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Here's to hoping that all enjoyed the holidays, and had some time with family and friends, and time to relax for awhile. Our Post has been very busy, so I would like to bring you up to date on some of our activities.

The Northern Virginia Post and the Washington DC Posts have been looking to identify events and activities on which both Posts can collaborate. This brings value to our members and hopefully streamlines your time so that you do not have to choose between Posts for your time and support. In the past, we have held a joint Homeland Security meeting and joint Young Member Happy Hours. We enjoyed a joint YM Happy Hour November 28th, at Sine Irish Pub. Take a look in the newsletter to find out more!

The Washington Post has generously offered the Northern Virginia Post the opportunity to collaborate with them in their annual Gala. Your Board of Directors has voted to approve this, but in order to honor our commitment to this effort, we need your support! We will need volunteers to step up and assist with the planning committee. This is an excellent opportunity to work with your colleagues from both Posts. I've had several people approach me recently about how to get more involved, and this your opportunity! Please contact me if you are interested.

The deadline for the Journalism Post Award is quickly approaching (February 15th). The nomination forms may be found on our web site: <http://posts.same.org/belvoir/>. Please voice your appreciation for individuals you feel should be recognized. (See Page 6 this issue)

Our new Student Chapter at the University of Virginia is almost officially established. I want to express many thanks to recent Navy retiree and UVA grad Karin Lynn, and to Mark Rausch who has stepped up to serve as Student Mentor.

Our next meeting will be February 7th at the Ft. Belvoir Officer Club. We will be learning more about California Wild Fires (FEMA), and we are looking forward to having VADM Johnson as our keynote speaker.

We have transitioned our Northern Virginia Postscripts to a quarterly publication. Members with news of interest to our Post are welcome to submit. We will try to accommodate as much news as possible, but we will be restricted due to SAME communications guidelines and newsletter space. Please contact Amber McCormick, PBS&J, at [awmccormick@pbsj.com](mailto:awmccormick@pbsj.com) for additional information.

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## Sustaining Member Spotlight

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## NoVA Post Recaps



Victor Ciardello, DOD, Director, Small Business Technology and Industrial Base

### Small Business Industry Forum

The NoVA post held their 2nd Annual Small Business/Industry Day, September 6, 2007, featured three speakers that provided outstanding information from DOD, Army, and Navy briefers including the BRAC project impact at Fort Belvoir with dollars from FY07 to FY13. Speakers included Victor Ciardello, Director, Small Business Technology and Industrial Base Programs, US OSD; Carlen Capenos, SADB, USACE, Baltimore; & Detrice Shields, NAVFAC, Washington. Our exhibitor space offered to both small and large businesses was a sell-out!



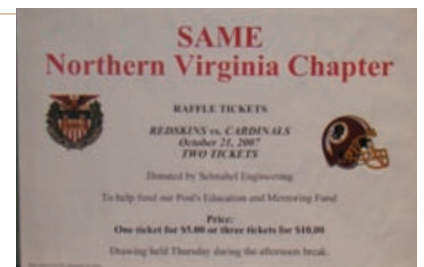
Carlen Capenos, USACE, Baltimore District, Deputy for Small Business



Detrice Shields, Deputy for Small Business, NAVFAC

### SAME Mid-Atlantic/Middle East Regional Conference

We did not hold a local Post meeting for October as so many of our members attended, made presentations, and exhibited at the SAME Mid-Atlantic/Middle East Regional Conference held October 9-12, 2007. A brief Post meeting was held at the conference, and thanks to Schnabel Engineering we were able to sell raffle tickets for Redskins tickets to help fund our Post's Education and Mentoring Fund.





## NoVA Post Recaps, continued



COL Stuart Harrison and Dr. Bill Lang, DHS



COL Stuart Harrison and Nancy McNamera, Fort Belvoir



COL Stuart Harrison and CPT Frank Tedeschi, 911th Engineer Company



COL Stuart Harrison and Larry Harrington, BK&K



LTC Regan McDonald (Ret) and MG Charles Williams (Ret)

### 4th Annual Homeland Defense and Homeland Security Special Session

Outstanding information was presented from DHS and Army briefers including the 911th Engineer Company and 168th Engineer Group for our November 1st , NoVA Post meeting. Speakers included 911th Engineer Company Command Brief CPT Frank Tedeschi, Commander; Fort Belvoir Force Protection Program Nancy MacNamara, Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security 168th Engineer Group; TF Engineer; JTF Harrington, Operations in Response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita; Preparedness for Major Consequence Events: Medical Focus, William L. Lang, MD, MHA Associate Chief Medical Officer, DHS, MG Charles Williams (Ret), and Bill Flynn, USACE.



