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DATES FOR THE NEXT  
THREE MONTHS

**December 15**

New Orleans Style Holiday  
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**January 12**

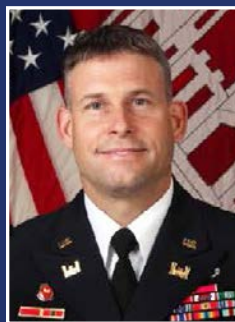
Monthly meeting at Fort Stewart  
Club Stewart  
Liberty Lounge Room  
1020 Hero Rd Bldg 405  
Fort Stewart, GA 31314

**February 26**

2015 E-Week  
Technical Training Conference  
Ice Breaker on Feb 25 at  
the Riverfront Marriott

**DECEMBER  
SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT**

**Colonel Thomas J. Tickner**  
Commander and District Engineer



Col. Thomas J. Tickner assumed command of the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, July 19, 2013, after graduating from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, formerly known as the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF). Before attending school Tickner served as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

In 1989 Tickner was commissioned a Distinguished Military Graduate in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). He began his military career in the

326th Engineer Battalion 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) followed by an assignment to the 84th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he held company command. He also served in various assignments with the Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to include a deployment to the Los Alamos Fire Recovery Office in 2000. Tickner then served as the Operations Officer and Executive Officer for the 52nd Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy), Fort Carson, Colo., where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. From June 2008 to June 2010 he served as an Engineer Branch Assignment Officer at the Army's Human Resources Command followed by commanding the Philadelphia District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Tickner is a native of Wayne, Pa. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, received a Master of Civil Engineering degree from University of Colorado at Boulder in 1999 and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School, National Defense University in 2013. He is a graduate of the Engineer Officer's Basic and Advance Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Senior Service College at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. He is a certified Project Management Professional.

Tickner's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 4th Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Support Medals, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and a Bronze DeFleury Medal.

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Last year Savannah SAME helped sponsor The Society of Women Engineers' third annual 'Girls Engineer It' Day. This event introduces middle and high school girls to the opportunities available in engineering professions (*although boys are welcome too*). This year's event will be held Feb 21st 2015. So please mark your calendar as we will need as many volunteers as we can get!



## 2014 SAME Savannah Post

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## A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU – OUR POST MEMBERSHIP

*A New Orleans Style Holiday Program December 15, 2014 11:00 am*

Don't miss our December "New Orleans's style" holiday program on December 15, 2014, at the Pirates House featuring a special menu and spirits. The Party starts at 11:00 am. We invite you to network with your peers, clients and colleagues while enjoying a special holiday menu with SPIRITS (*free Bloody Mary Bar along with beer and wine*). **Bring a YOUNG MEMBER to introduce to SAME.** There is FREE registration for Young Members and first-time attendees. Join us as we celebrate! All attendees will receive a ticket for our special prize drawing extravaganza (ipad, iPod, hotel stay, go pro camera, etc).

**Want additional raffle tickets?** Bring an unwrapped toy for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots campaign. Or make a DONATION and the Post will match your donation! To make your donation visit the Post website at [www.samesavannahpost.org](http://www.samesavannahpost.org). Click on Events, scroll to December 15<sup>th</sup> and click on the PAYPAL button.



Two of our very own members will be sharing special presentations with us.

**Colonel Thomas Tickner**, USACE Savannah District Commander, and the Savannah Post President will brief "What's in Savannah District's Future?" and provide a year-in-review as we look back at our 2014 Post accomplishments and forward with a preview of our 2015 Post program. Our SAME Regional Vice President, **Mr. Bill Bersion**, will provide a SAME update from the national level.

This is sure to be a FUN networking event. Make plans to join us. Register today at [www.samesavannahpost.org](http://www.samesavannahpost.org) Click on Events, scroll to December 15<sup>th</sup> and click on the PAYPAL button to register. See you on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS







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## 2015 E-Week Technical Training Conference

*Let's Make a Difference*

February 26, 2015 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Marriott Riverfront 100 General McIntosh Blvd. Savannah, GA 31401

The National Society for Professional Engineers' theme for Discover Engineers Week (E-Week) 2015 is "Let's Make a Difference" and will focus on how to:

- Celebrate how engineers make a difference in our world
- Increase public dialogue about the need for engineers
- Bring engineering to life for kids, educators, and parents

In recognition of E-Week and its theme, the SAME Savannah post, in conjunction with the local engineering and architectural community, will offer a one day workshop to provide technical insights that are valuable to all engineering/architectural disciplines.

Our keynote speaker will be,

BG (retired) Joseph Schroedel, the new Executive Director of SAME.

This workshop is about successes, trends, new opportunities and technologies.

The SAME Savannah Post is seeking fifteen (15) speakers, five for each of the three tracks, **Educational, Engineering, and Environmental** with presentations that span the federal, military, state and local sectors in support of this year's E-Week theme.

Please email Camille Krolkowski at [k2a@bellsouth.net](mailto:k2a@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in presenting.

You can register for the Technical Conference by visiting <https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspxEventID=1637552>

Professional Development Hour (PDH) Certificates will be available for attending the conference, up to 6.5 hours.

