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## GRISOLI NEW NORTH ATLANTIC DIVISION COMMANDER

**B**rigadier General William T. Grisoli assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' North Atlantic Division on August 1, 2005. He succeeds Brigadier General Merdith W. B. (Bo) Temple who led the Division since November 2002. The North Atlantic Division is one of eight Corps of Engineers regions providing engineering and construction services to the nation. It is the Corps' regional business center in the Northeast and 51 other countries.



Brigadier General  
William T. Grisoli

As Division Commander, General Grisoli oversees the planning, design and construction of projects to support the military, protect America's water resources, and restore and enhance the environment within a 180,000 square mile area along the Atlantic Coast, including 13 states from Maine to Virginia and the District of Columbia. He is also responsible for a variety of Division engineering and construction activities for international, federal, state and local governments and agencies in the U.S. and overseas.

Before becoming the Commander of the North Atlantic Division, General Grisoli, a native of Queens and Long Island, New York, served as Commander, Northwestern Division in Portland, Oregon, and in a wide variety of command

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Brigadier General Grisoli accepts command from  
Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, Chief of Engineers.

## 2005 ENGINEER RECEPTION AND DINNER HELD

**O**n April 22, 2005, the Society of American Military Engineers and The Army Engineer Association held a reception and dinner at West Point to welcome 97 graduating seniors into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The NYC Post was represented by Albert Bast of URS Corporation, which was a gold sponsor of both events, along with other sustaining members of our Post, including AMEC, CH2MHill, Earth Tech, Michael Baker Corporation & STV. Silver Sponsors from our Post included Dewberry, Erdman Anthony, HNTB, PBS&J and Shaw.

The evening began with a reception for the cadets at Eisenhower Hall. Dr. Robert Wolff, the SAME Executive Director, and Frank Weinberg, AEA President and President, Caterpillar Inc., introduced the two speakers:

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**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).**

### ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

**NOVEMBER 5, 2005**

Our Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday evening, November 5 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The gala event, which honors 170 students in engineering and related fields, will be chaired by Judy Cooper; Vinny Mangiere serves as Vice Chair. Information concerning the black-tie event was recently sent to all members.

Please contact Judy at PB (212) 465-5332 with any questions.

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# MEMBERS ENJOY HARBOR INSPECTION CRUISE

The New York and New Jersey posts, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NY District, again held the popular Annual Harbor Inspection on June 17, 2005.

Approximately 100 SAME members and guests from the two Posts (along with a few from outside the area) boarded the Corps vessel *Hayward* at Caven Point and the U.S. Coast Guard's South Street MIO facility. The *Hayward* then cruised New York Harbor, including the Kill van Kull, Newark Bay, the lower Hudson River, the lower East River, and Upper New York Bay. Attendees were able to view ongoing dredging operations on the Kill van Kull that are being managed by the Corps' New York District.

As has been the tradition in recent years, the event included catering from Clemente's in Brooklyn. Most would agree that the combination of fine weather, the Harbor sites, and great food made for a memorable experience! ■



SAME members enjoying the wonderful spring weather aboard the Corps vessel *Hayward*.



## 2005 ENGINEER RECEPTION

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Major General Randall Castro, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, Chief of Engineers. Each of the speakers summarized the challenges that the cadets will face in their careers, including the global war on terror, and emphasized the importance of leadership to a cadet's success as an Army officer. Each thanked the soon-to-be commissioned officers for their willingness to serve their country in perilous times.

Dinner followed the reception at the Hotel Thayer. Lieutenant General William J. Lennox, the Superintendent of West Point, reported on the performance of the academic, military and athletic components of the programs at the Academy. He cited examples of courageous acts by selfless recent graduates, who were wounded in Iraq, as evidence of the types of men and women attracted to the U.S. Army. ■

## NEW COMMANDER

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and staff positions, including Deputy Director of Army Transformation, Army G-3; Commander, 555 Engineer Group, Fort Lewis, Washington; Deputy CENTCOM Engineer, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida; and Commander, 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York.

General Grisoli also served as Director of Installation Support, Camp Doha, Kuwait; Executive Officer to the Director of Requirements, Army G-3; Operations Officer, 15th Engineer Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis; Deputy District Commander, New Orleans District, New Orleans, Louisiana; and as a project engineer with the Far East District, Korea. He also served as a member of the Mississippi River Commission from 2003 to 2005.

