

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Post President has many duties to perform to assist keeping our Post on track. And for each Post President some tasks are easier than others. For me writing the Post column is something I mean to get around to each day but gets overtaken by events. Our Newsletter is an extremely important document and we are blessed to have Amanda Whiteford of Terracon as our Editor. She has gently persuaded and urged me to write my column and I thank her for it.

Much has transpired since our last Newsletter and Amanda has covered it very well. A few highlights follow from the President's perspective.

The Kansas City District changed Commanders. COL Roger A. Wilson, Jr., assumed command from COL Rossi on July 9. COL Wilson and the men and women of the Kansas City District are enjoying the 100th Anniversary of the District's existence in Kansas City, Missouri. They were founded in mid- December 1907 and the Post takes great pride in assisting the District with public recognition and celebration events in the coming year. Watch for announcements of coming activities.

Ann Ewy has scheduled and delivered a number of outstanding Post meetings and for those of you that missed them- you missed everything from speakers on Commercial Development in Kansas City to Military Engineering activities in the Iraq theatre of operation to the damn stabilization project at Tuttle Creek as well as a piece of living history when Major General Shirkey talked of his involvement with the Alamo Scouts in 1944 during WWII. Ann has delivered a rounded set of meeting topics that has been enjoyed by all and we owe her great thanks for a successful year. My Fellows committee under the leadership of Merrill Watt has continued to support the President as they have taken on a number of challenges. Under Mr. Watt's leadership the investment committee has identified investment vehicles and has placed all of our tranches of monies and they are working hard for us. We would also salute Mr. Watt after his knee surgery and unscheduled open heart surgery and welcome him back as he has returned to 100%.

Our fund raising committee did an outstanding job with our Clay Sporting Challenge and hopefully this will be the first of an annual event. All in all it's been a busy summer and fall. Thank you for your support. Best wishes for the holiday season.

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	08/31/07 Balance	09/30/07 Balance	Change
UMB Checking Account – OPS	\$9,088.37	\$10,208.31	\$1,119.94
ML EMA SubAccount – Ops Reserve	\$102,609.05	\$47,862.57	\$(54,746.48)
ML EMA Growth Account	-	\$55,116.80	\$55,116.80
ML EMA Legacy Account	\$159,888.57	\$159,472.24	\$(416.33)
TOTAL	\$271,585.99	\$272,659.92	\$1,073.93

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE: CPARS TRAINING

For the past several months, the Design & Construction Sub-Committee of the Greater KC Post of SAME has discussed the possibility of having the Navy conduct a conference/workshop on the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) and the two subordinate systems ACASS & CCASS. Due to funding & time constraints of personnel, we have not been able to set this up.

Recently, we learned the Navy is offering some training on-line. The CPARS Help Desk indicated any of these courses they offer are available to contractor personnel. Understanding the CPARS/ACASS/CCASS systems is important to our SAME membership.

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FROM THE EDITOR

The SAME Kansas City Post Newsletter is currently accepting project write-ups, members in the news, and job opportunities for our next quarterly edition.

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JERRY ADAMS RECEIVED DISTINGUISHED CIVILIAN AWARD



Free thinking, Quick Response, Imaginative Solutions and Excellent Communication Skills – all attributes of a leader. Those words are often used to describe Jerry Adams, Director of Operations at Berger Devine Yaeger. Adams receives the coveted Kansas City District Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees after serving for more than 36 years with the Kansas City District Corps of Engineers (COE).

His career with the COE in 1966 until his retirement in February 2002. Adams has more than 40 years of professional experience in emergency management in the coordination of community relations with the Corps of Engineers and local property owners. Prior to BDY, Adams served as senior project manager totaling more than \$1.9 million in projects for the Louis Berger Group. Before that, Adams was Executive Assistant to the Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Kansas City District. In that position, Adams served as a liaison between the Command Group and District Staff, and between the Corps and Congressional staff in a five state region. He was recognized by Governor Tom Ridge, Director of Homeland Security and Joe Allbaugh the Director of Federal Emergency Management Agency for contributions to the education and mentoring of emergency management professionals and for maintaining a high state of readiness.

He is the recipient of numerous U.S. Army awards, as well as the Bronze and Silver deFleury Medals for outstanding contributions to the U.S. Army Engineer Regiment. He is a member of the Associations of the United States Army, Society of American Military Engineers and fellow and lifetime member, Corps of Engineers Regimental Association.

“Adams believed that people were our most important resource and that a healthy work environment must offer humor, the ability to enjoy your families and to have fun,” said Max Roberts, PE, RET, Chief Military Branch. “He treated every individual with dignity and respect. No day passed in his years of service that he wasn’t making efforts to improve the workplace.”

Former Missouri Congressmen Ike Skelton described Adams dedication to the United States as commendable, “Jerry has distinguished himself, the Corps and our nation with dedicated service.”



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\$15,000 IN LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Greater Kansas City Post of the Society of American Military Engineers announces the award of fifteen \$1,000 scholarships to local students. The awards are given annually to family of Post members who are in or about to start college. In addition, the post contributed \$1,000 in scholarship to the Doug Plack Memorial Fund in Omaha, Nebraska, honoring the memory of a dedicated community member and leader of the Omaha Post of the Society of American Military Engineers. The Society of American Military Engineers is a professional engineering association that connects architects, engineers and builders in the public sector and private industry, uniting them to improve individual and collective capabilities. The Society's goal is to unite organizations and individuals in the public and private sector so that we can prepare for – and overcome – natural and manmade disasters, acts of terrorism and improve security at home and abroad.

