President’s Letter
Cindy Gran
President, Tulsa Post

Tulsa Post Members,

Well it’s back to routine now that summer has wound down and kids have started back to school. The Tulsa Post Board members are back at it as well planning our Posts’ remaining monthly lunch program meetings and last special events for 2014, making sure we meet all of our Post’s annual Streamer requirements to be considered for Top Medium Post.

Items worth marking on your calendar are:

♦ **September 16th** Program meeting where Mead and Hunt will provide an overview of their Dam Removal (Condit Dam) Project; Meeting and Lunch sponsored by Mason & Hanger

♦ Our October meeting date has been moved to **October 28th** for a CH2M Hill presentation on their Fargo Morehead Flood Control Project; Meeting and Lunch sponsored by Meshek & Associates

♦ **November 18th** Choctaw Defense Services will present their Low Voltage Technology for Lighting Systems; Meeting and Lunch sponsor opportunity still available - contact Miro Kurka to sponsor meeting miro.kurka@meadhunt.com

♦ **November TBD** our Tulsa Post will once again support the local Tulsa Community by working at the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma in Tulsa - contact Sarah Kellert to participate sarah@kellertconsulting.com

♦ **December TBD** Tulsa Post Members’ annual Christmas Social - details provided soon via email and our Webpage [http://posts.same.org/tulsa/](http://posts.same.org/tulsa/)

Also, we want to hear from you our Tulsa Post members about all the great monthly technical program ideas and community service events and professional growth and development activities you would like to see included in our Post’s 2015 events calendar. You the members are the reason our Post exists and we are looking to make our Tulsa Post even better by soliciting our Post members-at-large for your input. Soon you will receive via email a Post Survey Monkey request so please take a brief 3 minutes to complete this survey once it is distributed to our Tulsa Post membership. We have an outstanding membership and would like to increase our membership involvement even more as we begin to prepare and move into 2015.

I look forward to catching up with you at our upcoming program meetings and events!

Cindy
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**Lapsed SAME Membership?**

Be a leader! Make a difference!

**No SAME Membership?**

We want you!

**Join SAME:**

http://www.same.org/index.php/membership/join-same
SAME’s Tulsa Post is proud to support Wheelin’ For The Wounded in its fundraising efforts for both The Wounded Warriors and The Hero Project initiatives.

Join us for some off-roading fun that benefits those who have sacrificed for our freedom. ALL PROCEEDS from this event go directly to these worthy organizations. Be sure to check out the website for detailed information on registration, scheduled events, directions, etc.

If you would like to join up with the Tulsa Post group, please contact Kathy Smith at ksmith@cyntergy.com, and we will gather in one location after registration closes at 10:00am.
SAVE THE DATE!

February 11, 2015
MEET
THE CORPS DAY
USACE TULSA DISTRICT
Tulsa Technology
Owasso Campus

You don’t want to miss this once-a-year networking opportunity!
- Full Day
- Large & Small Businesses Represented
- Table-Top Booth Opportunities
- Evening Social Event

Watch for Registration to open in JANUARY!
Thanks to Trudy Logan of OKC Post for the article contribution.

A hugely successful Tulsa and OKC Posts’ joint meeting was held at Rose Sate College at Midwest City, OK. Col. Pratt, District Commander of Tulsa District of the Army Corps of Engineers spoke on the mission and current workload at the USACE, Tulsa District Office.

Col. Pratt provided an overview of the Tulsa District. It was established in 1939 and is one of four districts that make up the Southwestern Division. Its civil works boundaries include Oklahoma and parts of southern Kansas and northern Texas. The district's civil works mission is one of the largest in the Corps of Engineers; it includes 38 multipurpose lakes and five lock and dams on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. Although the primary purpose of district lakes is flood control, they also provide recreation, water supply, hydropower, navigation, and fish and wildlife habitat.

The Tulsa District's military construction mission provides engineering and construction management services to 6 military installations and the D.O.E Pantex Facility in Texas. Over the past 10 years, the district has managed the design and construction of over $10 billion in facilities for the military.

Col. Pratt said that there is an increased focus on public/private partnerships as a way to get projects completed during times of budget restraints. He said that the USACE was partnering with the Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation on a bridge repair project; and with the state of Kansas on a project to dredge out a silted-in reservoir upstream of the Wolf Creek Power Plant.

