

DETROIT POST S.A.M.E. NEWSLETTER
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DETROIT POST WEB SITE: Information about the Detroit Post S.A.M.E., including monthly newsletters, is available on our web site: www.same-detroit.org. Please pass this newsletter on to your fellow members, potential members, and interested visitors. Sponsored by Futurenet Group.

SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP 2008: Please note the next Small Business Workshop is being held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at Selfridge ANG. The function will be held at the Selfridge Dining Hall. Please visit our web page for further details: <http://www.same-detroit.org/2008smallbus.html>. Registration is open and you can go directly to the registration web site at: www.regonline.com/187545. For Sustaining Members, we are offering sponsorship opportunities – please read the Sustaining Member News below for further details.

2008 GOLF OUTING: The annual Golf Fundraiser will be held on July 15th at Selfridge ANG. We will be looking for hole sponsors and donations for prizes at the outing. Please look for registration details in future newsletters.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FORUM: Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is holding a construction industry forum Detroit Arsenal on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the Best Western Sterling Inn Conference Center. Details on forum will be provided when available. Carmen Hill, Corps of Engineers Detroit District will be handling registration. If you are interested in registering, please contact Ms. Hill at: Phone (586) 574-6025 or by Email: carmen.m.hill@usace.army.mil.

2008 SAME JOINT ENGINEER EDUCATION AND TRAINING CONFERENCE & EXPO: This year's national event is hosted by the co-hosted by the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post and the Rock Island Post. The event is scheduled for May 20-23, 2008. Five educational tracks lay the foundation for this year's event, supported by exciting technical tours, an informational Exhibit Hall and worthwhile networking and social events. If you're looking to build partnerships, expand your visibility, or earn PDH credits for continuing education, the **SAME 2008 Joint Engineer Education and Training Conference & Expo** is the right conference for you. Please visit their web site for the most recent information on the conference and registration: <http://www.same-2008.org>.

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 2008. 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 through December 2008. 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).

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 Novi High School for a community outreach program on robots. 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. The application period for the grant has been extended and are due by the end of March 2008. Any questions should be directed to Connie Boris, Scholarship Chairperson, at 313-881-2240.

EDUCATION AWARDS: The LeFevre Education Award was presented to Mr. Bryan Melby with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District. The Welsh Education Awards were also presented to the following individuals: Mr. Luke Mackewich, Wayne State University, Mr. Ross Skilling, Michigan State University, and Mr. Devon Stanforth with the University of Michigan. Congratulations to all the winners.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: The Detroit Post offers Professional Development Hour (PDH) credits for attendance at designated SAME events. Certificates will be available for registered attendees at each monthly meeting.

AFFILIATE SOCIETY: PLEASE VISIT THE ESD CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SCHEDULED EVENTS (www.esd.org)

SUSTAINING MEMBER NEWS

Hello SAME Sustaining Members,

Monthly Sponsors - I am sending an invitation for one of our members to sponsor the monthly luncheon. The cost is \$275.00, which covers the room and equipment rental and staff labor. 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.

Small Business Conference - It is that time of year again, when we are getting ready to host our 5th Annual S.A.M.E./USACE/SBA Workshop. The event has grown in popularity and success each year and has consistently met its objective of networking area small businesses with Federal, state and local business opportunities. I would like to extend an invitation to your firm to participate in the upcoming 2008 Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th at Selfridge ANG Base at the new Dining Hall Facility. As chairperson for the Workshop, the committee members and event organizers truly appreciate your support in past years. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated. I am looking for firms to sponsor the event this year. All of the proceeds will assist in paying for the event and provide funds for scholarship. If your company would like to sponsor the event please contact myself for sponsorship levels. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 419.944.4591 (cell).

Anne Parker, Chairperson
Sustaining Member Committee