COL Stuart Harrison and Billy Flynn, USACE



## NoVA Post Recaps, continued



Amber Sorenson



Dave Steins



Caroline Hackett



### **2007 Summer Camp Experiences & GWU's Engineers without Borders Presentation**

For the Post December 6th meeting we had the opportunity to celebrate our Young and Student Members. Presentations included Caroline Hackett and her SAME/Navy Seabees 2007 Engineering & Construction Camp experience, and Engineers without Borders – GWU Chapter presentations from GWU Chapter President Amber Sorenson and David Steins, Chapter Secretary and Past President.

As part of our Special December monthly Post meeting, our members had the opportunity to donate to Toys for Tots.

### **GMU Dulles Airport Tour**

Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority approved a SAME-GMU Student Chapter Construction Tour for November 16th. The group was given a short pre-tour presentation, and then they were shown the many changes since the tour was given last year. This was a great opportunity to show the students a good sampling of the nearly \$2 million of vertical and horizontal construction that they are currently putting in the ground each day. This visit included a tour of the Aero Train opening in 2009. The Aero will connect passengers underground between the main terminal and all island concourses.



## NoVA Post Recaps, continued



Networking Happy Hour

### **Joint DC/NoVA YM Networking Happy Hour**

On November 28th, nearly 50 young members (and some not so young members) gathered at Sine Irish Pub in Arlington for a Young Member joint Washington DC / Northern Virginia Post sponsored networking happy hour. The event was a great success and by far one of the best attended networking socials in recent memory. A wide variety of members and non-members from the military and private sector companies had a chance to meet new people and reacquaint with old friends.

Thanks to Lauren Myers, DC Post Young Member chair, Matt Wallace, Northern Virginia Post Young Member for putting together this event. Many of our board members also assisted in recruiting first time attendees. This event was hosted by the DC Post and Northern Virginia

Post, with additional sponsorship from Schnabel Engineering, RTKL, and Jacobs, all of whom picked up the tab for this event. And as you can imagine, free food and drinks were a big hit! And finally, the members themselves made this a great success. Everyone is very busy, especially at this time of year. But these folks took time from their busy work and personal lives to participate. We thank them for that.

Leading by example, Captain Ben Pina, USN (DC Post President), Mary Anderson (NOVA Post President), Cmdr Nelson Mix (DC Post First V. Pres.), and several Post Directors supported this event with their attendance.

If you couldn't make it, you missed a great event but we hope you can attend the next time this event is held. Cheers!! **PS**



# Past NoVA Post Scholarship Winners, “Where Are You Now?”

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USPACOM) in strategizing approaches to enhance awareness of evolving man-made and natural threats. I performed research, analysis, review of US Government and DoD publications, policies, and procedures, writing, briefing, and support functions to assist in policy development and programmatic planning for WMD counter proliferation and incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-explosive (CBRNE) materials. I contribute to the design, planning, preparation, documentation, execution, Hot Wash, and after action reporting of directed CBRNE exercises and training events. There is intensive collaboration and interaction with US military personnel and Interagency employees, as well as foreign government and military personnel, to provide CBRNE training aimed at improving the nation’s and US allies’ preparedness to respond to nuclear, biological, radiological, and chemical terrorist attacks and incidents. I specifically assist in regular deliverables to include exercise scenario development, high-level briefings, Exercise Plans (EXPLANS), After Action Reports (AARs), Commander’s Summary Reports (CSRs), agendas and summaries of conferences, and other products at the request of the customer.

I wish to thank the Northern Virginia Post of the Society of American Military Engineers for helping support my college education at the University of Albany and I would like to update you on my career.

I graduated in June 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Environmental Public Policy. Since graduation I have been supporting multiple Federal government customers including the Department of Defense (DoD), the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Department of Energy (DOE) in the assessment and analysis of national security preparedness programs. I have traveled extensively (250,000 miles), both CONUS and OCONUS, to assist various Combatant Commands (USNORTHCOM, USEUCOM, USCENTCOM,

My work directly supports SAME’s National Security and Readiness Programs, and I am grateful to be able to give back to SAME. **PS**



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Award for Journalism in Recognition of Architecture or Engineering

Nominations are invited from SAME members, the media, government, business, industry, professional organizations and academia. Nominations will be accepted until the February 15, 2008 deadline. The award recipient will be selected by the Post Awards Committee and approved by the Post Board of Directors.