Approximately 80 people attended the event. Approximately, 20 of those were guests (non-members of SAME). Of the remaining, about 80% were OKC post members and 20% were Tulsa.
Upcoming Fall Programs

September 16 Program Meeting:

**Topic:** An overview of their Dam Removal (Condit Dam) Project  
**Speaker:** Mead & Hunt  
**Sponsor:** Mason & Hanger  
**Time:** 11:30 am—1 pm  
**Place:** Room 210, Tulsa District Corps of Engineers District Office Building  
1645 S. 101st E. Ave., Tulsa, OK

October 28 Program Meeting:

**Topic:** Water Resources in a Changing Nation  
– Fargo-Moorehead Flood Control Project  
**Speaker:** CH2MILL, Inc.  
**Sponsor:** Meshek & Associates  
**Time:** 11:30 am—1 pm  
**Place:** Room 210, Tulsa District Corps of Engineers District Office Building  
1645 S. 101st E. Ave., Tulsa, OK

November 18 Program Meeting:

**Topic:** Low Voltage Technology for Lighting Systems  
**Speaker:** Choctaw Defense Services  
**Sponsor:** Sponsorships available!  
Contract Miro Kurka:  
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Mason & Hanger (M&H) is the Nation’s oldest and most military-specialized engineering company. Founded in 1827, M&H is part of Day & Zimmermann with over 24,000 employees worldwide. Our services span the entire military facility delivery cycle including: planning and programming, full discipline A/E design including interior design and fire protection, construction, design build, and commissioning. Our facility life cycle involvement and perspective enables M&H to most effectively incorporate sustainability and energy management approaches.

Military Portfolio. M&H’s project portfolio includes virtually all types of facilities and infrastructure typically found on military installations (CONUS and OCONUS) plus the following highly specialized types of facilities: aviation facilities and pavements; SOF and other highly specialized training, ranges and training lands; heavy industrial/depot type manufacturing plants and processes; communications and data security; high security/classified; munitions, explosives, weapons; RTD&E and other highly technical facilities.

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Contact us: stephen.scott@masonandhanger.com, or visit www.masonandhanger.com
Meshek & Associates, PLC
Over 20 years providing engineering and GIS solutions across Oklahoma


Meshek & Associates, PLC (Meshek), founded by Janet Meshek, PE, CFM, is dedicated to providing superior consulting engineering services and GIS solutions to public and private clients. Meshek is certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and is an active participant in the Building Resources in Developing & Growing Enterprises (BRIDGE) Program through the City of Tulsa.

Our office, located in Tulsa, Oklahoma, offers a professional staff of registered engineers, engineering designers and drafters, licensed surveyors, right-of-way professionals, construction inspectors and GIS professionals. Services include:

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  Whether it is utility mapping, data analysis, or the development of specialized applications for web viewers and mobile devices, Meshek GIS professionals are dedicated to the preparation of mapping products custom-designed to the client’s needs.

- **Utility Engineering & Mapping**
  Our Utility Engineering experience includes water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure design and construction inspections services with project scopes ranging from small to multimillion-dollar projects.

- **Community Resilience Planning**
  At Meshek we offer a variety of services to help your community plan, fund future projects and programs, rebound faster in the event of a disaster, and grow more resilient.

- **Professional Land Surveying**
  Employing cutting-edge technology and seasoned land surveyors, we provide the highest quality land surveying services to our clients.

- **Land Acquisition Services**
  Whether acquiring R/W for construction projects or mitigating flood properties before the next disaster, Meshek offers a team of experienced R/W professionals, recognized by ODOT and IRWA, to assist your community with its Land Acquisition needs.

Providing specialized hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, engineering design, construction management services, roadway and utility design, advanced GIS services for stormwater management, municipal GIS assessment, utility mapping and more to communities and clients for 25 years.
Dear members of the Tulsa Post,

Thank you for selecting me to attend the 2014 Army engineering and construction camp. Through my experience at camp, I learned a lot about engineers and their corresponding fields. Before my time at camp, I had decided to pursue a career in electrical engineering. The camp allowed me to learn so much more about electrical engineering by having opportunities to meet and communicate with electrical engineers. Over the course of approximately seven days at camp, I endured so many different challenges and experiences I have trouble distinguishing them from one another. It was a very fun packed week and I couldn’t have asked for anything else because we literally did it all. From day one all the way through to day seven, we never had a moment when we were not doing something. It was an exhilarating week that I just cannot fathom how much we truly did.