General Grisoli is a registered professional engineer in Virginia. After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1976, he received a Master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois and a second Master's degree in Natural Resource Strategy from the National Defense University. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. ■

# CADETS VISIT NEWARK-ELIZABETH RAIL LINK PROJECT

On April 27, 2005, 38 cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point visited the Newark-Elizabeth Rail Link (NERL) Project. Their construction management instructor, Captain Matt Morris of the Department of Civil & Mechanical Engineering, sought to expose the cadets to the construction and management challenges that occur on a large construction project. The trip was arranged by Albert Bast of URS Corporation on behalf of SAME's NYC Post.

This is a project sponsored by NJ TRANSIT. The first minimum-operating segment (MOS) of this 8.8-mile system was designed by a URS/Parsons Brinckerhoff consortium. A joint venture of Frederic R. Harris and STV serve as construction manager. The first segment is valued at approximately \$150 million. Tony Fleres, URS Design Manager and Kurt Kauffman, Assistant Program Manager for NJ TRANSIT, briefed the cadets on the planning studies that led to the design and ultimately the award of construction contracts. Revenue service is expected to begin in mid 2005.

A tour of the construction site included inspection of the alignment, completed tunnel sections, at-grade stations and special trackwork, including diamond crossovers and track slabs. Track slabs are used to isolate train vibrations from sensitive receivers; in this case the Newark Convention Center. Construction Manager Pete Gentle of Harris/STV led the field visit.

The cadets who visited the project graduated in May 2005. Within three years, they can expect to be deployed to overseas theaters of operations where many will manage contract construction or undertake construction as part of the Army's combat engineering mission. The site visit to NERL showed them how heavy construction is accomplished and the imperative of mobilizing the skills and energies of many individuals and organizations. ■

## THANKS, BILL!

It is with much regret that we announce that CDR C. William "Bill" Eilers, USN (Ret.), the long-time Chairman of the NYC Post's Awards Committee, will soon be stepping down as Chairman. Bill, who assumed this position in 1986, has held the helm (save for a brief hiatus) ever since. In recent years, Bill has spearheaded a modernization process to make the Awards and Recognition process as simple and seamless as possible; see for yourself by visiting our Awards Committee website at <http://www.same-nyc.org/awardcom.htm>.

We'll miss Bill, who has been gracious enough to volunteer to stay on until a replacement is identified (and to help the new committee chairman). So, as we thank Bill for his years of service, we also welcome anyone who is interested in this challenging and important position. Please contact Bill Eilers directly, or Post Secretary Michael Scarano. ■



Cadets enter the new NERL tunnel.



Cadets inspecting NERL special trackwork.



# UPCOMING events

## NOVEMBER 5, '05 (Saturday)

Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance  
Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York  
Contact Judy Cooper at (212) 465-5332 for  
additional information

## FEBRUARY 15, '06 (Wednesday)

Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting  
(By invitation)  
Contact Michael Scarano, Post Secretary, for  
additional information

## FEBRUARY 22, '06 (Wednesday)

Post Regular Evening Meeting  
5:30 PM  
*The Harvard Club*

# MEMBER news

## LOCURCIO AWARDED SAME GOLD MEDAL

Brigadier General (Ret.) Ralph Locurcio, P.E., a Senior Vice President with STV, has earned SAME's highest honor, the Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement. The medal was presented at the Society's recent 2005 National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Gold Medal is awarded for outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of SAME's mission over the recipient's entire period of membership in the society. Mr. Locurcio has been a member of the organization since 1969 and a SAME Fellow since 1985. He was recognized for his service as chair of the Academy of Fellows and the Industry Affairs Committee. In addition, he was instrumental in developing a mentoring program for SAME's Young Members and organizing a professional development scholarship program.

Mr. Locurcio earned SAME's Wheeler Medal for

engineering achievement in 1992 for his role in the Kuwait reconstruction where he was responsible for organizing and leading the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' \$600 million reconstruction of the country's civil infrastructure immediately following the Gulf War.

Since joining STV in 1996, Mr. Locurcio has overseen many diverse projects, including the Thomas Jefferson Library and Learning Center and the Michie Stadium Press Box at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point. Mr. Locurcio earned a Bachelor of Science in engineering from West Point, as well as a Master of Urban Engineering degree from Purdue University. He is a registered professional engineer in Georgia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia. In addition, he currently serves on the faculty at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, where he teaches construction management and engineering leadership. ■

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