

President's Message

By Carrie Ann Williams

We've started the 2015-16 program year very strong. In September, the SAME Baltimore Post celebrated our annual awards ceremony recognizing the contributions of our volunteer members and sustaining member firms. This year's event was especially meaningful as we also celebrated earning Top Post for all of SAME at JETC in May and our 75th anniversary as a post! The Society as a whole is 95 years old. Our ability to deliver great programs and continue to have new members join and current members participate demonstrates the strength of the community within SAME. In October, our monthly program focused on the environment. The workshop panelists provided excellent technical expertise while our dinner speaker provided the high-level view of environmental issues from USACE HQ. Please stay tuned for information on our remaining 2015 programs, volunteer events, and other activities. Our post is involved in so much more than just our monthly programs. If there is something you are interested in planning, assisting with, or getting involved in, please let us know! There are so many ways to help, learn, and grow with the post.



September Meeting: What a Celebration!

The Baltimore Post celebrated our 75th Anniversary on 16 September at the Engineer's Club. We had a great time giving out awards to worthy recipients. Our keynote speaker was SAME National Executive Director BG Joe Schrodell (USA, Ret.). He spoke about the direction of the society. Did you know that our society is the only one that gives away more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships annually? Joe spoke about doing away with scholarships in favor of "sponsorships" where mentors are assigned to assist with school, internships, and work in addition to the scholarship.

Congrats to our awardees: LT Jon Angle (USNA), Col. J. Richard (Trey) Jordan III (USA, Ret.), Deb Whittle (Prime Engineering), Jeanne Judd, P.E. (USACE Baltimore District), Emily Schiffmacher, P.E. (USACE Baltimore District) and Jacobs Engineering.



The Baltimore Post Charter from 1940

October Meeting: Environmental Issues

On October 21, our monthly meeting focused on environmental issues. We had a great workshop with presentations on the FAA's new metroplex program to move from radar to satellite plane location, as well as a presentation on detecting contaminated Navy ship and plane engines from the Japanese Fukushima nuclear disaster.

Our Keynote speaker was Karen Baker, USACE HQ Environmental Chief. She spoke about the continued need for environmental work. Approximately 1% of the land area of the US requires



Ms. Baker speaking

cleanup from DoD contamination. The USACE executed \$1.6B in environmental programs in 2015. She expects that to decrease over the next 3 to 5 years to about \$1B.

Philanthropy Committee Hosts Dinner for Veterans

On October 5, the Philanthropic Committee hosted a dinner event at the Baker Street facility of The Baltimore Station. Volunteers prepared dinner, served meals, and socialized with the veterans who live at the facility. The Baker Street facility is a 52-bed facility located in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood of Baltimore. The Baltimore Station is a therapeutic residential treatment program supporting veterans and others who are transitioning through the cycle of poverty, addiction, and homeless to self-sufficiency. SAME Baltimore Post and associated member firms have been providing volunteer and financial support to The Baltimore Station since 2012.



Stacy Kahatapitiya and Andy Parker serving

Recent Donations to the Post

Thanks to Sustaining Members of the Month **EA Engineering** and **AECOM** for donating to the Post's Scholarship and Philanthropy Funds. Also thanks to member **Art Smit**, who gave \$750 for the Carl D'Amico Scholarship.



Upcoming Events

See what we will be up to!

18 November: Join us for a luncheon honoring our veterans and an ethics workshop at the Engineer's Club!

16 December: Breakfast meeting at the Engineer's Club on USACE Baltimore District program updates. Join us to learn more about the Corps' upcoming initiatives!



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

Meeting **The Engineering Society of Baltimore**
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