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**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE 2019**

Louisiana Post,

This will be my last message to you all as the Post President. I relinquish command of New Orleans District on June 11th, and will deploy to Afghanistan a few days later. My wife is staying in New Orleans so I'll be back in a year to get her as we prep to move to whatever is next following my year in Afghanistan. While deployed, I'll be working with the Afghan Ministries of Defense and Interior, helping them construct and maintain the facilities their military and police forces need to secure their country. It will be interesting and challenging work, and quite different from what I have been doing for the past three years in New Orleans.

I want to thank each of you for your participation in SAME, for what you and your firms have done for the Corps these last three years, and your personal friendship. This has been an amazing place to serve. There is no area in the USA quite like New Orleans and South Louisiana, and no place where our government and contractor military engineers are having more of an impact. In the last three years we've made significant progress on HSDRRS, NOV-NFL, SELA, PCCPS, Mississippi River Levee lifts and maintenance, HSDRRS armoring, environmental mitigation, BUDMAT construction, dredging, and regulatory reform just to name a few. The future is bright as New Orleans District prepares to begin advertising the construction of the Comite River Diversion, East Baton Rouge drainage improvements, and the West Shore of Lake Pontchartrain levee system. We are working with CPRA to plan the structure raising program for South West Coastal, and we have several feasibility studies in progress which may result in future work. The flood defenses for New Orleans have never been in better shape, but there is still a lot of work to do. I know you are eager and ready for the opportunity.

Lastly, I want to wish Troy the best of luck as he assumes the duties as the Post President. I know he's going to do great things leading the Post into the SAME Centennial celebration and beyond.

I wish you all the best of luck! Essayons!

COL Mike Clancy

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers to serve the next business year, starting in June, was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors & Post President, and an official election by the membership was held to ratify the Board's decision at our May 8 monthly luncheon. Following is the list of candidates:

Troy Jeanfreau, P.E. -----President

COL Stephen F. Murphy, USA -----1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Charles Marinovic -----Jr. Vice-President

Richard C. Entwisle, P.E. -----Vice-President & CAO

Jennifer M. Snape, P.E. -----Treasurer

Scott P. Smith, P.E.-----Secretary

The new slate of officers will be installed at the upcoming monthly luncheon on June 19, 2019.

We cordially invite you and encourage your attendance to join us in this event and celebrate a very successful year in furthering your professional development.

Victor A. Landry, PE  
Chairman, Nominating Committee

## **HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION**

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We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm's experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let's continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.



**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND NEWS**

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**LOUISIANA POST MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019**

**SOCIAL – 11:30 A.M.**

**POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION:** SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB  
105 N. ROADWAY DRIVE  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70124  
EAST DINING ROOM (3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR)

**GUEST SPEAKER:** CHRIS GUILBEAUX, ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**TOPIC:** HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

**MENU:** CAESAR SALAD, CATFISH AMANDINE,  
CHOCOLATE MOUSSE, ICED TEA & COFFEE

**COST:** \$30.00 MEMBERS; \$35.00 NON-MEMBERS; \$5.00 STUDENTS

**RESERVATIONS:** FOR RESERVATIONS VIA E-MAIL:  
[RICHARD.C.ENTWISLE@USACE.ARMY.MIL](mailto:RICHARD.C.ENTWISLE@USACE.ARMY.MIL)  
YOU MAY ALSO CALL RICHARD AT (504) 862-1377

**OR MAIL PAYMENT TO:** SAME, LOUISIANA POST  
5321 TOBY LANE  
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**\*\*\* DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M. MONDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> \*\*\***  
**\*\*\*NO ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS MAY BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE\*\*\***

**THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH**

**DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.**

## SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY

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### **Chris Guilbeaux**

#### **Asst. Deputy Director of Emergency Management**

Chris Guilbeaux was born and raised in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Guilbeaux joined the **Louisiana Army National Guard** in 1979. Upon graduation, Chris completed his initial training and returned to Breaux Bridge. In October 1982, Chris joined the Louisiana Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) Program and began his career as an **Administrative Specialist** in the Breaux Bridge Unit. After various positions throughout Southwest Louisiana (256th Infantry Brigade), with which he served 18 years, he was selected amongst his peers to serve as the **Senior Operations Sergeant** for the newly formed **62nd Civil Support Team, Weapons of Mass Destruction (CST)**. Throughout the 18-month train up period for the CST, Chris received over **800 hours of Emergency Management, Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction** training.

In 2002, Chris retired with a total of 23 years of service. In June 2002, Chris joined the **Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital's (DHH) Bioterrorism Program** and worked there for 17 months in the design of teams and training of personnel for the express purpose of responding to any Bio Terrorism incident in Louisiana or the Nation. In November 2003, Chris was appointed by the newly elected Sheriff of St. Martin Parish as the **Deputy Chief of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness**. He also served as the **911 Director** for St. Martin Parish. His duties included serving as the **Chief of Operations (COO)** for the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's office whereas he provided leadership and guidance for deputies in Patrol, Detectives, Narcotics, Juvenile and Court Room Security.

In May 2006, Chris took on a new roll in the civilian sector as a **Hazardous Materials Technician and Project Manager** for B & B Fire and Safety Services Inc. In July 2008, Chris was chosen to serve as the **Operations Chief** for GOHSEP where he led the branches of **Operations, Planning and Logistics** in order to insure that the State was in a constant state of readiness. That readiness was put to the test a short month later in August 2008, with Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. The Operations Section continued to be challenged in 2009 with the H1N1 flu emergency, in 2010 with the British Petroleum (BP) Oil Spill and in early 2011, with the Mississippi / Atchafalaya River Flooding. In July 2013, Chris was named the **Asst. Deputy Director** of the **Preparedness, Response and Interoperability Division**, and in November 2018, he was appointed as the **Asst. Deputy Director of Emergency Management** and serves in this position today. In 2007, Chris was elected on to the Board of Directors for the **Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA)** and in 2013 he was re-elected for a third term. He also serves as a member on the **Louisiana Emergency Response Commission (LERC)** and the **Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN)**.

Chris is married to the former Robin A. Leonard of Cecilia, LA and has two (2) children, Cody and Jenna, and three (3) grandchildren, Ethan, Ahnah and Emma.