



Society of American Military Engineers
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A Message from the AOF Chair

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Chair of the Academy of Fellows for this coming year. I look forward to serving the Society along with our exemplary team of Vice Chairs.

As my first official act, I want to thank Charlie and our two departing Vice Chairs, Melissa Smith and Sally Riker for their service and dedication over the past few years. Charlie, in addition to serving as our President-Elect, will be working with our Technical COIs to further the important work they are doing regarding the first Goal of our Strategic Plan, Strengthening Industry-Government Engagement.

Sally, who was responsible for Awards & Recognition, is moving on to the Foundation to assist with the critical work they are doing to support our Society. Melissa has taken an important role in our National Investment Committee to ensure that SAME's financial interests are met. She will also continue her great work at the Baltimore Post and it's very successful Mega Maryland event.

As I write this, we are coming off a very successful, first-in-two-years, in-person JETC. In addition to providing us with welcomed IN-PERSON networking, education and business development opportunities, our event in Denver hosted our first in-person Fellow's Investiture since 2019. Congratulations to our New Fellows Class of 2022 and to CAPT Jay Manik, P.E., F.SAME, USCG (Ret.), recipient of the 2022 Gerald C. Brown Mentoring Award! We are also back to investing our new fellows at JETC, which allows the greatest exposure and enables more society members to participate.

Speaking of our Fellow's Investiture, it's that time of the year again, when we reach out to our members and begin to select our next class of Inductees. We have made some minor changes to the nomination process, the most important of which is asking that all potential nominees and nominators participate in the Fellows Nomination Webinar. By the time this edition of TME goes to press, the Webinar will have occurred, but the recording is available on the SAME National website for anyone to access. The next deadline for Fellows nominations is in early August. By that time, we ask that all potential Nominees work with their Regional Fellow's POC's to submit a 50% package. This allows an early review of the package while there is still time to make substantive improvements. If you know of someone in your Post or Region that would be a good candidate, please encourage them to consider it. Remember, Fellowship is not only the recognition of substantial service to SAME, but the anticipation of continuing significant contributions into the future.

Also, please mark your calendars for 3:00 PM Eastern, on Wednesday, September 14 for our next Academy of Fellow's Town Hall.

Following Cindy's lead, we are not coming out with a lot of new Initiatives for this year, rather we will continue to Work the Program. This includes:

- Increasing involvement of all Fellows in support of our Posts, our Young Members, our Strategic Plan, and our Society.
- Increasing the understanding among all our Fellows that recognition is not an Endpoint but a Waypoint in their service to the Society.
- Developing a better understanding of the demographics of our Academy, identifying those Fellows who are active, and better connect Fellows with Commitment Statements to their areas of interest and their passion.

In closing, since it has been a few years since each of us read our charge upon becoming Fellows, even though we hear it anew when we participate in our annual investitures, I would remind you to support SAME's Mission and Strategic Plan, be a role model, be a mentor, support SAME Posts, and to be patriotic and respectful.

Thank you!

 *Rad Delaney, AIA, LEED AP, F.SAME*

FELLOWS! CONTINUING TO SERVE

As you are all aware, the designation of Fellow is a recognition of service to date, with a hope &/or expectation, that the Fellow continue to make positive impacts within The Society and within the built-profession. Starting with the next newsletter we'd like to use this column to recognize activities of Fellows. Not just "big accomplishments" but the everyday SAME Post, Regional, or National-level activities. Feel free to send a list of your activities directly to Jeanne LeBron (Vice Chair of Awards and Recognition) at Jeanne.LebBron@atkinglobal.com



July Town Hall Recap

On July 20, the Academy of Fellows held another great town hall where more than 50 fellows gathered to hear from the Academy's Executive Committee and two speakers.

July's speakers and topics included:

- Melvin C. Thomas, F.SAME, FACEC, class of 2021 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Phillip Rosenberg, PG, CEG, CHG, F.SAME, class of 2020 - Industry Government Engagement

Did you miss the session? Find the replay (and other town halls) at SAME.org/Fellows.



Save the Date - Fall Town Hall

**JOIN US FOR THE NEXT TOWN HALL ON
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 AT 3 PM EASTERN**

Did you miss the session? Find the link to replay (and other town halls) at SAME.org/Fellows.