We will present the Award at Ft Belvoir at our 1 May, 2008 luncheon meeting. Our first winner was Beth Dietrick Segara, founder and executive producer of the History Channel’s Modern

Marvels of Engineering. Last year’s awardee was Professor Henry Petroski of Duke University, author of books and articles since 1960’s on the human side of engineering. We’re looking forward to some GREAT nominations this year. Nomination forms can be found @ <http://posts.same.org/belvoir/>. Fill in, save, and send the nomination form on the second page to Richard E. Ragold, P.E., 703-754-9427 (phone/FAX), or mail to Dick at 15221 Brier Creek Drive, Haymarket, Virginia 20169, or email as an attachment to: [rragold@comcast.net](mailto:rragold@comcast.net) by February 15, 2008. **PS**

## Member News

# Construction begins for new Fort Belvoir Hospital

With dirt flying, a host of Congressional, military and construction officials formally broke ground on Fort Belvoir's new community hospital, as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program. Today's formal ceremony marks the beginning phase of a new era in military health care in the National Capital area and the start of on-ground work on a new \$747 million, state-of-the-art medical treatment facility.

The hospital's construction phase, managed by the Norfolk (Va.) District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is expected to be completed in late summer 2010. The facility will then be turned over to the U.S. Army Medical Command to staff and equip for subsequent operation.

Once opened, the hospital will be part of an integrated health care network providing world-class medical services to the nation's wounded soldiers and families. The hospital is one piece of a realignment designed to increase hospital and outpatient care to all service members and veterans under BRAC 2005. Other elements of the health care network include the realignment of Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Naval National Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

The hospital's conceptual design calls for a 1.2 million square foot, six-level community hospital, including medical administration areas. The design includes 120 in-patient beds, a 10-bed intensive care unit, a 10-bed behavioral health inpatient unit, a cancer center, an emergency department, a pharmacy, an operative services center with 10 operating rooms, diagnostic centers such as pathology and radiology, and modular clinic space dedicated to outpatient services. Additional space is planned for future outpatient expansion. In addition to the square footage of the facility itself, the project includes two parking garages and surface parking for 2,600 parking spaces, a helipad, ambulance shelter and dedicated central energy plant.

Designs also include logistics and administrative services, food services, a chapel and other amenities. Supporting facilities include utilities (water, sewer, gas, HVAC, steam and electric services), paving, walks, fencing, storm drainage, site improvements, communication and information systems, fire protection and alarm systems, site improvements that include parking spaces, landscaping buffers and additional site amenities and public access space.

### An innovative design & construction project

The hospital is being built by Turner-Gilbane, a joint venture comprised of Turner Construction and Gilbane Building Company. Turner, based in Arlington, Va., is engaged in many types of construction



Ground-breaking

projects, including office buildings, high-tech facilities, hospitals and healthcare facilities, hotels, retail, educational and cultural buildings.

The Gilbane Building Company's Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, based in Laurel, Md., has participated in several notable construction projects in the Washington, D.C. area such as the National World War II Memorial, the Baltimore Convention Center, the Center for Innovative Technology, Union Station and The National Air and Space Museum.

The new community hospital was designed for the Corps of Engineers by a joint venture team of HDR Architecture, Inc. of Alexandria, VA, and Dewberry of Fairfax, Va. It is being constructed through an Integrated/Design/Bid/Build (IDBB) procurement. This is an innovative process that uses coordination with a construction contractor to increase constructability, and provide accurate cost/schedule impacts of design decisions and resulting in fewer design omissions and errors. The process enabled the Corps of Engineers to establish a construction contract long before traditional processes would have allowed, meeting the accelerated construction timelines dictated by BRAC.

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### For more information:

Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers website at [www.armyengineersnorfolk.com/belvoirhospital](http://www.armyengineersnorfolk.com/belvoirhospital)  
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## Member News, continued

SAME Northern Virginia Post would like to formally welcome all of our new Sustaining Members that joined us in 2007.

- ASCE
- BCRA
- Carter & Burgess Inc.
- CDM
- Cera Tech Inc.
- Dominion Construction Inc.
- Faithful+Gould, Inc.
- Gilbane Building Company
- Jacobs
- KIRA, Inc.
- Marstel-Day
- Official BRAC
- SaniGlaze International, LLC
- SKE Group
- Swanke Hayden Connell Architects
- Tidewater, Inc.



### **Opens New Office in Alexandria and Joins Northern Virginia Post**

BCRA announces the opening of a new office in Alexandria, Virginia at 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 600. Headquartered in Washington State, BCRA has completed numerous military/federal projects throughout the United States and is a sustaining member of the Mt. Tacoma branch of SAME. With over 160 employees, BCRA serves our clients with architecture, planning, civil and structural engineering, interior and graphic design, building science, and sustainable design. Regional Director Heidi Perham, NCARB, AICP will lead the Alexandria office. She previously served as a military/federal projects manager at BCRA's headquarters. As a former planner and architect for the US Air Force, Ms. Perham has extensive experience designing, planning and managing government projects. More information on BCRA can be found at [www.bcradesign.com](http://www.bcradesign.com) or call 703 -647-7522.

