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President’s Letter
Colonel Richard A. Pratt
President, Tulsa Post

Tulsa Post Members,

First, I’d like to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule of personal and professional commitments to be a part of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), evidenced by your reading this newsletter. I’ve spent my fair share of time on deployments and witnessed many of the engineering challenges our military forces encounter—often times while facing an armed enemy. I have also seen our nation respond to natural disasters here at home and abroad. Both require quick, sound decision-making when facing complex problems in order to minimize the health and safety issues that often arise—followed by proven methods to efficiently restore the basic necessities we have grown accustomed to. The fact that there is a collective body of professionals—from the private and public sectors—working together to better understand capabilities and requirements of our common goals is simply remarkable. I pulled SAME’s mission statement from the corporate website:

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the premier professional military engineering association in the United States, unites architecture, engineering, construction (A/E/C), facility management and environmental entities and individuals in the public and private sectors to prepare for—and overcome—natural and manmade disasters, and to improve security at home and abroad.

Your dedication to this endeavor is commendable, and I’d like to personally thank you for your earnest efforts to grow the community in an effort to meet this incredible challenge.

Thanks to all who attended the January meeting to oversee the installation of the 2015 Tulsa Post board members. I am excited to serve as the Post President and look forward to the great schedule that we have proposed for the upcoming year. Our next major event is the “Meet the Corps Day” on February 12th at Tulsa Tech’s Owasso Campus. We are hoping to improve on last year’s overwhelmingly successful event and look forward to seeing you there.

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I’d like to close by specifically thanking all of those who volunteered their time and efforts to serve as board members last year and the volunteers who contributed to each of monthly program events—we simply couldn’t do it without your help. We have a great group of experienced professionals at the core of our team, as well as several younger members who are striving to become the best in their individual fields of study and professional work. Of course we are always looking for new board members—so don’t hesitate to contact one of the committee chairs if there is a particular area you are interested in serving.

Finally, I’d also like to thank Cindy Gran for her leadership as the Post President—she has left the post in a great posture as we look towards the future.

Colonel Richard A. Pratt  
SAME Tulsa Post President
The Tulsa Post held its annual Holiday Social at My Studio on December 18, 2014. A dinner buffet, Live Event Trivia, Heather T.’s birthday, Silent Auction & the Tulsa post awards kept every one entertained. Party-goers captured the evening’s memories in the fun photo booth. The silent auction was a huge success and benefitted the scholarship fund. Thank you for all the support!

2014 award recipients: Anna Childers (CH2M-Hill), 2014 President Cindy Gran (Garver), Sarah Kellert (Kellert Consulting), Miro Kurka (Mead & Hunt), & Gene Lilly (not pictured; USACE)

Silent Auction to benefit SAME Tulsa Post’s scholarship fund.

Scenes from the evening of fun and merriment!

Winning trivia team!
Mark Your Calendars - Save these Dates

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Be a leader! Make a difference!

Lapsed SAME Membership?

No SAME Membership?

We want you!

Join SAME: http://www.same.org/index.php/membership/join.same
The January 20, 2015, Tulsa Post Meeting kicked off the Post’s 2015 activities and included the installation of the 2015 Officers and a State of the Post presentation by the incoming 2015 Post President Colonel Pratt. At the beginning of the meeting, the Will Rogers JROTC presented the colors, and Gene Lilly offered the invocation. Following Colonel Pratt’s State of the Post presentation (which is available on the SAME Tulsa Post website in the Archives section), John Blickensderfer gave a presentation on the benefits of SAME membership. The SWT Leadership Development Class also attended the meeting, and Captain Chris West gave a presentation on the USACE Leadership Development Program.


From left: John Blickensderfer, SAME Tulsa Post Fellow, Colonel Pratt, 2015 Tulsa Post President, Will Rogers JROTC, Captain West during Tulsa Post’s January Program.
Make your plans today to join us!

This year will also include a Veterans Virtual Job Fair conducted in cooperation with the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) office.
2015 Engineers Week – February 22-28

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Engineers Week Luncheon - Feb 25
E-Week Co-Chairman: Kyle Williams, (918-394-1503, kwilliams@schemmer.com), ASCE
Program: TBD
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Place: Tulsa Country Club, 701 N. Union Ave, Tulsa
Time: Check-in, 11:00 am; Lunch, 11:15 am
Cost: $25 per person
Reservation Deadline: 2/20/2015, Register online http://2015eweekluncheon.eventbrite.com

