President’s Corner
Charley Wall
President, Tulsa Post

In May, we were rewarded with a very good technical presentation by Shannon Hudson with Contech speaking on Emerging Technologies and Efficiency in Design. If you are a civil or structural engineer, you probably know about geogrids used for subgrade improvement. Tensar has enhanced this product taking it from biaxial to triaxial. Contech has found it can reduce aggregate and flexible pavement sections. Thank you Shannon and our sponsor, Key+Cyntergy as well.

Our Young Member / Joint Society event with ASCE earlier this month was quite a success! We had great attendance, good food and drink, and lots of fun. ONEOK Field is an exciting, vibrant venue. If you have not gone to the new ballpark yet, you should. Thank you to Weston Solutions and Loretta Turner for sponsoring and Heather Tittjung for producing the event.

June has also brought with it an end and a new beginning. At the Change of Command ceremony on June 11th, Colonel Funkhouser relinquished command of the Tulsa District and Colonel Teague became our new commander. The ceremony was impressive and inspiring. Col. Funkhouser has a gift that he has developed into a great skill – he is a leader. We will miss Col. Funkhouser and wish him the best in his new adventures! At the same time, we can rest assured that Col. Teague will make command of the Tulsa District his own and will be very successful. Congratulations Col. Teague!

July will bring our summer break for the Tulsa Post. However, if you are looking for another opportunity to learn, meet and greet, or otherwise have a good time with your fellow SAME members, the 2010 Missouri River / Texoma Regional Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri July 12 – 14. The conference theme is “Working Together to Reduce Risk – Define. Communicate. Manage.” Technical sessions will cover such timely topics as Asset Management, Sustainability, Managing Flood Risk, and Risk Response and Readiness. Please visit our website (http://posts.same.org/tulsa/index.html) and read further into the newsletter for more information.

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2010 Tulsa Post President
WELCOME NEW TULSA DISTRICT COMMANDER

COLONEL MICHAEL J. TEAGUE
District Commander, Tulsa District
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

Colonel Michael J. Teague received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Norwich University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in 1985.

Upon completion of the Officer Basic Course, he served in Bravo Company, 10th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, in Bad Kissingen, Germany, as a Line Platoon Leader, Assault and Barrier Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer (XO). After attending the Officer Advanced Course, he served with the 19th Engineer Battalion, 194th Separate Armor Brigade at Fort Knox, Kentucky, before assuming command of the 13th Engineer Company (Construction Support) in 1990. During the two years he commanded the 13th Engineer Company, they deployed to construction missions in Honduras and Saudi Arabia, as well as forest firefighting in Tennessee.

From 1992 to 1994, Colonel Teague attended the Naval Postgraduate and received a Master of Science Degree in Operations Analysis. He completed assignments as a Combat Analyst with the TRADOC Analysis Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and as a Personnel Analyst with the OPMS XXI Task Force at PERSCOM. After serving as the Executive Officer, Directorate of Civil Works for Headquarters, US Army Corps of Engineers, he attended Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

Following Staff College, he was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado, where he served as the S3 and XO of the 4th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. After assignments as the Force Engineer (South), Multinational Forces and Observers, Sinai, Egypt, and as the Chief of Current Operations, US Army Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, he returned to Fort Carson.

On July 8, 2003, Colonel Teague assumed command of the 52nd Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) in Mosul, Iraq. The Battalion conducted construction, civil-military, and combat operations in support of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Battalion redeployed in February 2004. After command, he served as the Army Engineer for North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and US Northern Command and as the Deputy Executive Officer to the Combatant Commander. After this joint assignment, he attended the Naval War College where he earned a Master of Science degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Before taking command of the Tulsa District, he was the Third Army/US Army Central Engineer responsible for Army construction throughout the Middle East and central Asian states.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medals, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal and the Combat Action and Parachutist Badges.

He and his wife, Dawn, have been married for 24 years and have three children—Courtney, Kaitlin, and Jonathan.
On Friday, June 11th, Col. Michael J. Teague took command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District. The ceremony, held at the Cascia Hall Performing Arts Center in Tulsa, was a visual event involving the two colonels and Maj. Gen. Michael J. Walsh, commander of the Mississippi Valley Division.