The first day we arrived at camp, the councilors split us up into four different teams with corresponding colors: red, white, blue, and green. Each gender had their quarters, males downstairs and females upstairs. Each gender had their own bathroom facilities as well. So everything was separated for males and females except for the teams. Each team had 10 members each with two females and 8 males. After every camper was present and accounted for, we ate dinner and was briefed by Henry Dulaney over what we would do over the next 6 days. After the briefing, we were immediately thrown into an “icebreaker” challenge that helped the campers affiliate themselves with one another. We all grew on each other rather quickly and even I began to find a lot of common ground that the campers and I had in common. Afterwards, we were briefed again on how we all did and we were sent to bed with knowledge that it would be a very long day the next day.

On the second day, we started out the day by eating breakfast. Which can also be said about with all the other days that we spent at camp. After breakfast, we traveled to the Vicksburg civil war battlefield to participate in some team building activities along with learn a little history about the site. I of course enjoyed this because of my deep fascination with the history of the civil war. After our tour of the battlefield, we went to a concrete manufacturing and testing plant. While there, we learned about concrete and its composition in a power point the employees put together. After the tour of the building and power point, each team was tasked with the challenge of making a mixture for concrete that was both cheap and strong. We were then tasked to create our mix of concrete and put in a slab for testing its strength later that week. Afterwards, we returned to camp for rest on the next day.

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Out of all the days I spent at the SAME camp, I enjoyed the third day the most out of all of them. During the day, we ventured to the Nissan manufacturing plant there, in Mississippi. Any form of photography in the factory was extremely prohibited so I couldn’t capture any pictures in the Nissan plant, it was still a very memorable experience. Afterwards, we visited the Neel Schaffer offices in Jackson, Mississippi to learn about construction and surveying skills that are very relevant to civil engineers. I enjoyed my visit there a lot because I got to reuse some of the things I learned in my engineering classes I took prior to me going to the summer camp. After our lesson about surveying and using computer modeling software, we returned to camp where a very expensive surprise awaited our return: a Blackhawk helicopter. Of course I was more than thrilled to be able to tour the helicopter since I have always enjoyed anything to do with military aviation. I didn’t only get to tour the helicopter, I also got to sit in the cockpit, which was my highlight for that day. I learned a lot that day just from hands-on experience alone. By far the best day I had during my attendance at camp.

The fourth day went by really quickly with so much packed into that single day. We started out the day by going to ITL (information and technology lab) to tour their building. We started out the tour by going into the server room. It was amazing to see the super computers that kept the servers up and running. I enjoy computers a lot so it was nice to see what actually keeps the internet up for people like me to surf the web. After we toured the server room, we visited a few offices that showcases some auto CAD programs that helps design 3d objects and buildings. I actually have some experience with the auto cad software because I took a class over the auto cad inventor portion of it. So it was really neat to see the software I worked with being used in a real life scenario. After we finished up all of our activities at the ITL offices, we headed to the Entergy offices there in Clinton, Mississippi. There, we learned about electricity and how it works and is used on a daily basis. We were then given a demonstration on the hazards with electricity and we were demoed pole climbing and how to work a bucket in the power line truck. Then, we enjoyed a jeopardy game with an Entergy twist on it. After a very intensive jeopardy game, we traveled to the bowling ally for a nice cool down before we went back to camp to rest for the next day.

On the fifth day, we toured a concrete and asphalt manufacturing plant. There, we learned how it is made and what the majority of it is used for. We were also able to do a few activities while we were there. Such as, we were able to lay down a slab of concrete, smooth it off and level it. It was interesting to see the teams do this since we all couldn’t use the same tools since we didn’t have enough to go around for everyone to use. Then we made our rounds throughout the site and learned some things about the process of making concrete and the distribution of it. After the construction portion of the day, we moved on to learn some river engineering which was held on the M/V William James river boat which they did while we floated down the Mississippi river. A core of engineer representative explained the purpose of river engineering and its importance. Afterwards, we were fed a steak lunch and given a tour of the ship while performing a few set challenges. Once completed, we returned to shore and toured the museum of the Mississippi river and headed to the pool party to conclude the day.

