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## JANUARY 2007 SAME

### TOPIC: TACOM Activities

(Earn 1 Professional Development Hour)

**SPEAKER:** Randal C. Gaereminck, Associate Director, Engineering Business Group, Tank-automotive Research and Development Command. Mr. Gaereminck will be giving summary on the activities taking place at TACOM. We are going to learn about TACOM and specifically the R&D operations at TARDEC. A short biographical summary is included in the attached newsletter.

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 17, 2007

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

**PLACE:** TACOM, Warren, MI, BOR Conference Room, Building 200A, First Floor (get map from Security)

**MENU:** A boxed lunch will be provided, which will include a wrap or submarine sandwich lunch with a fresh fruit cup, cookie, bag of chips and a soda for the price of **\$8.00 per person**. If a person prefers, a salad can be substituted for the sandwich. The options for sandwiches or salads are listed on the last page of the newsletter – send your selection when you register for the lunch.

**PRICE:** \$8.00

**RESERVATIONS:** E-mail [Pam.Horner@usace.army.mil](mailto:Pam.Horner@usace.army.mil) by 4:00 p.m. January , 2007.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Will be held at after the lunch at TACOM

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**DETROIT POST S.A.M.E. NEWSLETTER**  
**JANUARY 2007**

**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:** I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Enjoy time with your families and significant others during the holiday season. It is hard to believe we are approaching the half way point for the year. We have several exciting programs and events scheduled for the New Year starting with our meeting at TACOM. This event was coordinated by Col. Mike Cole, USAFR, and a former comrade of mine at Selfridge. We are going to learn about TACOM and specifically the R&D operations at TARDEC. We continue to work on improving our commitment to increase the value for our membership and sustaining members and increase our government membership. Anne Parker has spearheaded a new membership initiative for government employees as described below. In addition, we are working with SAME National to provide for significant opportunities at the up coming Infrastructure Conference. In addition, planning is well underway for this year's small business conference. We have several members attending the SAME leadership conference in Denver to include: Pam Horner, LTC Leady, and Dianne Peck one of five young members being sponsored by SAME national. I look forward to seeing everyone at TACOM in January.

**SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP 2007:** Please note the date of the next Small Business Workshop is Wednesday 25 April 2007 and will be at Selfridge ANG. The function will be held at the Selfridge Dining Hall.

**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.usaceiscconf.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 them 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 are 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).

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

**SPEAKER BIO:** **Randal C. Gaereminck** assumed duties as Associate Director Engineering Business Group, TARDEC, Aug 05

Previously Mr. Gaereminck served as the Executive for Homeland Security from Oct 04 to Aug 05. He represented the Army as the Lead to the DOD Homeland Security Working Group.

Prior to that he served as the interim Deputy Program Executive Officer (DPEO), Ground Combat Systems from Jan 04 to Oct 04. Responsibilities include oversight of programs such as Future Combat Systems, Stryker, Abrams MBT, Bradley, JLW 155, M113, Paladin etc.

Randal served as the Deputy Program Executive Officer for Combat support and Combat Service Support from Oct 01 thru Jan 04.

Mr. Gaereminck served as the acting Program Executive Officer CS&CSS from Aug 01 thru Jan 02. He was responsible for the day-to-day operations of all systems acquisitions programs totaling over \$17 billion and approximately 350 plus systems in the acquisition pipeline. Prior to the stand up of the PEO he was the Deputy to the Deputy for systems Acquisition from Jan 97 to Aug 01.

Mr. Gaereminck has served in other assignments included Acting Deputy for Systems Acquisition, Associate Deputy for Systems Acquisition, Chief of Staff for the Deputy for Systems Acquisition and Life Cycle Management (DSA&LCM) and the Executive for Systems Acquisition (ESA) for the DSA&LCM. Mr. Gaereminck occupies an approved critical Army Acquisition Corps position and has been appointed as a member of the Acquisition Corps. He is Level III Acquisition Corps certified in Program Management and Logistics Management. Acquisition assignments include PM and DPM Improved Recovery Vehicle, DPM Combat Mobility Vehicle, PM Trailers, PM FVPDS, WSM Combat Vehicle Personnel Heaters, and Chief Trailer Management Office. He has had numerous

assignments in TARDEC, Logistics Technology Office, IMMC, National Maintenance Point, Readiness Directorate, DOIM, etc. Upon graduation from college, Mr. Gaereminck was recruited by Chrysler Corporation and worked at the Chrysler Automotive World Headquarters-Engineering for over eight years. The following two years were spent at Chrysler Defense (now General Dynamics Land Systems) working on engineering, design, test and production issues and programs for the M1 Main Battle Tank program for the Army.

**Government Training**

Federal Executive Institute, Harvard-Leadership Program, Senior Management Executive Development Program, Advanced Program Management, Defense Systems Management College, Command and General Staff College, Weapons System Management Program, and the Logistics & Acquisition Management Program

**Educational Degrees**

Currently working on his Dissertation for a Ph.D. in Leadership, Masters of Business Administration (Logistics Management) - Florida Institute of Technology, Bachelor of Arts (Management) - Northwood University, Associates (Electro Technology) - Macomb College.

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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

## THE LUNCH MENU OPTIONS

A wrap or submarine sandwich lunch will consist of a fresh fruit cup, cookie, bag of chips and a soda for the price of **\$8.00 per person**. If a person prefers, a salad can be substituted for the sandwich. The options for sandwiches or salads are listed below.

Please e-mail the lunch choice/option to [pam.horner@usace.army.mil](mailto:pam.horner@usace.army.mil).

**Name & Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Choices/Options:

#### **Wrap-Type Sandwiches**

Chicken Salad  
Italian  
Tuna

Turkey Club  
Vegetarian  
BLT

#### **Choice of Tortillas (wraps)**

Cheese/Jalapeno  
Salsa  
Honey Wheat

#### **Submarine Sandwich (6 inch) w/Choice of Bread**

Turkey  
Club Combo  
Tuna  
Italian  
Beef  
Vegetarian

Wheat or White

## **Sandwich Garnishes**

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Dressing = (choose from Creamy Cucumber,  
Ranch, Tangy Bacon, Reduced-Calorie  
Italian, Yellow or Spicy Mustard or  
Mayonnaise)

Cheese (choose from American or Swiss)

Lettuce

Tomato

Onion

Sweet Peppers

Pickles

Ripe Olives

Jalapenos

Green Peppers

## **Salads**

Marinated Chicken Breast Tossed Salad

Tossed Garden Salad

Vegetarian Salad (w/extra vegetable  
garnishes)

Chef Salad