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## LETTER FROM FRANK LOMBARDI DINNER DANCE CHAIR

As Chair of the New York City Post's Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance held on November 1, 2003, I'd like to thank the Post and the Dinner Dance Committee for making this past year's gala—our 63rd—a record breaking event. For the second year in a row, we had the opportunity to open the balcony of the Waldorf's Grand Ballroom to accommodate nearly 700 guests. A core mission of SAME is to invest in the future leaders of our profession. In keeping with our mission, the theme of this year's event was "Engineers Securing Our Future." Scholarships were given to 166 engineering and architectural students who will be our future leaders.

Special tribute was paid to our Guest of Honor, Major General L. Dean Fox, the Air Force Civil Engineer, United States Air Force, along with our Honored Guests, the Chiefs of the Engineering Branches – Military Services. As the premier event of our Post's undertakings, this gala evening promotes the activities of our Scholarship Fund, led by F. H. (Bud) Griffis, and it adds to the vibrancy of the New York City Post and the American spirit of renewal. With your continued support, we will meet the challenges of today as well as secure our future.

Most Sincerely,  
Francis J. Lombardi, P.E.  
Chair, 63rd Annual Dinner Dance Committee ■



Post President Colonel John O'Dowd presenting a plaque to Guest of Honor Major General L. Deal Fox



Colonel John O'Dowd, Scholarship Committee Chair Bud Griffis, and one of our student recipients

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 Judy Cooper at [cooperj@pbworld.com](mailto:cooperj@pbworld.com).

"The dinner provided a great opportunity to meet successful people in my field of study. The night was filled with such enthusiasm and pride for SAME that it really made me appreciate the scholarship I received."

Rory Jennings  
*Student Scholarship recipient  
Stevens Institute of Technology*

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Colonel John O'Dowd presents the Past President's Award to Harvey Sands



Frank Lombardi addressing the Dinner Dance guests



Dinner Dance Chair Frank Lombardi, left, and Colonel John O'Dowd (3rd from right), with Guest of Honor Major General L. Deal Fox (3rd from left) and Honored Guests



Our Scholarship Chair Bud Griffis with his wife Nancy



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lombardi



Christine Lombardi, right, presenting flowers to Sallie Fox

# NOTES FROM THE NORTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL MEETING

## OCTOBER 2003

The NYC Post hosted the 2003 North Atlantic Regional Meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel from October 8-10, 2003. The conference theme, "Engineers Securing our Future," focused attention on the invaluable, and little recognized, role played by engineering professionals in designing a safe and secure urban infrastructure for our



The Honorable Charles Gargano, Chairman and CEO, Empire State Development, addresses banquet guests

citizens—now and into the 21st century. Nowhere have these contributions been more evident than in New York City following the tragic events of 9-11.

Highlights of the conference on opening day included commercial exhibits by 40 firms, a Golf Tournament at Pelham Bay and a "Sunset

Cruise" around the Statue of Liberty aboard the Spirit Cruise ship *Bateaux*, which was a superbly memorable networking event attended by more than 250 conference participants. The opening ceremony on October 9th featured remarks by RADM Michael Johnson, SAME President, and BG Merdith "Bo" Temple, North Atlantic Regional Vice President, along with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem sung

by Daniel Rodriguez, the singing police officer who attained much recognition following the 9-11 tragedy. The ceremony was followed by more than 20 technical sessions covering Project Management, Homeland Security, Water and Landside Infrastructure and Small Business. This day concluded with a gala evening banquet in the hotel atrium featuring remarks by the Honorable Charles Gargano, Chairman of the Empire State Development Corporation; Merit Awards to Young Members; and entertainment by the West Point Glee Club.

The final day of the conference was devoted to work projections and forecasting of regional infrastructure needs. Frank Lombardi, Chief Engineer of the Port Authority of NY & NJ, hosted a "working breakfast" panel of "Chief Engineers" from major infrastructure agencies, each providing a summary of major trends and work projections for the design and construction of key infrastructure facilities in the region. This session was followed by a Federal Contracting Opportunities session hosted by the New Jersey Post, which volunteered to combine its annual session with the Regional Conference.

In all, the conference was a spectacular hit, attended by over 450 of the region's professionals, who had only laudatory comments for the outstanding program of technical and business functions planned and executed by a dedicated team of volunteers led by Conference Chairman Dominick Servedio, of STV Incorporated. Others on the



North Atlantic RVP, BG Bo Temple cuts the ribbon to open the NARTC, along with Col John O'Dowd, Post President, RADM Michael Johnson, and SAME President and BG(ret) Ralph Locurcio, STV Inc, Conference Co-Chair



General Temple and Phil Simmons, Young Member Chair, present the first place prize for the technical paper competition to Einah Pelaez of URS

planning team were from: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, TetraTech, Shaw Group, HDR, Michael Baker, URS, Jacobs, Reichman-Frankle, Schnabel, Port Authority of NY&NJ, Parsons Brinckerhoff, LCE, Polytech, Hydroqual, Gannett Fleming and Postner & Rubin. ■



West Point Glee Club "Knight Caps" entertained banquet guests with a patriotic medley



RADM Johnson, SAME President and military leaders visit Sustaining Member exhibits



# UPCOMING events

## NYC POST EVENTS

### MARCH 10, 2004

NYC Post Evening Meeting  
*The Harvard Club*  
27 W. 44th St. (btw 5th and 6th Aves.)  
(212) 840-6600

### APRIL 1, 2004

ENR Presents:  
39th Annual Award of Excellence Dinner  
*The New York Marriott Marquis*  
Grand Ballroom  
This Year's Award Winner:  
Colonel Gregg Martin, Chief Engineer to  
the General in Command  
Fifth U.S. Army Corps, Iraq

- Black tie
- Reservations required
- Special rates available through March 8

# MEMBER news

## READINESS COMMITTEE

The Post submitted its Readiness accomplishments for 2003 to the National Committee and will be awarded the Readiness Streamer.

The draft revised FAST START Readiness Plan is under review by the Readiness Committee and responders. It will now make the Post resources available to all governmental entities in the Post area not just the NY District of the Corps. If you have any comments or would like to see the draft, contact Bob Adamski at radamski@GFNET.com.

## NEW CERTIFICATIONS AT CABRERA

Sustaining Member CABRERA is pleased to announce that David Watters, Vice President of Operations, and Joe Weismann, Senior Radiological Engineer, have received notification from the ABHP

that they successfully passed the certification exam and now are credentialed as Certified Health Physicists. Robert Beinstein received notification from NCEES that he passed the certification exam and is now registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Watters, who has an M.S. in Radiological Health Physics from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, is one of the founding principals of CABRERA. Mr. Weismann, who has a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, has been an important part of CABRERA's team for three years. Mr. Beinstein, who has a B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Connecticut and is CABRERA'S first employee, has been an integral part of the team for 5 years.

CABRERA is an 8(a) certified, small disadvantaged business providing specialized radiological and environmental consulting and field services to federal and state government and private industry across the United States. For more information, please contact Robert Beinstein at 860-289-1885 or via email at [rbeinstein@cabreraservices.com](mailto:rbeinstein@cabreraservices.com). ■

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