

*From the President*

Hello and Happy Holidays everyone. As we wind up another year, it's my very great pleasure to inform you that our Drive for the Troops campaign (4<sup>th</sup> annual) is now concluded with the receipt of packages aboard the USS Lassen, somewhere in the middle east. We set a record this year for the amount of material shipped, over 900#, and for donations received. I know from the photos sent back that Lassen was very pleasantly surprised by your generous contributions and the crew was gratified to know that we cared enough to do this for them.

As we move forward into 2020 there are several challenges on the horizon. First off, we intend to conduct a general election for the officers of our leadership team. Some of the existing team need to move on, some may choose to remain, but in any case we need new participation to ensure the future viability of the organization and to bring new ideas that will spur growth and increased interest in the evolution of the Tennessee Valley Post of the Society of American Military Engineers. Secondly, we are on the threshold of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our National organization and we want to be a part of the celebration of SAME as it has been as well as active participants in what SAME will become in its second century. Lastly, we are planning for our fundraising activities for the year including our annual Golf Tournament and Professional Development Workshop. These fundraising activities are a necessary part of our Post as they are the sole source of our scholarship awards.

If you have an interest in participating in SAME, or have an idea that will enhance or broaden our fundraising events, step forward and be recognized!

For everyone among the membership and most especially for our leadership team who has donated their time and resources to this organization, thank you, thank you, thank you!

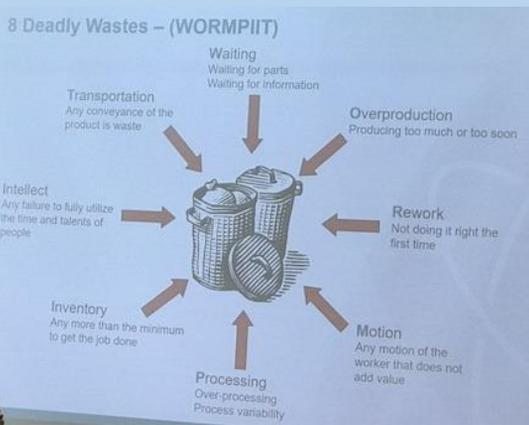
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The Society of Military Engineers is the only nonprofit professional engineering education organization that actively promotes the advancement of both individual technical knowledge and the collective engineering capabilities of governments, the uniformed services and private industry.



Just a little of what goes on at SAME TVP...come join us!



*A message from Leanne Morrow, former TVP member, now in Afghanistan:*

Hello SAME TVP!

So I am assuming that you heard the news about what happened here on Wednesday (12/11/19). We are all ok, and USACE Village had some minor damage. Doors and windows blown out mostly. But thankfully, no major injuries. We were lucky that the military first responders are not only extremely well trained and good at their jobs, but they are also total heroes! It was a very long day. The entire base was locked down for 17 hours.

The blast was so powerful that those of us in our building, thought we had taken a direct hit. Ceiling tiles fell in and there was thick dust in the air from the building being shaken. You could hardly see down the hallway. We spent a lot of hours sitting outside (behind our T-walls of course) on the stairs watching everything going down... They told me this was the first planned ground attack that's happened here in 3 years...

We were all cheering out loud when the Apaches flew over, circling the base and protecting the perimeter like guardian angels... those pilots are truly amazing and we owe them a HUGE thanks for all they do. You could hear the cheers from other buildings in the distance too. It was a very good feeling.

Definitely a day of "firsts" for me... and the worst was eating my first MRE.. (gak!) I had to brush my teeth TWICE to get the taste out of my mouth... don't let anyone tell you that you can put chicken pasta in a plastic bag, let it sit there for a year in a cardboard box on a shelf in a warehouse and it will taste ok... that's a big NOPE!

So just wanted to check in, let everyone know that we are all good here, it was back to work as usual on Thursday... more to be done!!!

Feel free to write, tell me what's going on there, send pics, etc.... it's very welcomed!!!

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## Notes from 10/8/19 Meeting:

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| 1. | <p>Introduction</p> <p>Bill Sawrey opened and Officiated the meeting with 20 people in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the prayer given by Diane Moore.</p> <p>Bill acknowledged veterans present and first-time visitors and members from other posts. Four first time visitors were present and 6 PDHs were awarded. Attendance and PDH register and record of payment attached to notes. Also recognized members from the Project Management Institute and from Women in Nuclear.</p>   |
| 2. | <p>Administrative Issues</p> <p>Bill introduced the 2019 Drive for the Troops with hand-outs and explanation of how it has worked in the past. Last year we collected, packed and shipped 700 pounds of snacks, gifts, and items to provide reminders of home to a forward deployed unit in Poland. The drive will be held over ~30 days with food planned for delivery to a TBD unit a week or so prior to Christmas.</p> <p>Additional hand-outs were provided at each table: one on the history of SAME, one on the Internet of Things/Cybersecurity.</p> <p>This meeting was held jointly with the East Tennessee Chapter of the Project Management Institute. Eleven PMI members attended. Kim provided updates for several upcoming PMI meetings at the Casual Pint in Hardin Valley, Oct 29 on "Change Management", and Nov 15 on "Risk Management". This year is PMIs 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Main Presentation</p> <p>Damita Mason presented information on the 5 S's (Sort, Set in order, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain, and the 8 deadly wastes (WORMPIIT): Waiting, Overproduction, Rework, Motion, Processing, Inventory, Intellect, Transportation. These are management techniques to maximize production and efficiency and minimize down time and waste in production.</p> <p>Several questions from the audience and good discussion as a group.</p>  |
| 4. | <p>Meeting Closure</p> <p>Bill announced a call for new leaders to fill board positions for next year along with announcing Nick Perry as the speaker for the November 12 meeting. Nick is with procurement for UPF.</p> <p>Bill closed the meeting and thanked Damita with a challenge coin. Kim presented Damita with a certificate of appreciation from PMI.</p>  |

