

## *March Meeting*

### Small Business Symposium

The Baltimore SAME Post held a successful Small Business Conference on March 18th. The event, attended by 135 individuals and sponsored by 21 small and large businesses, showcased 41 exhibitors and government agencies, provided training and informative sessions, as well as one-on-one sessions and general networking opportunities.

The program was kicked off by Colonel J. Richard (Trey) Jordan, III Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District who provided an overview of the Baltimore District's mission and opportunities.

Randy Westfall, National Security Agency Chief of Facilities Services, provided a brief synopsis of NSA's Facility Services and their Office of Small Business Program.

SAME's Executive Director, Brig. Gen. Joseph Schroedel, addressed the forum with an update on the new direction and focus of SAME.

These program briefings were followed by informational sessions focused on the cycle of federal contracting:

- Finding, Targeting and Capturing Federal Work (Deb Wittle, PRIME AE & Matt Wallace, WT Resources);
- DCAA Overview and Resources for Small Business- (Sherry Kobus Defense Contract Audit Agency ( DCCA), Small Business Program Manager)
- Monitoring Subcontracts- (Defense Contract Audit Agency ( DCCA), Small Business Program Manager)
- Performance Matters- Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System



Col. Jordan addressing the crowd



BG Schroedel speaking

(CPARS)- (Tedd Wheeler, O'Brien and Gere)

The Post wants to thank all of our exhibitors, sponsors, and the speakers for supporting our Small Business Conference. A special thank you to our Committee members who orchestrated this successful event: Deb Wittle, Matt Wallace, Sally Philben, Phil Der, Tedd Wheeler, Melissa Smith, Chris Hikel, Judy Hackett, Grant Heslin, Rob Scrafford, and Crystal Barnes.

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## *Fellows Investiture*

Matt Wallace is a Fellow!

The SAME Baltimore Post was well represented during the 2015 Golden Eagle Awards Dinner, March 12, 2015 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA. Representatives from the Post attended the 2015 SAME Academy of Fellows Investiture in support of newly invested Fellow Matthew Wallace.



Matt Wallace (2nd from left) and fellow Baltimore Post fellows

The Golden Eagle Awards Dinner recognized Suzanne DiGeronimo, FAIA, PP, President, DiGeronimo Architects: Golden Eagle Award for Contributions to Engineering and Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, USA (Ret.), President & CEO, AUSA: Golden Eagle Award for Contributions to National Security. The evening included music from the Surgeon General's orchestra and a Capella singing from JT Off. A great night was had by all and congratulations to Matthew Wallace!

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## *Post Receives Award*

SAME Top Large Post

The Baltimore Post is pleased to announce that it has been selected as SAME's Top Large Post for 2014. This distinction is a result of the Post winning the Education and Training Streamer, Leadership and Mentoring Streamer, the Relationships and Recognition Streamer, and the Membership Streamer, including growth membership of both private and public sectors. Post Leadership will accept this award during the Post Awards Breakfast & Annual Business Meeting at the 2015 Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo May 21 in Houston, TX.

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## *Philanthropy News*

### A Yellow Ribbon Event

Members of the Philanthropy Committee and sustaining member firm Real Street Staffing assisted at the Delaware Air National Guard 166th Airlift Wing's Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program held in



downtown Baltimore on 21 March. This program helps service members and their families in the National Guard connect with their local support community before, during, and after deployment. Real Street Staffing provided one-on-one resume reviews.

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## *Student Mentoring News*

### Easy as Pi a huge success!

On 27 March, the Post sponsored and ran the 7th annual Easy-As-Pi event was held at the Engineering Society of Baltimore. This annual program was created in 2009 to promote STEM initiatives in the state of Maryland. This year's event hosted speakers from NSA, Center for Disease Control, University of Maryland - College Park, NBC Universal, Echoes of Nature, University of Baltimore, and NBC11 in Baltimore. The topics presented by the speakers covered recent topics in the news (Ebola outbreak) to meteorology to defense against the dark arts (cybersecurity).



