



Society of American Military Engineers Huntsville, Alabama Post

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HUNTSVILLE POST JOINT MEETING

The December meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers will be held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2009** at the Research Park Holiday Inn on University Drive. The December meeting will be our annual joint meeting with other engineering societies. It will begin at 11:30 in the Grand Ballroom at the Holiday Inn. Please note that this is a change in our regular meeting date and location. SAME is the lead on the 2009 Joint Meeting with ASME, ASCE, and NSPE. Mr. Joe McInnes, Director of Alabama Department of Transportation, will present.



Governor Bob Riley appointed Joe McInnes to serve as Alabama's Transportation Director. He assumed his responsibilities in January 2003. In a statement to his fellow Alabamians, Mr. McInnes said "I want each of you to know the tremendous pride I have as I begin my work with the Alabama Department of

Transportation. This department is, and always has been, a vital part of our State government and I hope to continue its reputation of outstanding service to the citizens of Alabama". Mr. McInnes comes to the Department of Transportation from the private sector. He worked for Blount International for 25 years and retired as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. McInnes has a long history of civic and community involvement, with past service as President of the Montgomery United Way, President of the Tuckabatchee Area Council Boy Scouts of America, Director of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Alabama Humanities foundation and Trustee of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, to name just a few of his accomplishments

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Change in Location of Monthly Meetings

For 2010, the monthly SAME Huntsville Post meetings will be held at the Research Park Holiday Inn, located at 5903 University Drive. It is located adjacent to Madison Square Mall. The venue changed due to continuing issues and non-availability of meeting dates at the Officers Club.

Huntsville Post PDH Seminars

Submitted by Boyce Ross

The annual SAME PDH seminars are coming – **Thursday, December 10th and Thursday, December 17th, 2009**. There will be three 1 hour sessions over two nights for a total of 6 PDH's. The seminars will be held on the campus of UAH, in Technology Hall, room S105. If you would like to download a map, it is available at <http://sameorg.essemt.net/~sameorg/documents/2007pdh/UAH%20map.pdf>).

On December 10th, topics include Explosive Safety Site Planning, Dr. Michelle Crull, PE; LEED -Real Life Experience in Certifying Buildings for the Government, Kathleen R. Poole, AP, mechanical engineer; and Access Control Points for DoD Installations, Craig Zeigler. On December 17th, topics include Army Application of GIS, Tommy Hunt; LEED Version 3, Chip Debelius; and Structural connections – AISC Design issues, David W. Bogaty, P.E.

Please see the attached is the fee schedule (for non-members) and a tentative agenda for the PDH seminars (date and times will hold topics may vary--watch for updates). There is no cost for SAME Members. If you are not a member, the cost of the seminars is slightly more than the cost of an annual SAME membership. Rather than paying the seminar fees, we want to encourage folks to join SAME. If you are a non-member, you may pay the PDH fees or pay to join SAME the night of the seminars. You can join online with a credit card now if you wish @ www.same.org (<http://www.same.org/join>).

As you can see, the better deal is to join SAME! We have some great topics and speakers lined up for these sessions and time is running out to get your PDH's by year's end, so if you need PDH's please come join us! Feel free to call me with any questions. Also, please pass this info and opportunity along to others in your sphere of influence that may be in need of PDH's for their respective professional certifications.

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PDH Opportunity

The Alabama Technology Transfer (T2) Center is presenting a two day seminar “*Locating the Ellicott Mounds Along the Alabama/Florida Boundary*”. The Seminar is **December 3rd and 4th, 2009** in Andalusia, Alabama. The fee is \$150.00 and participants will receive 1.20 CEUs. Earthen mounds established in 1799 mark the 31st parallel as laid out by a joint US-Spain boundary commission led by Andrew Ellicott, the original surveyor of Washington, D.C. A segment of these mounds now define the Alabama-Florida boundary between the Conecuh and Chattahoochee Rivers. Most of them lie unmarked, unrecognized, and unremembered. This is a workshop that will use surveyor led teams to locate mounds, record a GPS location, and give the located mounds a proper monument.

T2, located on the campus of Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, is an organization created to bring the newest developments in technology to state and local public works agencies in Alabama. The Center combines the resources of three organizations:

- US Department of Transportation
- Alabama Department of Transportation
- Auburn University

Seminars are held throughout the year in various locations throughout the state, including Huntsville. Training Seminars are a part of the T2 Center using the expertise of professionals from throughout the region. For more information on this seminar, and other upcoming seminars, please visit: www.engce.auburn.edu.

2009 SAME Huntsville Post Project Sends 400 lbs of items in Care Packages for Soldiers

Submitted by Tina Atkins



Packing Care Packages (Left to Right): HNC's Jeffrey Davis, Amber Martin, Brenda Knight, and EODT's Tina Atkins

SAME HSV Post wishes to express thanks to all contributors to the 2009 SAME Huntsville Post Care Package Drive for our troops in Iraq. On November 9, 2009 we shipped 400 lbs of care package items including snacks, candies, coffees, powdered drink mixes, books, letters from 4th grade students, and cards to the Multi National Corps Iraq, Engineer Staff (MNC-I C7).

Though the list below is not inclusive of all individual contributors, SAME HSV Post would like to express special thanks to the following contributors, as well as individuals not named here:

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Special thanks to HNC's Jeffrey Davis for coordinating the HNC collection drive. Thanks also to HNC's Jeffrey Davis, Brenda Knight, and Amber Martin, Parsons' Roddy Allen and Phil Loftis for packing and/or loading and transporting packages for mailing.

Special Thanks to Horizon Elementary School's 4th Grade class (Ms. Hernandez) for their letters to the soldiers. Thanks to all volunteers and contributors for your partnership in this care package project to demonstrate our support to these U.S. soldiers.



Left to right: SAME HSV Post Board members: Amber Martin, Tina Atkins, Phil Loftis



Left to right: Tina Atkins (EODT) and Jeffrey Davis (HNC)

Joint Engineering Training Conference



Taking place May 4-7, 2010 in Atlanta, Ga., the 2010 Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo (JETC) will provide your company with ample opportunity to get noticed by the right people in the Department of Defense (DOD) market. Attended by DOD and industry leaders, JETC 2010 offers sponsoring and exhibiting companies unprecedented exposure and name-building recognition. Secure your booth or sponsorship today!

NEXT MEETING: January 21, 2009 at the Holiday Inn

11:15	CHECK IN	12:00	BUSINESS AND PROGRAM
11:30	LUNCH	12:30	Afternoon Program

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