeting of the PP&FC will be at 7:30 on the 17th of February, 2010 at the HESS Club. All PP&FC members are encouraged to attend.

PAST PRESIDENTS

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SUSTAINING MEMBER PUBLIC AGENCIES

City of Houston, Public Works & Engineering Depart	Metropolitan Transit Authority
Coastal Water Authority	NASA
Fort Bend County	North Harris County Regional Water Authority
Harris County Flood Control District	Port of Houston Authority
Harris County Public Infrastructure Department	Texas Engineering Experiment Station/Texas A & M
Harris County Deptment of Education	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Galveston District

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AEI Engineering, LLC	International Facility Management Association
ASRC Gulf States Constructors, LLC	Jacobs
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Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.	LEO A DALY
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