Ideas for topics or speakers? Please reach out to Vice Chair, Post Outreach and Engagement Rick Rubin, PE, F.SAME at rrubin1004@gmail.com





Fellows Nomination Webinar!

Watch the Replay

New this year, the Fellows Nomination Webinar is required for all nominees, nominators and RFPOCs.

If you are considering nominating or plan to submit your package this year (or even in the coming years) make a plan to participate in the webinar on June 16, 2022.

The live session was recorded for reference as you work with nominees to prepare packages. Click the link below to watch the recording on You Tube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcuxA-tcF6Y>



Important Dates

AUG 5, 2022: RFPOCs submit Fellow nominee names to Kathy Off.

AUG 5, 2022: RFPOCs submit regional Fellows list to Kathy Off per email dated 7-5-22.

AUG 26, 2022: Complete draft of nomination packet due to RFPOC.

OCT 3, 2022: Completed Fellows packets due to SAME National Office via the on-line web form.

NOV 2-4, 2022: SAME FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE
NOV 3, 2022: AOF Luncheon at Small Business Conference.



AOF Mentoring

Sharing Knowledge With Joint Base Andrews Staff on Cybersecurity

On Monday April 25, 2022 the SAME Washington DC Post in collaboration with The SAME Academy of Fellows hosted a technical topic presentation at Joint Base Andrews (JBA) on Cybersecurity; the specific topic focus was Cyber Risk in a Smarter World. The topic speaker was The Honorable Lucian Niemeyer, F.SAME. Also in attendance and supporting the event were Philios Angelides, P.E., F.SAME, Session Organizer and Moderator, and Joe Yates, P.E., DC Post President. Over 30 JBA installation staff attended and engaged in discussion on the topic during the presentation and the follow-on networking.

Topic Focus and Context: The Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) issued a "SHIELDS UP" advisory stating that the "Russian government understands that disabling or destroying critical infrastructure - including power, water, and communications - can augment pressure on a country's government, military and population and accelerate their acceding to Russian objectives." Given the situation in Ukraine, there is concern about an escalation of cyber threats in the US. This warning reaffirms the imperative in the 2018 National Defense Strategy that the "Homeland is no longer a sanctuary." The explosive growth of malware, ransomware, and even "killware" attacks spreading across all sectors of society adds a new dimension to concerns for mission resiliency on Air Force installations and the critical missions of JBA. In addition, the White House recently released a national strategy for the implementation of Zero Trust Architecture strategies to be implemented across all federal agencies, including the Department of Defense.

Discussion topics: How can base officials and mission owners mitigate mission risk and strengthen resilience against a growing cyber threat? How can Installation IT



teams and network managers cooperate with Facilities Engineers to address vulnerabilities and fill the gaps with the introduction of smart technologies across the base? What new cyber defense capabilities does JBA need to ensure the safety and security of these new, smart capabilities. Is compliance with federal regulations enough?



Additionally, Federal and State agencies are developing policies and guidance for cyber protections in a full range of projects funded through the \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to reduce risk in the interconnectedness of critical aspects everyday life in smart building, cities, and transportation for the express purpose of threatening individuals with serious physical harm or mass destruction. How can JBA partner with the State and local communities to identify requirements and solutions for federal funding? Can Air Force reliance on local utilities and community infrastructure for essential services open the door for new collaboration and cooperation to safeguard that infrastructure or add new capabilities?

JBA Leadership Feedback: Following the event, Lt Col ROSS E. DOTZLAF, Commander, 316 CES, stated: *“Our recent professional development session on Cybersecurity provided the members of the 316th Civil Engineer Squadron with a solid understanding of current/future cyber threats and what we can do to protect our infrastructure. Mr. Niemeyer explained various measures we can implement at the tactical level, and he educated us on initiatives that government and industry are pursuing to incorporate cyber protections at the strategic level. We truly appreciate AOF for hosting this event which contributed to the development and awareness of our engineers.”*

The AOF is happy to collaborate with other Posts and Installations in sharing SAME Fellows’ knowledge on key subjects of interest. For additional information please contact Philios Angelides, P.E., F.SAME at angelidesp@gmail.com

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