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On the 7th and final day, we were awakened by our last wake-up call alerting us that we had to go eat breakfast. We were then ordered to pack our things into the bus and head out to the concrete manufacturing plant that we visited earlier that week to test our concrete blocks we poured to decide the winner for the teams. The results for the test were promising for my team but we already knew that it wouldn’t boast our score up enough to pull of first. After our final challenge, we ventured to the awards assembly and final lunch. We were given a few speeches and a few awards for attending camp and we were finally told who the winning team of the year was: red. As a white team member, I was a little disappointed we didn’t get the win of the year but I was still very proud of our performance and experience at the camp. Then the fateful time of departure came and none of us wanted the week to end. We had so much fun and we built such strong bonds with one another that we didn’t want to break those bonds. But knowing we had our lives back home to return to, we got on our planes and ventured back home to conclude the camp experience.

Overall, I am very pleased with my camping experience and I cannot recommend it enough for anyone interested in engineering. You cannot possibly find another place like it to give you that much exposure to engineering. I just cannot fathom how much dedication they put into that camp. You are exposed to civil, electrical, river, mechanical, and many other engineering fields. It was such a great resource for me to go and visit engineers in their natural habitat. I learned so much from it and any camper after me will learn more than they will ever know. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity and I hope anyone that has the chance to take the same opportunity, will take it. They would not regret it.

Sincerely,
Landon Burleson

Me during the military challenge on the first day

Some of my teammates prepping the canon at the Vicksburg civil war battlefield
Tulsa Post members Robert Day, Sarah Kellert, and Earl Groves, provided Science, Technology, Engineer-
ing and Mathematics (STEM) activities and mentoring to middle school students attending the New Heights Summer Camp. The New Heights camp is an 8 week summer program designed to provide enrichment classes and activities that allow low-income children the opportunity to minimize summer learning loss. New Heights Summer Camp provides a safe, nurturing youth development program to elementary and middle school children that lack the resources for other summer programs. The middle school portion of New Heights allows for local middle school students to explore the world around them. Each week they participate in a field trip to local museums, parks and attractions. They spend one morning a week at a local bowling alley, learning life lessons in self-discipline. One day a week is spent in community service. Club Day is by far the favorite day of the week, allowing children to explore new areas of interest with adults willing to share their skills & expertise.

This year, the camp added an emphasis on STEM learning and activities. To support this, Tulsa Post provided a grant for $500 to provide STEM materials. Additionally, Robert Day and Sarah Kellert, Tulsa Post board members provided an afternoon of STEM activities exposing the students to the world of engineering. Students received hands-on learning with a few engineering and science experiments, including building a potato battery and designing and erupting a play-doh volcano. Later that same week, the students were treated to a tour of Keystone Dam by Board Member, Earl Groves.
Awards

2014 Justin Noyes High School Scholarship Recipients

The Tulsa Post of the SAME is pleased to announce the award of four $1,000 Justin Noyes Scholarships to senior high school students who intend to earn a degree in engineering, biological science or physical science. Those receiving scholarships for 2014 include:

• Austin Morgan - Edison Preparatory High School
  • Christopher Hopson - Charles Page High School
  • Thedoor Nap - Nap Academy (Home School - Broken Arrow)

Thedoor Nap was the top recipient and was awarded a four-year renewable scholarship. Wyatt Bonicelli, Daniel Anderson, and Sam Bevilacqua, the last three year's renewable scholarship winners, were also awarded their renewable $1000 scholarships.

Congratulations to all!!

Appointments

SAME Tulsa Post Board member, Ms. Loretta Turner, P.E., PMP, Client Service Manager for Weston Solutions, Inc., was recently appointed to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for the State of Oklahoma. Ms. Turner will serve a 5 year term, filling the recently vacated position for the Registered Environmental Professional. The EQB is the governing entity for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. Ms. Turner has served on the Tulsa Post SAME Board for the past 10 years, serving as Secretary, Programs Chair, Vice President, President and currently serves as the Post Small Business Liaison. She also currently serves as a trustee on the Tulsa Engineering Foundation. Ms. Turner received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Oklahoma.

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 TME-The Military Engineer bi-monthly magazine. We hope to hear from you. If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact: Anna Childers: Email: anna.childers@ch2m.com
Professional Development

PE RESOURCES
- Oklahoma State University Continuing Education—CEAT Professional Development: 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.ok.gov/pels/
  - Continuing education: https://www.ok.gov/pels/Continuing_Education/index.html
  - Applications and forms: https://www.ok.gov/pels/Applications_&_Forms/index.html

OTHER
- Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA): 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
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- 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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