In the tradition-filled change of command ceremony, Col. Teague assumed command of the Tulsa District from Col. Anthony Funkhouser who has been commander for the past three years. The Corps flag stood for the command of the district; it passed from John Roberts, deputy district engineer for project management who represented the civilian employees of the district, to Col. Funkhouser. The colonel then relinquished his command by passing it on to Maj. Gen. Walsh. The flag was then presented to Col. Teague along with the charge to care and keep the command. At that moment, the command of the Tulsa District symbolically shifted to the new commander.

Col. Funkhouser has taken command of a Corps of Engineers District in Afghanistan. Col. Funkhouser’s Tulsa District command included an extraordinary year during which the Tulsa District executed its largest program in recent memory that included the base Civil Works and Military programs, plus Base Realignment and Closure activity, two Congressional Supplemental funding measures, and the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). More than $430 million in projects and services with more than $1.3 billion in contract capacity were awarded. “Our legacy as an organization is that we’ve been able to recapitalize our projects. It was an incredible year that we will never see again on our lifetime,” said Col. Funkhouser of the work made possible through the stimulus funding.

While dealing with a funding program that was twice the normal amount for the district, Col. Funkhouser also served as the Southwestern Division commander. The colonel took control of the division Sept. 3, 2009, after Maj. Gen. Kendall Cox had a permanent duty change to Iraq. Under Col. Funkhouser’s leadership, the Southwestern Division was recognized as being the first U.S. Army Corps of Engineers division to award ARRA funds ahead of every other division.
The Tulsa Post hosted its Young Member event along with the ASCE Oklahoma-Tulsa Branch. The joint event was held on June 3rd at the Tulsa Drillers new ONEOK Field ballpark located in downtown Tulsa as the Drillers faced off to the Texas Midland Rockhounds. Nearly 50 people attended this family friendly event which included a very nice picnic, great game, and outstanding view of downtown Tulsa.

A special thank you goes to **Weston Solutions** for sponsoring this event. The donations collected at the game will be tallied, matched by Weston Solutions, and submitted to the Blue Star Mother's.

Left to right: Brett Cowan, SAME Tulsa Post Board Member and ASCE Oklahoma Tulsa Branch President, pictured with Charley Wall, SAME Tulsa Post President
Recap of the 2010 SAME Tulsa/Arkansas Posts Joint Future Work and Small Business Conference

The Tulsa and Arkansas Posts say a big “THANK YOU” to the conference sponsors and participants! We realize the question “What is the value of attending real-life conferences?” is often asked and wanted to let you know that your time spent at the conference was worthwhile:

- 72 golfers at the beautiful Cherokee Hills Golf Course - Hard Rock Hotel and Casino
- 16 Golf Sponsors
- 16 Conference Sponsors
- 204 individual participants representing over 100 separate engineering, environmental and construction firms, 5 Corps Districts, the Small Business Administration and Department of Homeland Security
- Knowledge Enhancement: sessions provided information on what is happening in a specific segment of the industry
- Enabled funds for the Justin Noyes Scholarships, the JD Metcalf Scholarships, Summer Engineering Camps, high school engineering and robotics partnerships, and the Tulsa Engineering Foundation
- 8 networking roundtables each for 36 small businesses
- Participated in something that cannot be replaced by the best communication technology available: connect with your peers and meet people who could have a positive impact on what you are doing professionally.

So, back to the question of “What is the value of attending real-life conferences?” The answer seems to be “priceless”.

Looking for Articles from Post Members

We are looking for articles from Tulsa Post members to include in future issues of the Post newsletter and in TME-The Military Engineer bi-monthly magazine. If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact:

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Last month David Epperly, Tulsa Post Education & Mentoring Committee Member, presented on behalf of the SAME Tulsa Post three $1,000 Justin Noyes Scholarships to senior high school students Amy Gustafson, Christopher Haverkamp, and Lindsey Heron.

