



POST NEWSLETTER

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BEHIND THE SCENES at the SAME/ARMY ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMP

By John Barnes

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scene at the Engineering and Construction Camp? Most people hear us talking about the “upcoming” camp during the early part of the year, asking for donations to help pay for the cost of the camp so that money would not be a deterrent for a deserving student from less fortunate family circumstance. Later, we are still talking about the “upcoming” camp, and seeking assistance for sending applications out to area and regional schools, mentioning that the application is online for those students that are outside our local Post area. Then we speak of the fact that we have 40 campers ready to attend and then about this time of year, you hear us talk about another successful camp, this year number 8. Have you ever really wondered what goes on behind the scenes?

Along about the first of February, the planning meetings start! Checking on committee members, making sure that we have people to serve in the different function areas; checking on instructors, are they still available this year; facilities, are they still willing to host the students; Pilots and First Mates (counselors - 24/7 and the real unsung workhorses of the camp), do they have the clearance to be with us this year. As the year rolls along, there are schedule changes to accommodate facilities and teachers, scrambling to see if the changes are good for everyone and don't adversely affect someone else. Bus and driver, still on board this year? Always a looming question in the current economy.

As the camp get closer the applications are accepted and evaluated, campers and parents contacted, information on health, allergies, etc. are cataloged to avoid problems during the camp. Camp booklets are compiled, printed and assembled, shirt sizes for camp tee shirts, lists of instructions on clothes to bring and not bring are sent to the campers; oops! a camper has to cancel, do we have a standby ready to come? Of course we do, 80 to 100 applications and only 40 can be selected. Tough choices some years for those that pour thru the applications to see what students are most deserving.

Late May rolls around, have we got the cots lined up, what about the air mattresses, what do we have stored that was left over from last year, what about the food order, got to know what we are cooking this year, is the menu set yet? Who is cooking? Do we have people to help wash the dishes and serve the food? What about the meals on the go when we don't have time for a sit down meal? Got the order forms and someone scheduled to pick them up?

Camp Sunday rolls around, kids are driving in with their parents, and, oh by the way, this is a national camp, we have 10 of the students flying in, do we have enough people volunteering to go to the Jackson Airport to pick them up; and, by the way, some arrive at 10:30 am, 12:15 pm, 1 pm, 3:20pm. Are they all scheduled and accounted for? 12:15pm call from California, Cindy Lou just called her mother from the Dallas Airport, missed her connection now won't be in Jackson until 4:30 pm if the next flight isn't overbooked. Finally they all arrive safe and sound.



Seven days and eighteen meals - A group arrives at 5:30 each morning to make sure that breakfast is ready by 7 so the students and counselors can make the bus. Lots of dishes, someone has to wash and dry and get the kitchen clean. We have to start lunch several days by 9 so that it is ready for the students arrive back at 11:45. Did we check the allergy list, anything on the lunch menu that they can't eat? And then supper, is it at the 412th today or the 168th National Guard? Pack up the gear and head out, hope we didn't leave anything. Swim party on Thursday, got to take everything out to the KC for the cookout. Got all the food, serving utensils, etc.?



Hope the life guards remembered we are coming! Friday night luau and party, where are the decorations, got people to put them up and decorate? Has some one gotten all of the funny awards ready so they can be presented? What about the awards for the Graduation Ceremony tomorrow, did we get them from the House of Awards, not open on Saturday, you know.

Graduation Day, everyone takes a deep breath, I think we are going to make it one more year. Oh, better check the allergy list, how many of the family members that are coming to the Fish Fry have peanut allergies, better set up a separate cooking station with vegetable oil, and don't cross contaminate. Got to get hall set up, flags, sound system, hope the speaker doesn't have to

cancel. And they graduate and we all have a great meal and every shakes hands and says they had a great time, etc.

Oh, wait, all the cots and air mattresses, got to put them up, take them back, surely have to clean up this kitchen so the 412th will invite us back, pack all the supplies and cookers, put up the chairs and tables and clean up the hall. By noon Monday we are generally wrapped up, not noon Saturday.

