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## Thanksgiving Goes a Long Way

COL Michael J. Walsh, SAME Washington DC Post President



Greetings fellow members of the Award Winning SAME Washington DC Post!

This month we give thanks to our Engineers for their contributions. I write this article as I come out of a kick off presentation to the Army Corps of Engineers manpower specialist and thought I would share some of my comments to them with you. We are a nation at war and our military

services and contract supporters are relevant and ready forces for today's mission and the future. From where I sit, all of the contributions from our engineers are immeasurable. Beyond our borders, in the CENTCOM AOR, we have stability operations ongoing in Afghanistan. Our nation has contract engineers from USAID building the ring road around that country's major cities tying the cities together so government services can get beyond the capital city. Our Military Service engineers are working the secondary roads and bedding down on the Afghanistan National Army. Our Military Service engineers are rebuilding Iraq, from the restoration of the

Iraq oil industry to the refurbishment of their power generation and grid systems, building schools, hospitals, roads and bridges. We engineers have restored the Iraqi oil infrastructure to be able to produce, in just 20 days, over 2 million barrels a day. The by-product to this crude oil production produces benzene, LPG, and kerosene that are used by the Iraqis to restore other systems. Our engineers are making both of these countries stable.

As we continue to restore the infrastructure and bring stability back to the people of these countries, we increase the likelihood that they will help us stop the infiltration of terrorism.

*"Always remember three things, 3 strikes don't mean you're out; there's always one more thing you can do; and there is always one more thing you can do."*

LTG Hal Moore, Commander 1st Bn, 7th Cavalry, hero of Ia Drang Valley

This nation building work comes at a price, not only in treasures but also in lives. From where I sit I see the message traffic of the KIA and WIA engineers both civilians and military. The Secretary of the Army just approved the first Defense of Freedom medal for a Corps civilian from the Sacramento District who was wounded in an ambush last month. Two contract civilians working to destroy captured Iraqi ammunitions were killed in ambush this week. On Friday, 7 November, at Arlington we will inter PVT Falaniko of A Company 70th Engineers. We will support his father, Command Sergeant Major Falaniko, from the Engineer Brigade of the 1st Armored Division, lay to rest his 20-year-old son.

We are a nation at war. Our engineers and those who support them are ready and relevant.

Our organization SAME brings together professional engineers and those in engineering fields to promote sound relationships in both the public and private sectors; to develop a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation among engineers of the uniformed services; to advance the knowledge of federal engineering, and assure that the latest advancements in engineering technology are understood, practiced, and shared with industry and to preserve the memory of the services rendered by the engineering profession during contingency operations and wars fought by the United States.

Thank an engineer, engage an engineer, and tell them about SAME. ■

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## Engineer Spotlight! Carol S. Mowder, P.E.

Carol Mowder joined SAME in 1993. Carol is currently an elected SAME National Director and has participated on numerous SAME National Committees. She is also served as Director at the Washington DC Post. Carol served as the Washington DC Post Secretary and Treasurer, as well as the Chair of the Membership and the Education Committees. Carol was the Co-Chair of the Mid Atlantic Conference in 2002. She also served as the Chair of Finance for both the Mid Atlantic Region Conference in 1995 and for the SAME National Conference in 1997. Carol has also given technical presentations at a number of SAME regional conferences and at Post programs. The DC Post presented Carol with the "Outstanding Professional Contributions by a Young Civilian member" award in 1997 and in 1999. Carol received the prestigious SAME National Tudor Medal in 1999 for her "Outstanding Professional Contributions to Engineering Design, Research, and Development". She was also awarded the RVP medal in 2002.

Carol is a registered Professional Engineer, and has a Bachelor Degree in Chemical Engineering from Michigan Tech. She is currently the Northeast Region Chief Remediation Engineer for ARCADIS, and is responsible for the technical quality of all remediation projects in the Midwest and Northeastern United States. Carol contributes to the company's internal technical training documents and serves as the Project Manager or Lead Engineer for a variety of Government and private sector remediation projects.

