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NOVEMBER 2008 SAME MEETING

TOPIC: VA Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan
(Earn 1 Professional Development Hour)

SPONSOR: NTH CONSULTANTS, LTD.

SPEAKER: Mr. Khaled Soubra and Mr. Jim Hess with URS Corporation will give a presentation on the design and construction of the VA's Great Lakes National Cemetery (GLNC) in Holly, Michigan. URS Corporation was retained by the Department Of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration in 2002 to Master Plan and Design of the 544-Acre facility that will serve the 460,000 Veterans living within the Great Lakes region. A short biographical summary is included in the attached newsletter.

DATE: Wednesday, **November 12, 2008**

TIME: 11:30 am until 1:00 pm Luncheon/Luncheon Speaker

PLACE: Detroit Club, 712 Cass Ave., Detroit, MI (**Grill Room, 1st Floor**)

MENU: Tossed salad, Char-grilled salmon, topped with a stone ground mustard sauce, served with vegetables and rice, dinner rolls, coffee and tea.

PRICE: \$25.00

RESERVATIONS: E-mail Pam.Horner@usace.army.mil by noon November 10, 2008.

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

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DETROIT POST S.A.M.E. NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2008

DETROIT POST WEB SITE: Please note that the Detroit Post web site is: www.same-detroit.org. You can find out about current meetings, and past meeting information. Sponsored by Futurenet Group.

2009 REGIONAL CONFERENCE: The Detroit Post is pleased to announce that we are hosting the 2009 Regional Conference in Detroit, MI in 2009. The meeting is scheduled for August 11-13, 2009 in downtown Detroit. The theme for next year's conference is: Building Beyond Tomorrow. A committee has been formed for the regional conference. If you are interested in participating in this exciting committee, please contact Ms. Boris at 313-418-0700. Exhibit information will be available in the near future...plan to showcase your company at the 2009 Regional Conference.

READINESS COMMITTEE: The Detroit Post is placing renewed focus on Readiness and Homeland Security, with the goal of obtaining the "Post Readiness Streamer" at the next SAME Meeting. To qualify for the Streamer, members of the Post need to get involved with existing Readiness and Homeland Security organizations (at the Township, City, County, State, or Federal levels).

The Detroit Post Readiness Committee is looking for Post Members interested in Readiness and Homeland Security and willing to get involved. If you're interested in please contact Drew Lonergan at (248) 264-4015.

EDUCATION/TRAINING: The Detroit post encourages members and sustaining members to submit articles to The Military Engineer or other professional journals. Please let us know when you submit articles so that we can include it in our Education/Training Streamer submittal for the Detroit Post, by e-mailing the Post Secretary at pam.horner@usace.army.mil.

PROGRAMS: The Programs Committee is working on establishing the program topics for the remainder of the 2008-2009 program year. If you have an interesting topic to present, please contact Pam Horner at pam.horner@usace.army.mil. We are also looking for sponsors for all the programs month, so we are looking for our Sustaining members to volunteer to host monthly meetings (see note under Sustaining Members). Here is a tentative schedule of upcoming programs, which has been revised and updated since last month:

2008-2009 SAME Program Schedule

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| Nov 2008 | Great Lakes National Cemetery |
| Dec 2008 | Combat Engineering |
| Jan 2009 | Design & Construction of the North Terminal, Detroit Metro Airport |
| Feb 2009 | Corps of Engineers workload (tentative) |
| Mar 2009 | Engineering a 1.4 Million Square Foot Geosynthetic Cover over a Steep Rock Cut Slope (I-99 project, Pennsylvania) |

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Detroit Post continues to host 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).

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. 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. 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:

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. PDH certificates will be provided at the monthly luncheons meetings.

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

SPEAKER BIO: Khaled Soubra is a Vice President and Operations Manager with URS Corporation. He has a Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degrees in Civil and Structural Engineering. He has more than 18 years of experience in civil, structural, and surface transportation engineering projects. He has managed numerous multi-disciplined projects where his involvement included stakeholder coordination, conceptual layouts and type studies, value planning, final design and detailing, and quality assurance and quality control reviews. On this project, Khaled works very closely with Jim Hess and Jonathan Fahling, the leads for the Engineering and Architectural disciplines, respectively.

Jim Hess is a Senior Civil Designer with URS Corporation and has over 41 years experience in Civil and Transportation Projects. Jim served in the Army and was stationed at Fort Knox, KY and Saigon, Vietnam. He has been involved with the VA Cemetery Project from conceptual design, construction plans and specifications and provided construction administration of both Phase 1 and Phase 1B.

SUSTAINING MEMBER NEWS

Hello SAME Sustaining Members,

Monthly Sponsors – The Detroit Post invites one of our members to sponsor the monthly luncheon. The cost is \$300.00, 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. Please contact Pam Horner is interested in sponsoring a monthly luncheon at pam.horner@usace.army.mil. A sponsor is needed for the December 2008 and February 2009 meeting, so please volunteer today.