Students learning at Easy as Pi

Schools that attended this year were from Allegany, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, and Kent counties, and Baltimore City. This was the first year for Frederick County! Overall, 72 students attended from all school districts, and they had a blast!

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## *USNA Appreciation Dinner*

### Post recognizes Naval Engineers

On Thursday, February 19 the Post hosted the 2015 Engineer's Appreciation Dinner at the US Naval Academy. The dinner recognized over 110 midshipmen graduating with engineering degrees this year. VIPs, SAME members, sponsors, faculty, and midshipmen heard from Keynote Speaker Frank Kendall, Department of Defense, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L). Mr. Kendall highlighted the importance of technology in the future of our defense.

This dinner was made possible by generous sponsorship of SAME member firms: ARGO, Autodesk, KCI Technologies, Parsons, Rockwell Collins, Whiting Turner, Black & Veatch, DRS Technologies, EYP, FLUOR, Hensel Phelps, SAME Baltimore Post, Walsh, WBCM, Jones Lang LaSalle, and Power Engineers.



## *Scholarship Deadline Approaching*

### In search of applicants!

Applicants interested in consideration for a Baltimore SAME Post Scholarship Award for 2015-2016 academic year should complete the application forms and may submit them either by regular mail or by email. Applications must include all items identified on the "Scholarship Selection Criteria". Applications must be received by 15 May 2015 to be considered for award in the 2015/16 academic year.

An application form can be obtained [here](#). Applicants are to select all categories they would like to be considered for, provided they meet the requirements. General requirements for all SAME scholarships are specified on the "Scholarship Selection Criteria" sheet of the application.

Should you have any questions concerning eligibility or the application process, you can contact Ola Awosika, Scholarship and Educational Outreach Committee Chair, at [Ola.Awosika@parsons.com](mailto:Ola.Awosika@parsons.com).



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## *SAME Summer Camps*

Looking for a mentor!

The Baltimore Post would like to sponsor a young member mentor for the summer camp program by paying all transportation costs. At the camp, you will live with the students and other mentors at no cost. We urge you to consider this wonderful opportunity to spend a week at one of the SAME camps to mentor high school students. Each mentor is assigned to a group of 10-12 high school students. We are particularly in need of female mentors as the camps normally have 20 percent female students.



The application for being a mentor can be found at [www.SAMEcamps.org](http://www.SAMEcamps.org). Stipend applications must be submitted immediately to Denise Tegtmeier at [tegtmeyer.denise@gmail.com](mailto:tegtmeyer.denise@gmail.com). If selected, the Baltimore Post will pay your transportation costs to the camp. The dates and locations of the three camps are:

- \* U.S. Army Camp, Vicksburg, MS, June 7 - 13, 2015 (40 Campers)
- \* U.S. Air Force Camp, Colorado Springs, CO, June 25 - July 1, 2015 (96 Campers)
- \* U.S. Marine Corps Camp, Camp Lejeune, NC, June 21 - 27, 20 (40 Campers)

We realize that this opportunity will require you to take a week off of work. However, you will get as much out of this leadership opportunity as the students you mentor. Your experience as a young professional is very beneficial to the students as they consider their college options. You will definitely make a difference!

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## *Upcoming Events*

See what we will be up to!

**20 and 21 April:** 2015 TISP Critical Infrastructure Symposium at the Westin BWI

**20 May:** Post Recognition Dinner.

**27 May:** Tour the Baltimore Waste to Energy Facility with the Young Members.

**11 June:** Joint Golf Tournament with Chesapeake Post. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. To sponsor or volunteer to help, contact Jedd Narsavage at [jnarsavage@llouisberger.com](mailto:jnarsavage@llouisberger.com)

**15 June:** Poplar Island restoration planting with the Young Members.



To register for our meetings or for more information, visit our website [here](#).

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Meeting **The Engineering Society of Baltimore**  
Location: 11 West Mount Vernon Place  
Baltimore, MD 21201

[samebalt.org](http://samebalt.org)

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