Scholarships are awarded based on the student's community service, academic goals, and professional aspirations. This year's scholarship winners are:

Sarah Dula, Overland Park, Kansas, attending Kansas State University

Leigh Rossi, Alexandria, Virginia, attending the University of Virginia

John Yacos, IV, Kansas City, Missouri, attending Park University

Matt Booth, Lawrence, Kansas, attending the University of Kansas

Hannah Hartsig, Overland Park, Kansas, attending Kansas State University

Kyle Kukuk, Overland Park, Kansas, attending the University of Kansas

Kayla Kukuk, Overland Park, Kansas, attending the University of Kansas

Tricia Hutchison, Leawood, Kansas, attending Benedictine College

James Cameron Vester, Haslet, Texas, attending Rice University

Christopher Dvorak, DeSoto, Kansas, attending Kansas State University

Michell Hammann, Meta, Missouri, attending Missouri State University

Jillian Skach, Wichita, Kansas, attending Kansas State University

Matthew Glossner, Kansas City, Missouri, attending the University of Kansas

Ian Hartsig, Overland Park, Kansas, attending Kansas State University

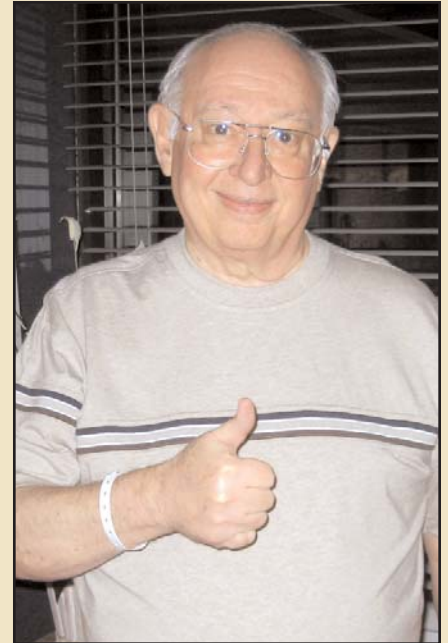
Sarah Hamilton, Lenexa, Kansas, attending Kansas City Kansas Community College

MERRILL WATT:

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Merrill Watt is recuperating at home following his release from the hospital. Merrill is recovering well, eating good, and doing his physical therapy. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes.



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STANLEY CONSULTANTS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS



Stanley Consultants, Inc., has elected Gayle A. Roberts, P.E., President and Chief Operating Officer, effective Sept. 18, 2007. Gregs Thomopoulos, current President and CEO, was elected Chairman and CEO of Stanley Consultants. Dick Stanley, current Chairman, was elected Chairman Emeritus and continues to be a Director of the company. Stanley Consultants provides engineering, environmental and construction services worldwide. Stanley Consultants' Baton Rouge, opened in 2006, is located at 721 Government Street.


Gayle Roberts has been with the company for 25 years, most recently as Senior Vice President and Business Leader of the company's Education, Healthcare and Industry business unit. She has a chemical engineering degree from Iowa State University and an MBA from St. Ambrose University. She is a licensed professional engineer in seven states and Puerto Rico.

Roberts is a Board Member of the Iowa Council of Engineering Companies, and a member of the American Council of Engineering Companies' Engineering Excellence Awards Committee. She is a member of Rotary International, a former Board Member of the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Iowa State University Chemical and Biological Engineering Department Advisory Council.

"We have been preparing for this leadership transition for several years and I am pleased to be able to hand over the day-to-day operations of the company to Gayle after 20 years in this position," said Thomopoulos. "This change will enable me to devote more time to the company in a global perspective, through my leadership positions in the engineering industry in the U.S. and internationally."

In accepting the position of President, Roberts said "I am truly honored to be named President. I look forward to contributing to Stanley Consultants' ongoing success as a leader in the industry. Our future will be based on the company's strong foundation of core values, including excellence in client service and valuing our members as our most important asset."

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KIDS CAMP PROMOTES CAREERS IN ENGINEERING

by Jennifer Muhmel, *Venture County Star*, August 2, 2007

When many people think of boat races, they think of children racing motorized miniature boats, but that was not the case at Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme on Wednesday afternoon.

Forty students from around the world were divided into four groups to design and build cardboard boats within four hours. The boats were stable enough for at least one team member to get in and participate in relays.

The cardboard boat races are considered one of the highlights at the annual engineering construction camp held at Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, said Lt. April Lemons, who is in charge of the camp, which ends Saturday.

"The students like doing the cardboard boats because they get to stay out in the sun and put on their swimsuits and actually compete with something they've designed," Lemons said.

The camp is hosted by the Society of Military Engineers, a professional membership society composed of military and civilian engineers who work with the U.S. Department of Defense.

"The purpose is to get the kids into the camp and spark an interest in engineering and show them that it's more than crunching numbers and sitting in a cubicle," Lemons said.

She added that the 40 students were selected based on their military, science or math interest. To apply, students wrote a brief statement about why they were interested and sent some personal information.

The students also have been participating in a variety of activities including building bridges out of Popsicle sticks and participating in a concrete strength exercise. Seabee Olympics is an activity where the students compete in racing events, saw-cutting relays, grenade tosses and Humvee pulls.

The boats are constructed from cardboard, duct tape and plastic wrap. "It's pretty impressive how the campers can take something that normally falls apart in water and build it into a sturdy boat," Lemons said. Mentor Elizabeth Meyer, who is stationed at Buckley Air Force Base in Colorado, said the mentors learn just as much as the campers do.

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