



# WORD PASSER

A Monthly Newsletter For The Houston/Galveston Post

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 2018

**June 6**

Public Agency Banquet

Hilton Houston Westchase  
with Guest Speaker Ms. Carol  
Haddock, PE, Director of  
Houston Public Works

**June 20**

USACE Galveston Small  
Business & Industry Day

US Army Corps of Engineers  
Capital Improvement Projects

**June 21**

YMI Professional  
Development Event

Leadership Throughout Your  
Career Seminar

### July 2018

**July 11**

Joint Meeting with APWA

Recognizing Students through  
Scholarships



## In this edition...

★ **April 27, 2018**  
**Leadership and Mentoring Session Three**  
SAME Members enjoyed The Escape Room

★ **May 1, 2018**  
**Resilience 18050 Webinar**  
Keynote Speaker Col. Joe D. Manous, Resilience  
Committee Chair

★ **May 2, 2018**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
Keynote Speaker Col. Larz Zetterstrom, USACE  
Galveston District Commander

## Leadership and Mentoring – Session Three

### The Escape Room

*By: Alene Efaw*

The 2018 Leadership and Mentor program had their third session at the Houston Escape Room in City Center. The team went back to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and had to pass multiple subjects in order to escape. The different tasks required a lot of team work. The toughest challenge for the team was the science project but with an extra clue the team was able to solve the problem. With only a few minutes remaining , the team escaped! The team included Pacey Bean, Susanna Set, Alene Efaw, Patrick Korn, Liz Parent, Janelle Reiher, Ramon Herrera, KC Maheshwor and Keri Garner Hopple.



## Resilience 180501 Webinar

By: James Kisiel, PE, PMP

Committee Chair, Col. Joe D Manous, Jr, PE, PhD, USA (Ret.), [Joe.Manous@usace.army.mil](mailto:Joe.Manous@usace.army.mil), (703) 428-7074, gave the Resilience 180501 Webinar participants the mission statement.

The mission statement for the resilience committee is to:

Promote awareness, training, and partnerships to members and local/regional stakeholders with regards to Resilience Programs. The Committee provides information that supports the development of effective policies and efficient development, implementation, and use of technologies that both improve infrastructure resilience and identifies cybersecurity challenges and solutions.

Chris Hinson and Russell Patterson discussed the overarching focus on resilience. They highlighted these to be information sharing, connecting/collaborating, and focus on infrastructure and cyber security. The lessons learned from emergency management and logistics planners remains “exercise, exercise, exercise.” This is not surprising to anyone that has served in the DoD or other law enforcement agency. It is also somewhat obvious- why would we expect people that don’t know each other or what resources they have to operate well under stress and adverse conditions with fragmented information?! The bottom line is that people must trust each other and practicing makes teams function more optimally.

In the end, Col Manous provided the focus to increase trust in the industry:

Think Nationally...Act Locally.

- Mitigation and preparedness are the national primary goals for FEMA
- Plug in locally
- Plug Into the State Hazard Mitigation Teams
  - Single point of contact for the State
- Silver Jackets open doors to accessing Communities
- When invited, SHOW UP at meetings, exercises, planning sessions

# May General Membership Meeting USACE Galveston District Update

By: Dennis Turner



The annual USACE Galveston District briefing to the Houston/Galveston Post was held at the new Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Airport. Col. Lars Zetterstrom, District Commander, presented an overview of the history, mission, and authorities of the Galveston District. The mission of the Galveston District includes Navigation, Flood Risk Management, Regulatory, Ecosystem Restoration, Emergency Management, as well as Interagency & International Support components. Col. Zetterstrom discussed their Hurricane Harvey response and current efforts to restore and improve navigation, reduce flood risks, and to support Federal and Non-Federal infrastructure in our region. The Civil Works project delivery process and policies, current and planned contract opportunities, and Small Business programs were also discussed to inform SAME Members on how they can support the USACE Galveston District's goal to have a Texas Coast that is resilient with a healthy ecosystem, is positioned for sustainable economic growth, and is supported by strategic partnerships that support Non-Federal investment.



# May General Membership Meeting USACE Galveston District Update

By: Dennis Turner

After the presentation, attendees were able to visit the Lone Star Flight Museum. The Lone Star Flight Museum is a 501(c)(3) aviation museum and STEM learning center with a mission to preserve, educate and inspire. Led by CEO Lt. Gen. (ret) Douglas H. Owens, LSFM's new \$38 million state of the art facility at Houston's Ellington Airport opened September 16, 2017. In addition to the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, the 130,000 square foot facility houses the Museum's renowned flying collection of historic aircraft, a \$1 million, high-tech Aviation Learning Center and dynamic hands-on exhibits. LSFM's vision is to be a world-class educational museum linking an understanding of the past with inspiration for the future. [www.lonestarflight.org](http://www.lonestarflight.org)



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## June 2018

★ **June 6th**  
**Public Agency Banquet**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Agency Awards Banquet will be held on the evening of June 6 at the Hilton Westchase. At this banquet, the Post will recognize the Public Agency of the Year, the Large Sustaining Member Firm of the Year, and the Small Sustaining Member Firm of the Year. Our keynote speaker will be the City of Houston Director of Houston Public Works, Ms. Carol Haddock, P.E.

★ **June 20th**  
**USACE Galveston Small Business & Industry Day**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District has many contracts anticipated in the next fiscal year. Learn more about the capital improvement projects anticipated from 8 AM to 3 PM at the US Army Corps of Engineers, 2000 Fort Point Rd, Galveston, Texas 77550.

★ **June 21st**  
**YMI Professional Development Event**

“Leadership throughout your career” hosted by Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT), Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE). Mr. Eric Potts, Mr. Mike Talbott and Mr. Jason Poppen will be guest speakers.

## July 2018

★ **July 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Joint Meeting with APWA**

Our Post and APWA will host a lunch meeting to present college scholarships.

**2018 Scholarship Applications are now open!**

**[Click here to apply!](#)**

**Due June 1, 2018**

## National Events

For More information on upcoming National events such as elections, scholarship applications, and STEM camps, please visit the SAME National's calendar: <http://www.same.org/calendar>