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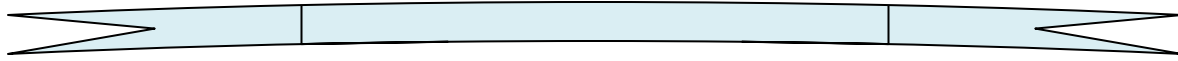
Greetings, fellow SAME members. I hope this finds you well and healthy and enjoying this pleasantly cooler autumn weather, a welcome change from the intense heat of this summer. I also hope this finds you and your families safe as well given that we've just gone on record with the National Weather Service as the busiest hurricane season in the Gulf since 2005, with three storms hitting in the last 45 days. Hurricanes Sally, Laura, and Marco likely impacted all of our members in some way or another. I'm hopeful, though, that the worst is behind us and we can continue to focus on the state's transition into its COVID-19 phase 3. I am seeing more and more traffic on my commute into the city every morning so I anticipate that, as conditions continue to improve, we should be able to resume our face to face monthly meetings soon. The Chapter's leadership is actively exploring ways to do so but with appropriate social distancing protocols in place to ensure it's as safe as possible. Here in the New Orleans District, we are starting to bring more employees back into the office starting this month as well, a gradual change back to the new normal after almost 8 months of mass telework. Thanks for all you do for STEM, for the chapter, and for your communities. It's great to be part of an organization whose charter and members are committed to making a positive difference in engineering in the communities in which we work, serve, and live. I look forward to seeing you again, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Sincerely,  
COL Stephen F. Murphy

## **HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION**

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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**MEMBER INFORMATION**

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**LOUISIANA POST MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020**

**SOCIAL – 11:30 A.M.**

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

**LOCATION:** JEFFERSON ORLEANS SOUTH  
2536 EDENBORN AVE.  
METAIRIE, LA 70002

**GUEST SPEAKER:** GARRET GRAVES, LOUISIANA CONGRESSMAN

**TOPIC:** UPDATE FROM WASHINGTON

**MENU:** SALAD, FRIED FISH, GARLIC MASHED POTATOES, GLAZED  
BELGIAN CARROTS, DESSERT, 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. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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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### Biography



**Congressman Garret Graves** is a Republican Member of Congress representing [Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District](#) – 13 parishes stretching north of Baton Rouge through the Capital Region down to Louisiana's Bayou country. Graves sits on the House Committees on [Transportation and Infrastructure](#) and [Natural Resources](#).

At the start of the 115th Congress, Garret was named Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure [Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment](#), which oversees water resources development and regulatory programs administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), along with other agencies and water-related programs. As Chairman, Graves will play an expanded role in shaping legislation to limit the scope and economic damages of agency regulations, shorten the time it takes for projects to be completed and bring efficiency to how the government works.

In his position of leadership, Garret will play an important role translating the Trump Administration's proposed Infrastructure Package into legislation in the coming years, particularly with respect to bridges, flood protection, ports, waterways and coastal restoration.

Graves, who recently finished his second year serving in the House of Representatives, has more than 20 years of experience working on energy, infrastructure, fisheries, maritime and water resources issues.

In addition to his policy expertise and years of private sector work, Graves served as Louisiana's Chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) where he managed for the state one of America's largest civil works programs in history and successfully streamlined government while boosting its productivity. Under Graves' tenure, Louisiana constructed more flood protection infrastructure and restored more miles of coastline than at any other period of time in the State's history.

Garret is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he still resides with his wife Carissa and their three children.