## **HSMM Donates Expertise and Money to Airlift Wing**

On Saturday, October 13, 2007, HSMM attended a dedication ceremony for the Minuteman Statue at the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg, WV. Throughout this past year, the Martinsburg base began taking donations to build a minuteman statue representing the men and women from the U.S. who fight for freedom every day. In addition to a monetary donation by HSMM, several employees provided civil, architectural and structural design support for the statue pedestal and surrounding site.

The 6-foot tall statue is made of solid bronze; the minuteman holds a musket while standing on a pedestal that was quarried from stone found on the base.

HSMM is providing planning and design services to help convert the base mission from C-130 aircraft to C-5 aircraft, the world's largest plane. HSMM created an Architectural Design Guide that is being used to steer development and construction of all new C-5 bed down facilities at the Martinsburg base. To date HSMM has designed five of the new facilities and provided other site improvement services on this \$250 million conversion project.

### **About HSMM**



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## Upcoming Events

	<p><b>Northern Virginia Post February Meeting</b>  VADM Harvey E. Johnson, Jr.,  Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, FEMA</p> <p>Topic: California Wild Fires  <b>Date: Thursday, 7 February 2008, Location: Ft. Belvoir Officers Club</b></p>
	<p><b>Northern Virginia Post March Meeting</b>  Patrick A. Burns  Vice President, Federal Contracting Group  Mortenson Construction</p> <p>Topic: Virtual Design &amp; Construction Advances  There have been many discussions at SAME events and in the Industry about 3D modeling and Building Information Modeling (BIM). However, most Federal owners and contractors aren't aware of the significant advances being made in <i>Virtual Design &amp; Construction</i> (VDC) that are beyond just 3D and BIM capabilities. The intent of the presentation is to present some examples of the VDC capabilities being used on sophisticated commercial projects today, that would stimulate discussion on where VDC should apply in the future in the Federal market.  <b>Date: Thursday, 6 March 2008, Location: Ft. Belvoir Officers Club</b></p>

## SAME National Events

	<p>LOCATION:  Sheraton Suites  San Diego, CA</p>
<p>United States Forces Korea (USFK) and  Combined Forces Command (CFC)  Peninsula Engineer Conference (PEC) 2008:  Engineer Solutions through Innovative Technologies  <b>Jan. 29–Feb. 2, 2008</b></p>	<p>LOCATION:  Dragon Hill Lodge  Yongsan Garrison, South Post  Seoul, Korea</p>
<p>SAME Post Leaders Workshop</p> 	<p>LOCATION  Holiday Inn Select  San Antonio Airport  San Antonio, Tex.</p>
<p>4th Annual SAME Joint Senior NCO Symposium:</p>  <p>NCO Partnership with Industry  <b>February 12-14, 2008</b></p>	<p>LOCATION  Courtyard Marriott  Oxnard-Ventura, Calif.</p>



## SAME Upcoming Events



<p>SAME Rocky Mountain and Southwest Regional Conference March 12-14, 2008</p>	<p>LOCATION The Buttes Marriott Resort Tempe, Ariz.</p>
<p>SAME Technology Transfer Conference &amp; Lower Mississippi Regional Conference March 17-18, 2008</p>	<p>LOCATION Vicksburg, Miss.</p>
<p><b>Register for all three of these events at a special discounted rate!</b></p>	
<p>Forum on Enhancing Overseas Contracting and Execution of DOD Programs March 26, 2008</p>	<p>LOCATION Fairview Park Marriott Falls Church, Va.</p> <p>CONTACT Diane Schreiber SAME Meeting &amp; Conference Manager</p>
<p>International Business Opportunity Briefings and Federal Agency FY09 Design and Construction Briefings March 27, 2008</p>	
<p>SAME DOD FY09 Program Briefings March 28, 2008</p>	
<p><b>And when you attend the March Madness briefings, don't forget to reserve your spot for the prestigious Golden Eagle Awards Dinner (see below):</b></p>	
<p>2008 Academy of Fellows Golden Eagle Awards Dinner  March 29, 2008</p>	<p>LOCATION Fairview Park Marriott Falls Church, Va.</p> <p>CONTACT Kathy Off</p>
<p>2008 SAME Engineer Dinner to Honor U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 2008 Entering Air Force Civil Engineering March 7, 2008</p>	<p>LOCATION USAFA O Club Colorado Springs, Colo.</p>

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