## Notes from 11/12/19 Meeting:

1.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Bill Sawrey opened and Officiated the meeting with 27 people in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the prayer given by Bill Sawrey.</p> <p>Bill acknowledged veterans present and acknowledged Veteran's day and first-time visitors and members from other posts. Three first time visitors were present and 1 visitor from the Huntsville post, 6 PDHs were awarded. Attendance and PDH register and record of payment attached to notes.</p>
2.	<p>Administrative Issues</p> <p>Bill thanked the audience for their contribution to the Drive for the troops and allowed them a last opportunity to drop donations off or contribute to GoFundme campaign before Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> when the donations will be packed. Bill then introduced the speaker.</p>
3.	<p>Main Presentation</p> <p>Nick Perry (Bechtel) presented the procurement history, current situation and a look forward of the UPF project specifically looking at the procurement for the project. Several questions from the audience especially small businesses who were also acknowledged in his talk.</p> <p>Several questions from the audience and good discussion as a group.</p>
4.	<p>Meeting Closure</p> <p>Bill announced a call for new leaders to fill board positions for next year along with announcing December's meeting.</p> <p>Thanked those who had supplied money or in-kind items for drive for the troops.</p> <p>Bill closed the meeting and thanked Nick Perry with a challenge coin.</p>

## Notes from 12/10/19 Meeting:

1.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Bill Sawrey opened and Officiated the meeting with 40 (18 SAME, 22 ASCE) people in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the prayer given by Diane Moore. Joint meeting with ASCE.</p> <p>Bill acknowledged veterans present and ASCE president gave notices. Two first time visitors were present 5 PDHs were awarded. Attendance and PDH register and record of payment attached to notes.</p>
2.	<p>Administrative Issues</p> <p>Bill shared thanks from the USS Lassen. Bill then introduced the speaker.</p>
3.	<p>Main Presentation</p> <p>Dick Morrill presented a photographic history of the trinity bomb site and how the first little boy bomb was developed.</p> <p>Several questions from the audience and good discussion as a group.</p>
4.	<p>Meeting Closure</p> <p>Bill announced a call for new leaders to fill board positions for next year along with announcing January's meeting.</p> <p>Bill closed the meeting and thanked Dick Merrill with a challenge coin.</p>

## Upcoming Events (continued)

**Mark your calendars to celebrate  
SAME's Centennial at the 2020 JETC.  
Washington, D.C. • May 27–29, 2020**

SAME's 2020 VISION:

“To be recognized as the multi-disciplined integrator of military, public, private, and academic national infrastructure-related capabilities to produce viable solutions for America's national security.”

Barry Totten has agreed to represent us and lead our Post's activities as our National representative for the SAME Run to 2020 campaign. SAME will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> centennial next year and we here at the Tennessee Valley Post will be a part of the activities and celebration.





## SAME's ENDURING PURPOSE

“We are establishing at this time a Society of American Military Engineers. This society will serve no selfish purpose. It is dedicated to patriotism and national security. Its objects are, in brief, to promote solidarity and co-operation between engineers in civil and military life, to disseminate technical knowledge bearing upon progress in the art of war and the application of engineering science thereto, and to preserve and maintain the best standards and traditions of the profession, all in the interests of patriotism and national security.”

–*The Military Engineer magazine, January 1920*

With these words, published just 13 months after the end of World War I, SAME was formed. While the Society has grown and evolved over the last century, its purpose has not changed. SAME is the premier professional association working to bring together the public and private sectors to build connections, share lessons learned, and develop solutions that strengthen national security and enhance the engineering potential of the United States.

## DISCOVER YOUR ROLE IN BUILDING AMERICA'S FUTURE.

\*\* SAME's Mission” - to lead collaborative efforts to identify and resolve national security infrastructure-related challenges – what better way to do this than supporting STEM events?

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## ***Mark Your Calendars! Tell your friends!!***

The SAME TVP in Oak Ridge, TN scheduled meeting dates for 2020 are (these might change):

January 14, 2020  
February 11, 2020  
March 10, 2020  
April 14, 2020  
May 12, 2020  
June 9, 2020  
July 14, 2020 (tentative)  
August 11, 2020  
September 8, 2020 (tentative)  
October 13, 2020  
November 10, 2020  
December 8, 2020

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