*"SAME has contributed largely to my success in this industry. It has provided opportunities to learn from and interact with other professionals. It is so easy to focus only on the type of work that you do; participating in SAME helps you realize that your work is only one small piece of a large and complex puzzle. Through being active in SAME, I have developed some lifelong friendships and have mentors that I would not have otherwise had."* Carol Mowder ■

## Young Member Spotlight! Tracy Knott

Tracy Knott joined SAME in 1996. Tracy served on the National Board, SEG Committee 2002-2003, and on the Young Member Affairs 2001-2002. She served on the SAME Fellows Dinner Committee 2002-2003 and actively participated as the National MATHCOUNTS Liaison for SAME 2001-2002. Tracy was the Co-Chair of Registration for the SAME National Conference in Washington, DC in 1997. Tracy serves as the DC Post Young Member Committee Chair 2000-2003. She served as the Co-Chair of the DC Post Golf Outing 2002-2003 and participated on the Golf Outing Committee 2000-2001. Tracy was the Co-Chair of the Mid Atlantic Region Conference 2002. She also served as the DC Post Publications Committee Chair 2001 and as Chair of the Arrangements Committee 1998-1999. Tracy's article, "Young Members Speak and Seek" was published in the May-June 2002 issue of *The Military Engineer*. Tracy received the RVP medal in 2002, and the DC Post's "Outstanding Achievement and Professional Contribution by a Young

Member" award 2002. Tracy's contributions to SAME were noted in an article, "*Tracy Knott: Leading the Society's Future*", in the October 2001, Vol 2. No 11 issue of *SAME's News*, and in *The Military Engineer* as a Young Member Spotlight in 2000.

Tracy is also active in and holds a number of memberships at other organizations: SMPS, CREW, NAIOP, CEC/MW, ACI, DATA, IFMA, and ULI. Tracy has a Masters degree from Mary Washington University and a Bachelors degree from Longwood University.

*"SAME is an organization where Young Members are sought out and mentored. SAME has provided me with many opportunities to lead and learn. By participating at the local, regional, and national levels, I immediately get involved and provide my company valuable leads and professional opportunities within the DOD sectors."* Tracy Knott ■

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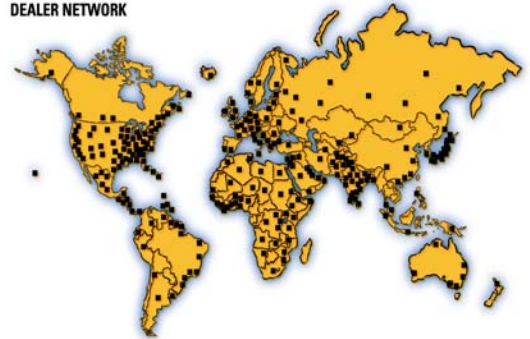
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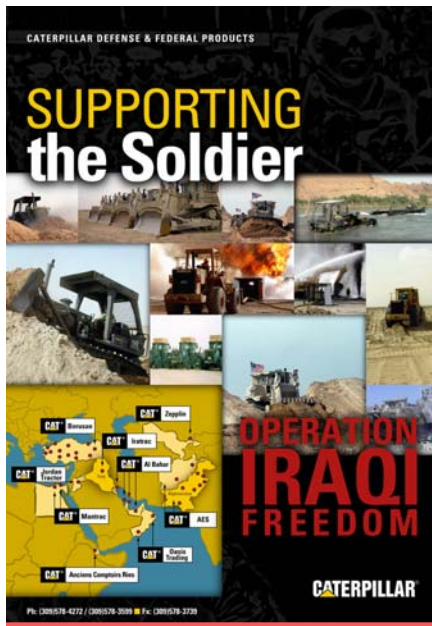
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Caterpillar supports soldiers during Operation Iraqi Freedom

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Recent awards to Caterpillar include the Marine Corps Systems Command contract for their new backhoe loader fleet and the U.S. Air Force 10K Adverse Terrain Fork Lift. The 10K Adverse Terrain Fork Lift is unique due to its ability to be transported by C-130 anywhere in the world.



420D IT Backhoe Loader



1T28G 10K Adverse Terrain Fork Lift

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## Communications Committee

The Washington DC Post Communications Committee is fully engaged in producing a *Communications Plan*.

The *Communications Plan* provides Standard Communication Guidelines to:

- Enhance Post Communication Capabilities
- Improve Communication Between Posts
- Maximize Existing Resources

The *Communications Plan* includes focus areas on:

- Needs Assessment, Resources and Expectations
- Publication Design and Preparation
- Community Outreach and Event Planning

The *Communications Plan* will be available to all Washington DC Post members and to any SAME Post interested in additional guidance and strategies for their respective Communication activities at the Post level.