These annual Justin Noyes Scholarships are in honor of Marine Sergeant Justin Noyes, an American Hero, who fought and died while serving our country in Fallujah, Iraq. Named for a remarkable young man who was fiercely dedicated to the service of our Nation, the scholarships recognize students whose accomplishments; associated with scholastic abilities, leadership, and love of country; are honored by SAME and mirror the achievements of Sergeant Noyes.

In addition, Post Past President Loretta Turner presented two $1,000 scholarships on behalf of the Tulsa Post to Vinita High School students Catee Shouse and Ben Sooter.

SAME is dedicated to providing young professionals with the resources and connections they need to stand out among the competition. As part of this effort, scholarships are presented to students who intend to earn a degree in engineering, biological science, or physical science. The Tulsa Post and its members are pleased to be an annual participant of this important initiative.
Join us July 12th - 14th at the:

2010 Missouri River - Texoma Regional and Midwest Levee Conference

Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, St. Louis, MO

Educational tracks:
- Asset management
- Sustainability
- Managing flood risk
- Risk response and readiness

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- Policy and guidance
- Research and innovative design
- Implementation and operations

Registration fees:
- $375 for SAME and ASCE Members
- $425 for Non-members

For more information visit:
www.meetmeinstlouis2010.com
Fleet Feet Teams with Troops in Afghanistan for Firecracker 5k

Fleet Feet Tulsa is proud to announce a partnership with our brave troops serving our country in Afghanistan. In conjunction with the July 3, 2010 Firecracker 5k race in Tulsa, Army Battalion 5-158th operating in Western Afghanistan will conduct their own Firecracker 5km run on July 4, 2010. Fleet Feet Tulsa has shipped race shirts, numbers, and other supplies to Afghanistan in support of the race overseas.

In addition to supporting our troops in Afghanistan, Fleet Feet Tulsa will also donate a portion of the proceeds from the event to Folds of Honor, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization with a mission to empower deserving military families with educational support and opportunities. Folds of Honor provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of service members disabled or killed as a result of their military service to our Great Nation. For more on Folds of Honor, go to: http://www.patriotgolfclub.com/cause.php (Note: this is not a SAME event, however, several Tulsa Post members will be participating in this race)

Last Month’s Post Meeting
Professional Development

PE RESOURCES

- Oklahoma State University Continuing Education http://outreach.okstate.edu/
- University of Tulsa Continuing Engineering and Science Education http://www.cese.utulsa.edu/
- University of Oklahoma Continuing Education - Engineering and Geosciences http://www.engr.outreach.ou.edu/
- Tulsa Chapter of OSPE http://www.ospe.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=34
- Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors http://www.pels.state.ok.us/

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2010 SAME Tulsa/Arkansas Posts Joint Future Work and Small Business Conference Documents Available

Check out the Tulsa Post website at http://posts.same.org/tulsa/ where the Regional Conference presentations and golf outing photos are available to download.

In addition, you can find on our website a listing of all the upcoming Post monthly meetings and events, download previous editions of our newsletter, and view our sustaining firm membership directory.

http://posts.same.org/tulsa/
SAVE the DATE - Annual Post Holiday Social

Please Join Us on Thursday, December 16, 2010
At Centennial Center at Central Park
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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SAME Small Business Conference
For DOD Engineering, Construction and Environmental Programs

Dec. 6-8, 2010 | Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center | Grapevine, Texas

Mark your calendar now to attend SAME’s Small Business Conference (SBC). The conference offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity for small business leaders to gain the tools and education they need to position their businesses for success in the joint-service Department of Defense (DOD) contracting environment.

For the 2010 SBC, SAME is preparing a program that’s sure to attract attention—and attendance—from the industry’s most powerful decision makers. The program will include unique insight from seasoned experts about doing business in the DOD market. Training sessions and panel discussions will address the ins and outs of business practices with the uniformed services and DOD agencies, as well as how best to navigate the maze of federal contracting.

Almost 1,500 people attended the 2009 conference.

If you weren’t one of them, you need to be at the 2010 SBC.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. For more information, contact SAME Communications Specialist Amanda Johnson at ajohnson@same.org.

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