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TOPIC: GEOTECHNICAL, DESIGN, AND RELATED LEVEE CHALLENGES

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SPEAKER: Dr. Rob Mullins, PE, PMP, AICP with Stantec Consulting - The safety of citizens in numerous riverine areas is dependent on, and much of America's critical infrastructure resides behind, levees. Many of these levees were built to widely varying standards and are in desperate need of repair and rehabilitation. Some are agricultural levees that are now protecting urban/suburban areas that have grown out into formerly rural areas – a purpose for which they were never designed. As we witnessed in New Orleans, Iowa, North Dakota, and elsewhere around the world over the past few years, levee failures have severe consequences. This presentation addresses some of the work Stantec and its partners have done for the US Army Engineer District, New Orleans; lessons learned along the way; and the relationships among current levee inspection, flood insurance, and levee accreditation programs with a view to the future. A short biographical summary is included in the attached newsletter.

DATE: Wednesday, November 9, 2011

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

PLACE: Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby, 525 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, MI
(Fort Lernoult Conference Room – located on the second floor of the Doubletree)

MENU: **CHICKEN PECAN**, *Served with dried cherry pinot noir sauce*, includes house salad, chef's choice of vegetable and potatoes, rolls and butter, freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, iced tea and a dessert.

NOTE: Vegetarian meals are available only with advance registration.

PRICE: \$25.00

RESERVATIONS: E-mail Pam.Horner@usace.army.mil by noon Monday November 7, 2011.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Will be held at the Doubletree Fort Shelby, 10:30 a.m. Second Floor Conf. Rm., adjacent to the Fort Lernoult Conference Room.

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READINESS COMMITTEE: If you are a new Sustaining Member to SAME – Detroit Post, please submit your capability for Readiness to Damien Wetzel so he can include your firm in our current plan. Damien is our chair of the Readiness Committee and can be reached at (734) 262-1431.

STUDENT CHAPTER – University of Michigan ROTC – The student chapter will continue to meet monthly. LTC Ahaus will be looking for speakers at future meeting dates, so if you have any suggested meeting topics that would be of interest, please let the Post Secretary know and we will pass it on to the student chapter.

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.

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.

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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)

BIO: Dr. Rob Mullins is a vice president of Stantec Consulting in Louisville, Kentucky. He has over 33 years of experience in the planning, engineering, and construction fields. He has worked in areas as diverse as civil works navigation and flood control to military planning, design, and construction across the United States to remediation of hazardous, toxic, and radiological waste sites. Rob served 25 years in the US Army Corps of Engineers in the Louisville and St. Louis Districts and was awarded several medals for service by the Department of the Army, the Army Engineer Association, and the Society of American Military Engineers. He has degrees in engineering, business administration, law, and urban planning and has published an urban planning book, as well as numerous technical articles on civil works, environmental engineering, urban affairs, and related topics.

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.