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## SAME NORTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

**WHEN: OCTOBER 8-10, 2003**

**WHERE: EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL, DOWNTOWN NEW YORK CITY**

The New York City Post of the Society of American Military Engineers is proud to host the 2003 North Atlantic Regional Training Conference. This will be a unique conference at an extraordinary important time in New York City. Our theme, "ENGINEERS SECURING OUR FUTURE," is intended to highlight the outstanding contributions made by members of our profession in defending our freedom. The conference will be held in a new, modern hotel; the layout will be distinctive and surprising; and the program will have something for everyone: professional development, marketing, small business discussions, work forecasts, opportunities to meet the chiefs of public agencies and their staffs, and a few special events thrown in to make the experience fun and entertaining! Log on to <http://www.nyc2003same.com> for registration

information; exhibitor, advertising and sponsorship opportunities; and program and schedule details.

#### Program highlights include:

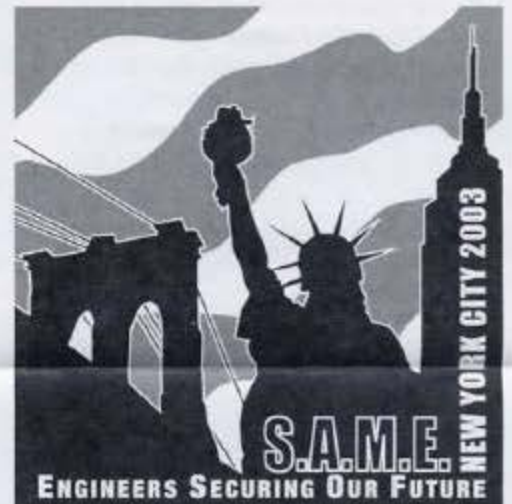
- Golf outing at Pelham and Split Rock Golf Course in the Bronx
- Tealbreaker sunset cruise on the Circle Line "Baleaux"
- Free project management certificate course
- Tech sessions covering homeland security, water infrastructure, and landside infrastructure
- A "Meet the Chiefs" breakfast BD seminar with NYC infrastructure chiefs
- The NJ Post's annual seminar, with many federal business opportunities
- Day-long small business seminar

#### And we have an array of great speakers, including:

- RADM Michael Johnson, USN, President of SAME
- Hon. Charles Gargano, CEO of NY State Development Corporation
- Ken Matthews, former FBI agent, speaking on "The Next Major Urban Attack"

#### Performers include:

- Daniel Rodriguez singing the "Star-Spangled Banner" at the opening ceremony
- The West Point Glee Club opening the banquet with a medley of patriotic songs



The conference presents many opportunities to network and showcase your firm. Exhibit booths are still available (visit <http://www.nyc2003same.com> to register); gold, silver, or bronze conference sponsorships are available (contact Greg Kelly for more information, at 212-465-5447 or [kelly@pbworld.com](mailto:kelly@pbworld.com)); and there is plenty of ad space available in the conference program, from full-page to business card ads (contact Rena Frankle at 201-816-1211 or [rfrankle@reichmanfrankle.com](mailto:rfrankle@reichmanfrankle.com)).

There will also be Young Members' Events for current and potential young members. The Young Member reception will take place on October 9th, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Visit <http://www.same-nyc.org/YoungNAC.html> to learn more. ■

### REGISTER NOW!

Booths still available!

• Project Management Certificate sponsorships offered!

• One-day registration still possible!

• Visit

<http://www.nyc2003same.com>  
to find out more...

Did you know that you can visit us on-line? Go to <http://same-nyc.org> for additional events and information, or for a direct link to the National site.

To contribute news about your firm or events, please contact Carolya Turgeon at [turgeon@pbworld.com](mailto:turgeon@pbworld.com).

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# MEMBER news

## VINCENT DESANTIS, RA, RECEIVES NY'S SAME MAX O. URBAN AWARD

Vincent DeSantis has received the NYC Post SAME Max O. Urban Award for over 50 years of service as a lead architect for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. He recently retired from DEP and is now a Vice President of Hazen and Sawyer, Environmental Engineers and Scientists. The Urban Award is for "most eminent and notable contribution in the field of architecture."



Vincent receives award from former Post President Harvey Sands

Vincent practiced the principals espoused by Max Urban by applying innovative concepts to serve the City's needs rather than imposing an architect's will on a project. He followed the highest standards of architecture to bring significant structures to the water pollution control facilities of the City. Through his direction the designs of combined sewerage overflow facilities proved to be architecturally significant and were approved by the City's Art Commission. By encompassing the Native American "long house" features in one facility and developing another in a building that fit in a City park, Mr. DeSantis made sure that the architecture served the intended purpose and was compatible with its surroundings. The success of this approach resulted in an award-winning design for the over one

billion dollar Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Project reconstruction. The overall design incorporated new technology and major structures in order to obtain the approval of a densely populated urban neighborhood.

A registered architect in NYS, Mr. DeSantis is a graduate of Staten Island Community College and City College of New York. He resides on Staten Island with his wife of 30 years, Grace Marie, and their three sons Vincent, Anthony and Andrew.

## STV'S PLAN FOR WEST POINT LIBRARY AND LEARNING CENTER WINS FEDERAL PLANNING AWARD

NEW YORK, April 14, 2003 - STV Incorporated's plan for a new library, learning center and multipurpose academic building at the United

States Military Academy (USMA) in West Point, N.Y., has won the Federal Planning Division's (FPD) award for Best Area Development Plan of 2003. The FPD is a branch of the American Planning Association

(APA). The 2003 FPD Awards Program is intended to recognize recent planning projects that demonstrate excellence in originality, transferability, quality, implementation and comprehensiveness. The award was presented at the APA's annual conference on March 28th.