The *Communications Plan* will be posted to the Washington DC Post Website in December 2003. ■

## Readiness Committee

The Washington DC Post Readiness Committee is updating the Post's Readiness Plan (Operation Fast Start). The Readiness Plan contains the DC Post's Sustaining Member Profiles with Emergency Response Capabilities. Sustaining Member companies and public agencies that have not yet submitted their capabilities can do so until 26 November. The DC Post Readiness Plan will be distributed to local emergency management agencies and federal agencies in December 2003.

Please contact Jill Harrison [jmharrison@pbsj.com](mailto:jmharrison@pbsj.com) to complete a questionnaire, or visit the Washington DC Post Website at [www.sameDCpost.org](http://www.sameDCpost.org) Readiness Committee Web page.

This is an excellent opportunity for your firm to showcase your emergency response capabilities. In addition, those firms whose emergency response capabilities are contained in the Plan will have the opportunity to be considered for selection to participate in a large emergency exercise in the Washington DC metropolitan area in 2004. ■

## Young Members Committee

Join the Washington DC Post Young Members on Thursday, 13 November at Mr. Days Sports Bar and Grill for an evening of camaraderie. Meet at 1800 and stay as long as you'd like. All Young-At-Heart members are welcome to attend!

Tickets for Mamma Mia are still available. Please contact Tracy Knott [tknott@eclimited.com](mailto:tknott@eclimited.com) for additional information. ■

November Program!

# SEABEES IN IRAQ

## Rear Admiral Charles R. Kubic

Please join us for our next program, on **Wednesday, 19 November 2003.**

Rear Admiral Charles R. Kubic will present this month's program on **Seabees in Iraq.** Rear Admiral Kubic's presentation will cover the contributions of the three thousand Navy Seabees that served in Kuwait and Iraq. Seabees contributions included assembly of six steel bridges and placement of 340m of bridges across the Diyala River and Saddam Canal; construction and repair of nearly 800 km of major roadways and bypass routes; creation of the first ever 700-man base camp for a Naval Special Warfare task force, and creation of rehearsal structures for special ops forces to prepare for missions; and reconstruction in Iraq, including enhancements to 74 schools, four airfield runways, and 20 utility restoration projects.

Rear Admiral Kubic assumed command of the FIRST Naval Construction Division 9 August 2002. He previously served as Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and THIRD Naval Construction Brigade in Pearl Harbor, HI since 1999. Rear Admiral Kubic is a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist, a licensed professional engineer, and a certified level III contract officer.

Please join us for what is sure to be a very informative presentation.

### REGISTRATION FORM

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER (by 12 Noon)**

Cancel your reservation 48 hrs prior to the event without charge.

Date: **Wednesday, 19 November 2003**

Location: Washington Navy Yard, Washington DC  
(Please visit our website [www.sameDCpost.org](http://www.sameDCpost.org) for directions to the event.)  
The Bldg. # will be announced two days prior to the event as provided by the Navy Yard.

Cost: \$15 Young Member / Military / Gov't  
\$25 Member  
\$35 Non-Member

Please indicate if you are interested in a vegetarian meal \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 1130-1200 Registration  
1200-1330 Lunch and Program

**PLEASE CALL OR FAX RESERVATION FORM TO:**

SAME Reservations Phone (703) 317-6275 or FAX (703) 960-9125. Bring check to event or mail to: SAME Washington DC Post PO Box 77896, Washington DC 20013

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# Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, 19 November**

**Rear Admiral Charles Kubic, Civil Engineer Corps, US Navy  
Commander, First Naval Construction Division  
*Seabees in Iraq***

1130-1200 Registration  
1200-1300 Lunch and Program  
Washington Navy Yard, Washington DC

**Thursday, 13 November**

**Young Members Happy Hour  
*Mr. Days Sports Bar and Grill***

1800 at 3100 Clarendon Blvd. (next to Clarendon Metro)  
Arlington, VA All Young-At-❤️ Members are welcome to attend!

**Tuesday, 2 December**

**Washington DC Post HOLIDAY PARTY !!!**

1700-1900 Sine's Irish Bar, Pentagon Row (Fabulous Holiday door prizes) Mil/Govt/YM \$15 Members \$25 Non Members \$35



We look forward to seeing you at future events! ■

# Upcoming Conferences

<http://www.same.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3310>

**3-5 November**

SAME South Atlantic South Central Regions Joint Education and Training Conference  
Savannah, GA

**7 November**

Strategic Sourcing Committee  
Alexandria, VA

**17-19 November**

7th Annual USACE Small Business Conference. Co-Hosted by USACE and SAME  
Alexandria, VA

**19-21 November**

SAME TEXOMA Region Conference  
Oklahoma City, OK

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