
President's Message

Winter 2017

Firstly, I want to thank LTC Michael Ruppert for his service as president prior to his deployment. Our society was lucky to have his leadership over the last few years and we wish him the best in his new assignments.

Our "Day with an Engineer" program for middle school students was a big success. Chairman Blaine Linkous signed up over 40 students to shadow engineers from 10 firms for the day on 22 February. It was a great and rewarding way for our member firms to help shape the future of our profession!



Rob Scrafford

As your president, I want to continue the excellence that brought us the 2014 Distinguished Post award while looking forward to new programs and endeavors to make this society even better. I welcome your ideas to make this happen and am available at rscrafford@qfnet.com. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings!

December Meeting

200 people attended breakfast for the Post's December Meeting, while our key note speaker Col. Edward P. Chamberlayne, Commander of the USACE Baltimore District, provided an update on the District and a broad overview of their program.

The following Program Speakers from the USACE Baltimore District were also in attendance and presented:

- Frank Benvenga, Deputy, Program and Project Management Division (Civil, Military programs)
- Michael Rogers, Chief, Environmental and Munitions Design Center, Engineering Division (Environmental program)
- James Simms, Real Property Services Field Office (Intelligence community)

- CDR Steve Roncone, Facility Engineer at US Coast Guard Yard, Baltimore
- CAPT Bob Bevins, USCG Commanding Officer, Asset Project Office Baltimore

January Webinar

Over 90 people attended the Post's January Webinar, where the attendees learned about Ethics from H.C. Skip Harclerode, P.E. F.AICHE, F.NSPE, Vice Chairman Maryland State Board for Professional Engineers.

All attendees earned the ethics PDH required by the State of Maryland. Well done!

February Meeting

During February's Workshop and Lunch meeting, The Evolving Environmental Program was discussed, with the following featured speakers:

- Patricia Reyes, "Current and Anticipated Future Challenges Impacting the States", Director, Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC)
- Ira May, "Environmental Trends and Challenges - an MDE perspective", Division Chief, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)
- Brenda Barber, "Specific Technical Challenges in the Environmental Market (Emerging Contaminants: PFOS and PFOA and Nuclear Reactor Decommissioning)", Deactivated Nuclear Power Plant Program, USACE - Baltimore District
- Ed Hughes, "Baltimore District Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program", Team Leader FUDS Program, USACE - Baltimore District

Future Cities

The Mid Atlantic Future Cities competition was held on 21 January at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

The post provided judges and sponsored an award for this engineering/planning competition for middle school students. The students make up a "city of the future", build a scaled model, write an essay, and give a presentation.

Scholarship Chair Ola Awosika was a



Future Cities at the Baltimore Museum of Industry

judge for the competition and presented our award for "best project plan" to the team from Edlin School in Reston, Virginia.

WWI Monument at Fort Meade Progressing under leadership of the Mid-MD Post, SAME

We would like to inform you of the progress being made with the WWI monument at Fort Meade.

We have received the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) permit, held the pre-construction conference and are scheduling excavation work to begin on site very soon.

Click [here](#) for a brochure with more information.

Day with an Engineer

As a part of Engineer's Week 2017, nine local engineering offices hosted over 40 high school students for "Day with an Engineer" on February 22. The program, sponsored by the SAME Baltimore Post, involves showing the high school juniors and seniors what engineers do on a daily basis.

The students, most of whom expect to study engineering in college, spent the morning on the design floor being introduced to different departments within each firm through brief staff presentations.



Tom Miner, P.E. and WBCM's students at the site of the City of Baltimore's new Loch Raven Dam Environmental Operations Facility

The Day with an Engineer program is a great way to let future engineering students know about the many college scholarship opportunities that the SAME Baltimore Post provides. Several students have even secured internships with volunteer firms, so it's truly a win-win for the students as well as the volunteer firms. Several generous firms such as JMT, Signals Defense, and EBL Consulting Engineers made monetary contributions to help defray the costs of the program as well as sponsoring students for the day. We want to acknowledge and thank them for their support!

All students participating in the program received a commemorative t-shirt courtesy of SAME. The Baltimore Post is proud to do our part to develop future engineers, after all

the future of our profession depends on them!

Thank You Letters

Thank you letters from Scholarship winners

[Emma Chamberlayne](#)

Upcoming Events

See what we will be up to!

April 19: April Meeting - Infrastructure, Resiliency and Emergency Management, with speaker Don Murphy

September 13: Small Business Conference (please note that the Conference has been moved from March to September)

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



Donations

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