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A Monthly Newsletter For The Houston/Galveston Post

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SAME Sporting Clay Tournament held at American Shooting Center



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Conference to bring professional engineers together to improved and increase the engineering capabilities of the nation



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Keynote Speaker Ms. Carol Haddock, PE, Director of Houston Public Works

3rd Annual Sporting Clay Tournament

By: Patrick Korn

Wednesday, May 16th marked the launch of the 3rd Annual SAME Houston/Galveston Post Sporting Clay Tournament. Similar to previous years, the focus was social interaction while showing our support to the veterans that serve our country at home and overseas. By partnering with The Mission Continues, a local non-profit that serves veterans and their families by providing social and career services, we reached out to local veterans that have recently left military service and offered them positions as shooters on each of the member teams. A total of 10 member teams were sponsored for the event, resulting in the participation of 30 SAME Houston/Galveston Post Members and 10 veteran shooters. Lining up in the early afternoon, the tournament began with a Sporting Clay course that provided a challenge for both new and experienced shooters alike. The tournament ended with a dinner and awards presentation, along with a raffle that was managed by the post's Young Member Initiative. Participating veterans were awarded with the post's President's Coin as a symbol of our appreciation for their service and sacrifice for our country. Although the event was not designed as a scholarship fundraiser, we managed to raise over \$1,800 for the post's scholarship fund. All in all, the 3rd Annual Sporting Clay Tournament was a literal and figurative blast.



Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo (JETC)

By: Yvonne Rivera

During the last week of May, SAME held its national conference, JETC in Kansas City. The conference brought together people from posts across the country and from around the world, including Alaska, Japan, South Korea, and Europe. The speakers were all very knowledgeable on their respective topics, but the most impactful was Jake Wood, author of *Take Command: Lessons in Leadership*, and cofounder and CEO of Team Rubicon, a nonprofit organization that recruits, trains and deploys military veterans to disaster zones around the world and within the United States – including to Houston during Hurricane Harvey. At the Post Awards Luncheon, the Houston-Galveston Post received a Distinguished Post Award with streamers in Leadership and Mentoring, Relationships, Professional Development and Personal Growth, Resilience, and Membership. Most importantly, our very own Buddy Barnes became President-Elect of SAME National, which will make him SAME's 100th President in 2019!



Public Agency of the Year Banquet

By: Tom Martens



The Houston/Galveston Post held its annual Public Agency of the Year Banquet on the evening of June 6, 2018 at the Hilton Westchase. The event was very well attended and not hindered by an ice storm this time!

The meeting began with the presentation of colors by the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Houston Division 83. The young men did a great job and established a patriotic environment for the event. Our keynote speaker was Ms. Carol Ellington Haddock, P.E., the Director of Houston Public Works. Ms. Haddock shared a personal, lively presentation on the challenges and successes of the department since 2016. These included several severe weather events (Tax Day Flood, Hurricane Harvey, and this year's ice storm) as well as some opportunity events (Final Four, Super Bowl, and World Series parade). Ms. Haddock discussed the successes of her staff, the collaboration with Harris County, and the heroic efforts of the rescue and response teams. Ms. Haddock also announced the very recent promotion of Joe Myers.

Yvonne Rivera, President-Elect, shared her experiences at the recent SAME Joint Engineer Training Conference (JETC) held in Kansas City, including a side trip to the WWI museum. One highlight from JETC was the installation of Buddy Barnes as President-Elect, which means he will be the SAME National President for the 100th Anniversary of the organization!



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By: Tom Martens

Buddy Barnes introduced and presented the award winners. Houston Public Works was recognized as the Public Agency of the Year, and the award was accepted by Carol Haddock and Joe Myers. BGE, Inc. was recognized as the Sustaining Member Firm of the Year (Large Firm Category), and the award was accepted by Mike Fitzgerald and Alene Efaw. Midtown Engineers was recognized as the Sustaining Member Firm of the Year (Small Firm Category), and the award was accepted by Ramon Herrera, Keri Garner-Hopple, and KC Maheshwor.

Buddy then presented Kevin Maddox, the Past President of the TAMU Student Chapter, with the Student Leadership Medal that was announced at the recent JETC.

The event concluded with a live auction for the prized Skeeter's suite – resulting in a winning bid of \$1,000! Many thanks for all the tremendous volunteer hours that were invested in making the event a great success!



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2018

- ★ **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.
- ★ **June 27th**
Public Agency Meeting
Mayor Chuck Brawner and Byron Hebert will present the City of Katy CIP Program. The meeting will be held at Katy City Hall (901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493) at 11:30 AM.

July 2018

- ★ **July 11th**
Joint Meeting with APWA
Our Post and APWA will host a lunch meeting to present college scholarships. The guest speaker will be Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle. The meeting will be held at the HESS Club.
- ★ **July 26th**
Environmental Committee Luncheon
Harris County Engineering Nick Russo and Austin Appleton will speak at the Environmental Committee meeting.

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>