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### DECEMBER 2006 SAME

**TOPIC:** Capital Asset Management – Effective Use of Technology to Support Life Cycle Management

(Earn 1 Professional Development Hour)

### SPONSOR: WADE-TRIM

**SPEAKER:** Jim Scott, SEH, will address the problems faced by owners of aging facilities. The condition of our capital assets and the buildings and infrastructure supporting them directly impact our ability to provide quality services. Constrained budgets and increasing pressure to reduce costs dictate that we optimize facilities spending. Owners and facility managers need asset management to make informed decisions on funding maintenance and renovation projects. We will look at the elements of an effective asset management program, the tools that are available to support the program and the benefits to be realized. A short biographical summary is included in the attached newsletter.

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 13, 2006

**TIME:** 11:30 am until 1:00 pm

**PLACE:** Detroit Club, 712 Cass Ave, Detroit, MI

**MENU:** Grilled New York Strip Steak served with a natural jus and simmered mushrooms, vegetable of the day, rice, dinner rolls, coffee and tea, cookies and brownies for dessert.

**PRICE:** \$24.00

**RESERVATIONS:** E-mail [Pam.Horner@usace.army.mil](mailto:Pam.Horner@usace.army.mil) by noon December 11, 2006

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Detroit Club

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**DETROIT POST S.A.M.E. NEWSLETTER**  
**DECEMBER 2006**

**DETROIT POST WEB SITE:** Information about the Detroit Post S.A.M.E., including monthly newsletters, is available on our web site: <http://posts.same.org/detroit>. Please pass this newsletter on to your fellow members, potential members, and interested visitors.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:** The holidays are fast approaching and I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Remember to take time and tell the special people in your life how much they mean to you. We continue our commitment to add value for our members and sustaining firms. This month we will roll out a membership plan to support our government members with the intention of increasing their membership. In addition we are planning several events for the Infrastructure Systems conference in June that will provide a unique opportunity for our sustaining firms and members. The HQ sponsored leadership conference in January is nearing and we are hoping to have several representatives attend. This year's conference will include training on the new AMS software system. Pam Horner has graciously accepted the invitation to attend and learn this new system on behalf of our post. I look forward to seeing everyone at our December meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS CONFERENCE, June 25-29, 2007, Detroit, Michigan. This conference is co-hosted by the Society of American Military Engineers. Please visit the web site for conference details: <http://www.usaceisconf.org/>.

The Detroit Post will be offering opportunities for Detroit Post Sustaining Members – look for more information in future newsletters.

**ANNOUNCING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** Anne Parker, Chairperson of the Membership Committee, is pleased to announce that the Membership Committee is hosting a GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

The Detroit Post is interested in increasing membership of metro Detroit government employees, including the Corps of Engineers, TACOM, and Selfridge ANG to allow government entities to interact and participate with our organization. Therefore, we are hosting a membership drive at reduced rates to government employees through December 2007. The Detroit Post SAME invites government employees to a reduced 1 year membership rate of \$25.00.

The Detroit Post is planning to meet occasionally throughout the year at TACOM and Selfridge ANG bases to give those government employees the opportunity to interact with Post activities on a regular basis. The regular luncheon meetings will continue to be held in downtown Detroit.

In addition to a reduced membership rate, the Detroit Post is also offering government employees a reduced luncheon cost of \$10.00 beginning with the December 2006 meeting. The reduced luncheon rates will be offered through December 2007. Government employees who are not SAME Members are welcome to the SAME Luncheon reduced rate once per calendar year. Additional luncheon attendance will require full payment (unless you become a SAME Member).

There are many benefits being a SAME member, including the following:

- Promote and facilitate engineering support for national security
- Build and enhance relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers and related professionals
- Stay on top of developments in the AE field including contracting, design, environment and emerging technologies
- Participate with other organizations such as ESD, MSPE, ACE
- Earn continuing education credits at monthly luncheons and annual meetings
- Participate in activities that support our Education Award Fund
- Mentor Young Members

If you are interested in joining during our government employee membership drive, please contact Pam Horner, Post Secretary, for further details ([pam.horner@usace.army.mil](mailto:pam.horner@usace.army.mil)).

**MEMBERSHIP:** It is very important that you keep your membership contact information current. Without current contact information for our members, the Detroit Post and SAME HQ are unable to send out important membership information such as membership cards, certificates, magazines and invoices. Additionally, if SAME HQ does not have current information on members, the membership Post Roster reports will reflect outdated information and result in members not being contacted with important information. Currently, SAME HQ receives quite a bit of return mail and e-mail each month for incorrect addresses and/or no forwarding address. The U.S. Post Office charges a fee for returned mail and SAME HQ would prefer to put this money to better use.

You can update your contact information by using the change of address card found in every issue of *The Military Engineer* magazine, by mailing, faxing or e-mailing their change of address information to SAME HQ, or by going online to [www.same.org/memberupdate](http://www.same.org/memberupdate). Keeping your contact information current benefits you and the entire Society.

