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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

SAME's New York City Post is a unique organization that provides the bridge between senior leadership in the engineering and construction ranks of the armed forces, and state and local governmental agencies within the private sector.

Since June 2000, we have had an extraordinary year culminated by the successful 59th Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance held at the Waldorf Astoria on November 4, 2000. With special thanks to the organizing skills of the Dinner Dance Chairman, Harvey Sands and his Co-Chairs, Frank Lombardi and Judy Cooper, over 600 New York City Post members and their guests attended. The Scholarship Program is the benchmark for the scholarship programs for the entire national society. More than 200 scholarships were awarded this year to over 70 colleges and institutions. No other Post can match our commitment to encouraging and supporting the future leaders of our industry in their pursuit of higher education.

The New York City Post is the third largest post in the United States with over 600 individual members and 75 sustaining member firms. The activities of the Post are numerous. We have had over 14 Post meetings during the course of the year that have included many notable speakers and panel presentations. These meetings have discussed emerging issues that relate to current design and construction industry issues in our metropolitan area.

This year also marks new leadership in our committee structures, including the designation of several new (\*) committees. Each of these committees is led by a new chair. I ask and encourage each of you to become active in SAME and to volunteer your time and efforts to participate on these committees. You will find committee participation very rewarding. Please contact the respective chairs or our website to indicate the committee on which you will serve.

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| Training & Regional Conference (*) | John Dionisio, PE       |
| Student Activities                 | Judy Cooper             |
| Environment and Technology (*)     | Joseph Provecchio, PE   |
| Young Members                      | Elaina Moy              |

Through the efforts of New York City Post Secretary Michael Scarano, our website (<http://same-nyc.org>) has become a very important tool to provide links to our membership, our programs, and to the national website. Also this year, thanks to the guidance of George Friedel, we have re-structured our newsletter so that all our Post activities can be highlighted. The newsletter contains special sections that highlight unique projects, sustaining member firms and various awards received by our members.

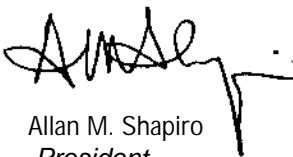
Under the leadership of Karen Mohlenbrock and Elaina Moy, our Young Member Committee continues to attract and involve young Post members in Society affairs. The YMC holds regular meetings with presentations by industry specialists in design and construction. The YMC provides the opportunity for young professionals to have an active role in our Post.

Our dues structure for sustaining member firms includes five membership positions, one of which is for a young member, below the age of 35. This year we have initiated programs that qualify for continuing education credits with special thanks to professor Bud Griffis.

Many of our initiatives this year are the result of the leadership and support of our past New York City Post President, Brigadier General Stephen Rhoades, Commander of the North Atlantic Division, and the New York Engineering District of COE, commanded by Col. William Pearce.

For the rest of this year, we are focusing on reinforcing the basics of our Post, increasing our membership roles, and encouraging each of our members to become more active in the New York metropolitan community.

The success of the Post rests on its members and the participation of members in Post activities. The Officers and Directors of the New York City Post encourages each of you to reach out and volunteer your support and services.



Allan M. Shapiro  
President

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Go to <http://same-nyc.org> for additional events and information,  
or for a direct link to the National site.

# DINNER DANCE

## 2000 By Harvey Sands

The results are in, our Millennium Year 2000 Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance was a resounding success! The November event, featuring guest of honor Major General Earnest O. Robbins, II, the Air Force Civil Engineer; and honored guests Lt. General Robert B. Flowers, the new Chief of Engineers for the Army; Rear Admiral Michael R. Johnson, the new Commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Rear Admiral Ronald F. Silva of the U.S. Coast Guard; and SAME's newest Service Chief, Rear Admiral Robert C. Williams of the U.S. Public Health Service, attracted more than 600 people, representing a cross section of business and military leaders from across the country. Not only did this turnout produce an extraordinarily enjoyable and entertaining evening for all; it yielded a record-breaking contribution toward the New York City Post's Scholarship Fund of nearly \$20,000.

Bud Griffis, Chair of our Scholarship Fund Committee, reports that there is now \$3,034,000 of inviolate principal in the account as of the beginning of March 2001. Late last year, 156 scholarships were presented to students from over 65 colleges and universities throughout the United States, representing institutions with a range of geographic diversity, including the University of Alaska, the University of Maine at Orono, and West Virginia University. In addition, selected students from local colleges were able to personally receive their scholarships and enjoy the gala evening.

The music provided by the Peter Duchin Orchestra was exceptional and created frequent crushes on the dance floor right up to midnight (and probably beyond). The Waldorf-Astoria spared no effort to accommodate the Post at a reasonable cost, including beautiful floral arrangements. I've received many expressions of satisfaction regarding the ceremonial portion of the evening, which proceeded without a hitch. The Honor Guard was superlative and the West Point Glee Club most entertaining.

Planning is proceeding for this year's event, scheduled for Saturday evening, November 3rd. The Dinner Dance Committee Chair, Harvey Sands, and Co-Chairs, Judy Cooper of Parsons Brinckerhoff, and Frank Lombardi, Chief Engineer of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, are again hard at work to make the 2001 event even bigger and better.



DISTINGUISHED AND HONORED GUESTS TABLE



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GRAND BALLROOM, WALDORF-ASTORIA—NOVEMBER 4, 2000



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# UPCOMING events

**APRIL 18, '01 . . . . .** Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting  
12 Noon (by invitation)  
Contact Michael Scarano, Post  
Secretary, to volunteer as a host.  
(718) 921-5206 or (212) 637-4222  
Guest to be announced

**APRIL 25, '01 . . . . .** Post Evening Meeting, 5:30 PM  
Le Parker Meridian Hotel  
Guest: Joel Miele, Commissioner,  
NYC DEP

**MAY 23, '01 . . . . .** Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting  
12 Noon (by invitation)  
(Note this is a change from the original  
May 30 date)  
Contact Michael Scarano, Post Secretary, to  
volunteer as a host.  
(718) 921-5206 or (212) 637-4222

**MAY 29-JUNE 1, '01 . . . . .** National Education and Training Conference  
& Expo  
Nashville, TN  
Opryland Hotel

**JUNE 6, '01 . . . . .** Post Evening Meeting/Annual Post Elections  
Le Parker Meridian Hotel  
Guest to be announced

**JUNE 15, '01 . . . . .** Harbor Inspection  
(held jointly with New Jersey Post)  
COE Vessel Hayward

**NOVEMBER 3, '01 . . . . .** 61st Annual Dinner Dance  
Waldorf-Astoria

**We are currently accepting project write-ups, member bios and firm bios for our next edition of the newsletter. Please e-mail your entry to [ruth@pbworld.com](mailto:ruth@pbworld.com) or [stewartb@pbworld.com](mailto:stewartb@pbworld.com). Selections will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.**

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