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President’s Corner

Anthony C. Funkhouser, PE
Colonel, US Army Corps of Engineers
President, Tulsa Post

This month we are proud to present our Tulsa Post’s newest SAME Fellow, Lt. Col. John Blickensderfer. At a very distinguished ceremony in Minneapolis, MN, Blick and 24 others were inducted at the National SAME Investiture on 20 May 2008. It was a humbling ceremony that charged the latest Fellows class to support the SAME mission and its strategic plan, to be a role model and mentor, to support the SAME Regions, to be loyal to the Posts and to be courageous.

We are genuinely proud to have another Fellow from our Tulsa Post. I also had the opportunity to accept the 2007 streamers presented by Major General Del Eulberg. The Texoma Region was well represented and each of the Post Presidents were very proud to accept these streamers that you all helped earn! Great job to our Tulsa Team!

Due to the success of our Small Business Conference this year, we were able to fund two young high school students to attend the SAME/U.S. Air Force Academy Engineering & Construction Camp in Colorado Springs, Colorado and the SAME/Seabees Engineering & Construction Camp at Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, Calif. Cole Gray who will be attending the Air Force Academy Camp. He is going to be a junior at Claremore High School. Cole is an Eagle Scout and a c/2LT in the Civil Air Patrol. Isaac Leskowat will be attending the Navy/Seabee Camp. He will be a junior at FLOCK Christian Academy. Isaac is a Civil Air Patrol-Squadron Flight Commander. Congratulations to Cole and Isaac for their academic achievement and we wish them a fun and safe summer.

I also had the pleasure to speak at the Dallas Post on our engineer and FEMA response in Oklahoma during the Ice Storm last December. The information was well received and the Dallas Post were extremely gracious and truly regional players. Thanks to the President Mike Fallon and the Dallas Post for their hospitality.

Our planned service project to support Habitat for Humanity was untenable but we were able to substitute a volunteer effort to clean debris from Lake Oolagah. Details will be made available on our website for date and time. I look forward to seeing you there! I also hope to see you on our tour of the Keystone Dam and Powerhouse. It should prove to be a great tour and engineer experience.

Thanks again for all the professionals and young members for all they do to support our mission to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals.
NAVFAC Atlantic 2008 Industry Forum
Tuesday, June 24, 2008 7:30 am ET - 5:00 pm ET
Virginia Beach

The NAVFAC Atlantic 2008 Industry Forum is a one-day conference designed to inform and connect leaders in the construction, real estate development, energy management and architecture/engineering industries who team with NAVFAC Atlantic to provide the best infrastructure solutions to the Navy and Marine Corps. This forum offers a chance to network with NAVFAC Atlantic’s top leaders and provides information you need on the latest policies, workload, standards, and initiatives within NAVFAC. Attendees will hear from NAVFAC leaders in the areas of acquisition, small business, environmental issues, engineering, energy, design and construction, facilities support, and safety. The forum will also provide interactive discussion of issues important to NAVFAC and industry.  http://navfacforum2008-emailinvite.eventbrite.com

Keystone Dam & Powerhouse Tour
Tuesday 11:30 AM—June 10, 2008

Briefing and tour will last approximately two hours. You must be a U.S. Citizen and bring a Government issued I.D. Wear comfortable shoes. A box lunch will be provided for each participant. Send your RSVP (mandatory) to earl.groves@usace.army.mil.
Were you hoping to find a bunch of dang couch potatoes? We are runners who like to do the extreme. We mix up our road runs and incorporate some of the beautiful trails that we are blessed with in Oklahoma. Our speeds range from Slug Slow to Billy Goat Fast. Our great state has some of the most beautiful and challenging trails anywhere. We have Turkey Mountain, Keystone Lake, Greenleaf, Lake McMurtry, and one of the best trails in the country, the Ouachita Trail.

Call 918-244-6918 For Information

The Third Annual Oklahoma RiverFest will take place June 6-8, at Regatta Park on the Oklahoma River. The event will feature activities for all members of the family both on and off the water, showcasing the many amenities of the Oklahoma River and trails.

The three-day festival will feature Dragon Boat Team Racing, exciting river shows featuring water skiing and jet skis, the Oklahoma River Ride bicycling event, River Cruises, Red Earth RiverFest RiverRun, Music Fest, Kids Play inflatable park, tours, rowing demonstrations, paddle boats, kayaks and many other attractions.

This year’s event will pay special tribute to the United States Navy and will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Commissioning of the USS Oklahoma City Submarine. Navy interactive exhibits, a Navy band and former crewmembers from the USS Oklahoma City Submarine will be on hand for the celebration. The third annual Oklahoma RiverFest serves as the official kickoff of Navy Week in Oklahoma City.
Come to St. Louis for the SAME-ASCE Midwest Levee Conference for design, methodology, and operational practices that you can put to work. Get ready for recertification and learn methods to improve your flood protection system for greater security behind your levees.

If you attended the ASFPM-NAFSMA Levee Safety Summit in February, you learned about levee certification, FEMA requirements, and liability. Now come back to St. Louis to get the latest tools necessary to tackle those issues!

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- California Critical Repairs Program
- Mississippi River (Lower) and Tributaries Project
- Missouri River Levee Systems
- Ohio River Levee Systems
- Upper Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan

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- T-wall Floodwall Design Criteria
- California Levee Geotechnical Evaluation
- Levee Vegetation Policy Revisions
- Underseepage Design Criteria
- Embankment Stability Design Criteria

**Innovative Technologies**
- New Flood Fighting Products
- LIDAR, The Cost Effective Topographic Tool
- New Hydrosurvey Technologies
- Slurry Cutoff Walls for Seepage Controls
- Deep Soil Mixing Soil Improvements
- Directional Drilling Under Levees

**Panel Discussion – Levee Safety, Emergency Response, and Communications Strategy (USACE, STARRS, MO SEMA, IL)**

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