At West Point, the construction of a new library facility incorporating learning centers and archives was necessary to reorganize and expand the existing library collection, provide additional user functions, and create a facility that could meet USMA's need for training officers in an information-age army. The New York District Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Military Academy turned to STV to provide complete planning services including site selection, strategic planning, facility use planning, programming and concept design. Because of the extremely constrained environment at West Point, a comprehensive examination of 20 potential sites for the new building was required. STV's process took into account USMA's functional requirements and long-term needs, while preserving the historic



context of the site. The new library and learning center building will provide for years of expansion, serving as a vital academic center equipped to prepare future leaders for our nation's army.

"West Point presented a diverse combination of site issues and user objectives," said Price Joseph, STV's project manager. "Because of this, our objective was to establish a rational process for planning that worked with the scrutiny of a multifaceted client group, as well as a variety of outside agencies and stakeholders."

STV ultimately recommended a 141,000-square-foot library at the center of the West Point campus, and conversion of the existing 280,000-square-foot space into a multipurpose academic center. Based on the success of the area development plan, STV was selected to provide design services for the new library and learning center.

STV is one of the nation's top engineering, architectural, planning, environmental and

construction management firms. *Engineering News-Record* placed STV 17th in the Top 25 firms for Education in its ranking of the country's engineering firms. STV is an employee-owned

firm that has been providing quality service since 1912. The firm employs more than 1,300 personnel in offices nationwide.

## YOUNG MEMBER COMMITTEE UPDATE

The New York Post Young Member Committee had a good spring, with a number of events keeping the young members active. In March, Mike Pucci of HDR, one of our own young members, gave a technical presentation on the ins and outs of the Phase II stormwater management regulations that went into effect this spring. Social events in April and May brought the members together for some fun after work with their peers in the industry. And in June, SAME and American Society of Civil Engineers young members donned spray shirts and life vests and hit the Hudson River to check out the piers, their paddling skills, and the sunset with the Manhattan Kayak Company.

As an ongoing project, the committee has been developing a young members program in support of the SAME North Atlantic Regional Training Conference to be held October 8-10, 2003. The goal is to promote young member attendance throughout the region by providing participation opportunities at the conference, including a technical paper contest, a

poster session, and social events. We want to make sure that younger engineers and students hear about the conference, take advantage of the great technical sessions, and learn more about the benefits of SAME membership. More information, including details about great registration fees for young members and students, may be found at [http://www.same-](http://www.same-nyc.org/YoungNAC.html)

[nyc.org/YoungNAC.html](http://www.same-nyc.org/YoungNAC.html).

In addition to the young member-specific activities, it has been good to see young members attending the post-wide events. For instance, the board of directors sponsored ten engineering students from area colleges and universities to attend the June post meeting and presentation. Young members also made a good showing for the annual Harbor Inspection. As always, if you or a member of your firm is interested in becoming more active as a young member, please contact Phil Simmons, young member committee chair, at [psimmons@hydroqual.com](mailto:psimmons@hydroqual.com). ■



Jamie Mack and other young members preparing to launch



Jamie Mack and Lori Armfield kayaking on the Hudson River

## UPCOMING events

### THE 63RD SAME ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DINNER- DANCE COMING SOON...

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2003**

*The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, NY*

Join us at our 63rd Annual Gala Dinner Dance for the benefit of The New York City Post-SAME Scholarship Fund. Celebrate with civilian and military friends and colleagues in the engineering, architecture, and construction professions in a gala tribute to the leaders and future leaders of our country.

Since 1960, our premier Scholarship Fund has helped finance the education of over 1000 top-notch students of engineering and architecture across the country. By supporting these leaders of the future, we advance our goal to promote and maintain freedom, peace, and stability in our nation and throughout the world.

For information and reservations contact Angel Martinez, Dinner Dance Committee at 973-792-6619 or [amartin@panynj.gov](mailto:amartin@panynj.gov). Download a registration form at <http://www.same-nyc.org/DD03/ddindex.html>.

# SUBCOMMITTEE reports

## READINESS COMMITTEE

The Post Readiness Plan is being revised to include providing assistance to agencies in addition to the NY District Corps of Engineers. The Alert Roster is being updated to include the new Board members, and the revised plan will be submitted to the Readiness Committee in October. Anyone interested in joining the Committee should contact Bob Adamski at 516-671-8440 or [radamski@GFNET.com](mailto:radamski@GFNET.com).

## PUBLICITY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Please send us your stories! We want to make the SAME Story a quarterly newsletter, but we need your help in keeping SAME members informed of your activities and capabilities. Just send drafts with a general description of your firm, a significant recent project of your firm, a profile of one of your employees, and/or other newsworthy events to Carolyn Turgeon ([turgeon@pubworld.com](mailto:turgeon@pubworld.com)). Or just write and tell us about an event you'd like to see mentioned in the Same Story, and we'll work with you to do the rest. ■

## SOCIETY 2004-2009 STRATEGIC PLAN NOW AVAILABLE

The new Society 2004-2009 Strategic Plan is now available on the SAME home page at <http://www.same.org/strategicplan.htm>. It is a great plan to guide the Society to new levels of excellence in the years to come. The plan is focused on benefiting our members, the engineering profession and the nation. That's what SAME is all about. We look forward to our members embracing the plan and helping the Society accomplish its goals and objectives.

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