Student / Professional Engineers Week Breakfast and Career Seminar - Feb 27
E-Week Co-Chairman: Sarah Kellert (918-706-7797, SarahsKellertConsulting.com), CRPE
Program: The breakfast program will be followed by a series of presentations on engineering careers in the various disciplines. You are encouraged to sponsor the students’ meal cost; table sponsors will be recognized during the program.
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015
Place: Wyndham Hotel, 10918 E. 41st, Tulsa, 74146
Time: Check-in & Breakfast: 7:15 am; Career Seminar: 8:15 am - 11:00 am
Cost: $25 per person (free for students)
Sponsorship: Table (8 students/2 engineers) $250; Half-table (4 students/1 engineer) $125
Reservation Deadline: 2/20/2015, Register online http://2015eweekbreakfast.eventbrite.com

Please return this portion of the form.

2015 Engineer's Week Registration Form

E-Week Luncheon Registration - February 25, 2015
Name(s) Organization
Daytime Phone number & Email Number of reservations LUNCH AMOUNT DUE (# x $25) = $

E-Week Student / Professional Breakfast Registration - February 27, 2015
Individuals:
Name(s) Organization
Daytime Phone Number & Email Number of Individual Reservations BREAKFAST AMOUNT DUE (# x $25) = $

Breakfast Table Sponsorship:
Sponsor and/or Company Name:
Name & Engineering Discipline of Mentor(s) Attending Breakfast:
1. 
2. 
Daytime Phone Numbers & Emails Number of Students/Tables you wish to sponsor
Table (8 students/2 engineers) $250; Half-table (4 students/1 engineer) $125; Student $25
SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT DUE (Tables + Students) = $

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: LUNCH + BREAKFAST + SPONSORSHIP: $

Deadline: Noon Friday, February 20, 2015
Online payment links for the luncheon and breakfast are:

Address: Mail Your Form & Check to: TEF, PO Box 703065, Tulsa, OK 74170-3065 or email wollmers@aol.com
Please make all checks payable to the Tulsa Engineering Foundation (TEF). Your check is your reservation.
**General News**

The SAME Young Member Council is continuing the Credentialing Achievement Awards Program (CAAP) to promote the professional development of SAME Young Members and NCO Members in support of the SAME Strategic Plan. The CAAP serves to fulfill an objective which is to provide financial support for professional development, education, and mentoring initiatives to benefit our SAME members.

SAME will support the cost by reimbursing Young and NCO members for exam sitting or registration fees. The full program details and application are located at [http://wwwSAME.org/index.php/committees-a-councils/councils/young-members](http://wwwSAME.org/index.php/committees-a-councils/councils/young-members).

2015 applications are due April 10 and October 9. For questions regarding the project, please visit the SAME HQ website or contact Hector M. Hernandez at 850-396-4934 or Hector.Hernandez@ch2m.com.

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**Looking for Articles from Post Members**

We are seeking articles from Tulsa Post members to include in future issues of the Post newsletter and in the SAME National *ME-The Military Engineer* bi-monthly magazine. We hope to hear from you.

If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact:
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Professional Development

PE RESOURCES
- **Oklahoma State University Continuing Education—CEAT Professional Development:** [http://outreach.okstate.edu/](http://outreach.okstate.edu/)
- **University of Tulsa Continuing Engineering and Science Education** [http://www.cese.utulsa.edu/](http://www.cese.utulsa.edu/)
- **University of Oklahoma Continuing Education - Engineering and Geosciences** [http://www.engr.outreach.ou.edu/](http://www.engr.outreach.ou.edu/)
- **Tulsa Chapter of OSPE** [http://www.ospe.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=34](http://www.ospe.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=34)
- **Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors** [http://www.ok.gov/pels/](http://www.ok.gov/pels/)
  - **Continuing education:** [https://www.ok.gov/pels/Continuing_Education/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/pels/Continuing_Education/index.html)
  - **Applications and forms:** [https://www.ok.gov/pels/Applications_&_Forms/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/pels/Applications_&_Forms/index.html)

OTHER
- **Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA):** [http://okflood.org/home/certification.html](http://okflood.org/home/certification.html)
- **Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) for Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM):** [http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuid=426](http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuid=426)
- **Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB):** [www.owrb.ok.gov](http://www.owrb.ok.gov)
SAME is Part of the Social Media

Follow SAME on the following social media sites:

- SAME—Tulsa Post Facebook Page: Go “like” us!!!
  http://www.facebook.com/pages/SAME-Tulsa-Post/128934930938
- SAME National on Twitter at http://twitter.com/same_tme
- SAME National’s weekly digest blog “Bricks and Clicks” at www.same.org/blog
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