Please be advised that presently the SAME Web site requires two different logins depending on the Web activity. For all members who wish to view “Member’s Only” areas such as Society, Regional and Post Operations, and Member Benefits must use their last name and six-digit numeric member ID. Individual members, who wish to update their contact information, must use the e-mail address we currently have on file for them and a unique password. If they do not know their password or have forgotten it, they can e-mail the membership department at [member@same.org](mailto:member@same.org). Sustaining Members must use their last name, member ID and e-mail address in order to update their contact information using the web. If there is no e-mail on file in your membership records, you need to call SAME HQ membership department and have then input your e-mail.

Much effort is required to address undeliverable mail and we greatly appreciate your assistance in updating your contact information to make this job easier.

**COMMITTEES:** Cathy Misko, chairperson of the Readiness Committee is looking for volunteer committee members. If you have an interested in Readiness and Homeland Security, please volunteer for this committee. There are new requirements from National for this committee and it will require active participation throughout the year. If interested in learning more about this position, or volunteering, please contact Pam Horner, Post Secretary at 313-226-6748.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRANT:** A High School Club Research Grant will be awarded for science and engineering clubs at the high school level in the metro Detroit school districts. The purpose of this grant program is to award a \$1500 grant to high school clubs that conduct research. Last year, the award went

to the Stream Team of Southgate Anderson High School where they purchased equipment to conduct stream monitoring and they will report out to us at the end of the school year. Typically, members of high school clubs have to fund their research out of their own pockets and it is financially hard on the students and the teacher. So, this program helps ease their need for research funding. Help us get the word out to local high schools. The scholarship committee will make contact with local schools to apply for the grant. Applications for the grant are due by the end of January 2007. Any questions should be directed to Connie Boris, Scholarship Chairperson, at 313-881-2240.

**LEFEVRE EDUCATION AWARD:** The Detroit Post is now accepting nominations for the Mary LeFevre Education Award. The Detroit Post established the Mary LeFevre Education Award in memory of a very dedicated employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District. While working full time, Mary LeFevre's diligence and pursuit of excellence included completion of a Bachelor's degree. She was an inspiration to all individuals that knew her personally and professionally. The education award is given annually to an individual that is working at least 24 hours per week and is also currently enrolled in an accredited college.

**Education Amount:** \$1500

**Criteria:** must be pursuing a bachelor's degree in their chosen field of study while working at least 24 hours per week

Eligibility criteria and a nomination form can also be obtained from our web site

**<http://posts.same.org/detroit>** or by contacting Pam Horner at (313) 226-6748. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Horner. The education award will be given at the February 2007 meeting.

**Deadline:** All applications must be submitted by January 31, 2007 to:

Pam Horner, CELRE-PL-E  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P. O. Box 1027  
Detroit, MI 48231-1027

They can also be faxed to Ms. Horner at (313) 226-2013.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** The Detroit Post offers Professional Development Hour (PDH) credits for attendance at designated SAME events. The Professional Development Committee will maintain records and track PDH credits earned by attendees at Post events. At the end of the program year, credits will be documented. If you need a copy of your credits, please contact the chairperson, Mr. Scott Bell. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Bell at (734) 332-1200 or by e-mail at [sbell@limno.com](mailto:sbell@limno.com).

**CONFERENCE INFORMATION:** Restore America's Estuaries is pleased to invite you to:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration - Forging the National Imperative

**Online registration is now open! You can register for the Conference online at:**

**[www.estuaries.org/conference](http://www.estuaries.org/conference).** Send payment on or before October 17<sup>th</sup> and receive the early bird discount!

The Conference will be held at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, LA from December 9-13, 2006. This Conference will bring timely national attention to the challenges and opportunities to comprehensive coastal ecosystem restoration throughout the United States, and will emphasize the challenges ahead in strengthening a national commitment to coastal restoration.

**For further information regarding registration,** please contact Mindy Quinnette at (703) 536-4992.

**For further information regarding the Conference,** please contact Kristin Hoelting at (206) 624-9100, ext. 3# or [conference@estuaries.org](mailto:conference@estuaries.org)

**AFFILIATE SOCIETY:** PLEASE VISIT THE ESD CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SCHEDULED EVENTS ([www.esd.org](http://www.esd.org))

**SPEAKER BIO:** Jim Scott is a senior engineer with Short Elliott Hendrickson. Jim currently manages SEH's efforts to support facility owners with their asset management needs. He is a registered professional engineer with over 30 years of facilities experience. Jim is familiar with both the public and private sectors, having served in the Corps of Engineers more than 25 years and spending the last 10 years as an owner's representative and consultant.

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**SUSTAINING MEMBER NEWS**  
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Hello SAME Sustaining Members,

I am sending an invitation for one of our members to sponsor the monthly luncheon. The cost is \$200.00, which will pay for the room and equipment rental. You will also be given a 5-minute spotlight to present an overview of your company. I will be periodically sending a list of speakers and the topics to facilitate sponsorships ahead of time, so we can give your company the recognition in the newsletter. Please contact me at 419.944.4591 (cell) with any questions or sponsorship commitment.

Anne Parker, Chairperson  
Sustaining Member Committee