Rates:

\$100 Government Rate

\$125 Early Registration by February 4

\$155 Late Registration

\$25 Student Rate

The rate at the Marriott Riverfront for reservations is \$101.

*Would your company like to sponsor this great event?*

Contact Sally Riker at [Sally.Riker@loweengineers.com](mailto:Sally.Riker@loweengineers.com) Sponsorships are only \$250!

For additional information, please contact Margaret Walton at [margaret.walton@atkinglobal.com](mailto:margaret.walton@atkinglobal.com)

## REMINDER TO JANUARY SUSTAINING MEMBER FIRMS

Don't forget that the Savannah Post SAME gives Sustaining Member firms the opportunity to submit an article on their company for the monthly newsletter, and to have a two-minute briefing to discuss their firm at the monthly SAME meeting. The list of all sustaining members along with each member's assigned month is on page 4.

## WE WANT YOUR INPUT

If you have an article or announcement you want to include in future issues of the newsletter, please submit them by the end of the previous month to Larry Christopher with Brasfield & Gorrie General Contractors at [lchristopher@brasfieldgorrie.com](mailto:lchristopher@brasfieldgorrie.com)

## LINKS TO KNOW

<http://www.same.org/>

<http://samesavannahpost.org/>

<http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/>

All newsletters are posted on the Savannah SAME Post's website



# SUSTAINING MEMBER BRIEFINGS 2014

For 2014, the Savannah Post SAME is offering Sustaining Member firms the opportunity to submit an article on their company for the monthly newsletter, and to have a two-minute briefing to discuss their firm at the monthly SAME meeting. Each firm will be asked to bring a gift to raffle. A list of all sustaining members is below with each member's assigned month. Please contact Kevin Chafin at [kchafin@cemsengineering.com](mailto:kchafin@cemsengineering.com) or 843-875-3637 for more information.

**NOTE:** *If you missed an opportunity to place a sustaining member article from a previous month, please remember you can still submit your article over the next three months.*

### JANUARY

- AECOM
- Alliant Corporation
- AMEC
- Applied Engineering Solutions, Inc.
- ARCADIS
- Atkins
- Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon Inc.
- Bhate Environmental Assoc. Inc.
- Brasfield & Gorrie General Contractors
- Bristol Industries
- BRPH Companies Inc.

### FEBRUARY

- Building & Earth Sciences Inc.
- Burns & McDonnell
- CAPE
- Cardno TBE
- Carolinas Concrete Masonry Association
- CB&I
- CDM Smith
- CEMS Engineering Inc.
- CH2MHILL
- CHA Consulting, Inc.
- Clark Nexsen

### MARCH

- Croft & Associates
- Cromwell Architects Engineers
- CTI and Associates, Inc.
- Davis & Floyd, Inc.
- Dewberry
- Dulohery, Weeks & Gagliano Inc.
- EA Engineering, Science & Technology, Inc.
- Eaton Corporation
- ECC
- EXP Federal
- GEL Geophysics, LLC

### APRIL

- Golder Associates, Inc.
- Goodwyn Mills & Cawood, Inc.
- Hatch Mott MacDonald
- HDR
- Holocene, LLC
- Howard W. Pence, Inc.
- Hussey, Gay Bell & DeYoung
- Infrastructure Corporation of America
- J2 Engineering, Inc.
- Jacobs
- Kaiser Kane, Inc.

### MAY

- JETC Conference

### JUNE

- SA/SC/C Carolinas JETS Conference in Savannah

### JULY

- KBR North American Government & Defense
- Kennedy Engineering & Associates Group LLC
- Kiewit
- LBYP, Inc.
- Leidos
- Leo A Daly
- LG2 Environmental Solutions, Inc.
- Lowe Engineers
- LS3P Associates Ltd.

### AUGUST

- Mason & Hanger
- Merrick & Company
- Micah Group Environmental Contractors, Inc.
- Michael Baker Corporation
- Moffatt & Nichol
- Northview Enterprises
- O'Brien & Gere
- Parsons
- PB&A Inc.
- Pond & Company
- POWER Engineers, Inc.

### SEPTEMBER

- Q Solutions, Inc.
- Ramey Kemp & Associates
- R.C. Construction Co., Inc.
- Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc.
- Rosser International
- Schenkel Shultz
- Sherlock, Smith & Adams
- Siemens Industries Inc
- Small Business Group, Inc. (DBA SBG-EEG)
- Spatial Engineering Inc.
- SpecPro Environmental Services LLC

### OCTOBER

- Stanley Consultants Inc.
- Stantec Inc.
- STOA Architects
- Sundt Construction, Inc.
- TAB Services
- T-Com Design, Inc.
- TEPA, LLC
- TerranearPMC, LLC
- Tetra Tech, Inc.
- The Louis Berger Group Inc.
- The Whiting Turner Contracting Co.
- Thomas & Hutton Engineering, Co.
- Thompson Engineering Inc.

### NOVEMBER

- Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc.
- TMG Services
- Toland & Mizell Architects, Inc.
- URS Corporation
- Versar
- Volkert, Inc.
- W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company
- Walbridge
- Weston Solutions, Inc.
- Woolpert, Inc.

### DECEMBER

- SAME Savannah Post Christmas Party