This is just a quick look behind the scenes, and I assure that it is not all inclusive, but lest people get complacent and think the camp just happens each year, it take dozens and dozens of dedicated people, some every year since it started and for some, this is their first year. We never ask them if they are coming back next year until a month or so after the camp!



A side beneficiary of the camp each year is the local Rescue Mission. Trying to feed 60 people each day, it is impossible to figure out the ordering and timing like restaurants do. We always have leftover perishable foods. Each year they look forward to us delivering what we have left and when we leave, they always say, “Hope to see you again next year”. And, we hope so too.

All pictures from this year’s camp can be viewed at this link: <http://www.samevicksburg.org/camp/photos.htm>.

Reischauer Honored With ASCE Lifetime Achievement Award

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Bennett Reischauer, P.E., a senior vice president with Stanley Consultants, has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). The award recognizes members for a lifetime of dedication and service to the profession of civil engineering.

Reischauer has been a member of ASCE since 1970 when he joined the student chapter at Iowa State University. He has remained active in the organization throughout his career.

In addition to ASCE, Reischauer is an active member of multiple professional organizations including American Council of Engineering Companies, Society of American Military Engineers, Iowa Engineering Society, and National Society of Professional Engineers. He is a member of the Chi Epsilon, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi honorary societies. In Muscatine he



is past-president of the Muscatine Development Corporation and a member of several community service groups including Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce and the 33 Club.

Reischauer has spent his entire career with Stanley Consultants starting with the firm in 1972. He is president of Stanley Consultants (Engineers), P.S.C., a company established to provide professional engineering services in Puerto Rico. He also serves as a director of the SC Companies Board of Directors and is on the Board of Directors for Stanley-CDM-Libya-LLC. He is a licensed professional engineer in 17 states and Puerto Rico.

Corporate Membership

Sustaining members are asked to verify that they are making full use of their corporate membership. Each Sustaining Membership entitles your firm to designate five representatives. These representatives will receive the magazine, newsletter, and all other benefits that our individual members receive.

Sustaining Firms

You are invited to submit articles on projects of interest that you have either completed or are working on for publication in this newsletter. This will help keep everyone informed about the types of projects going on in the Vicksburg Post. Also we are looking for Sustaining Firms to serve as A-E Hosts at upcoming meetings.

Please contact Jimmy Nelson (jnelson@allenhoshall.com or 601-977-8993) or Ashlyn Graves (agraves@evans-graves.com or 504-836-5151).

What better way to showcase your firm than to serve as A-E Host at an SAME meeting?

Young Members

We encourage young members and potential young members to attend meetings and join SAME. Please contact Jill Jackson, Vicksburg Post Junior Vice-President, about our programs geared toward young members. 601-634-3417 or Jill.M.Jackson@erdc.usace.army.mil.

Vicksburg Post Website is www.samevicksburg.org

2010 Meetings Summary

January – Susan Bailey spoke on “Engineering Marsh Creation: Modeling to Assess Dredged Material Needs”. A-E Host was Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc.

February – Joint Meeting with IEEE, ASCE, MES, ASME, ANS, and SWE to celebrate E-Week. Dr. Lori Bruce spoke on the topic of “Portrait of an Engineer: What does it mean to be a 21st century engineer?”

March – Dr. Daniel Wong spoke about Engineering Ethics. A-E Host for the meeting was North Wind, Inc.

April – MG Michael Walsh, Commander, Mississippi Valley Division spoke about America's Watershed – A 200-Year Vision. The A-E host for the meeting was Stanley Consultants.

May – Dr. Allen Behring, PhD, PE spoke on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway West Closure Complex Pump Station in New Orleans, LA – Considered the World's Largest Pump Station. A-E Host was ABMB.

June – COL Gregory Gunter gave a June 2011 Update. The A-E Host for the meeting was Michael Baker Jr., Inc.

New Programs

If anyone has suggestions for a program you would like to see in the upcoming year, contact Cherry Talbert or Jared Johnson. Drop them an e-mail or give them a call. Cherry: ctalbert@tweinc.com. Jared: jared.l.johnson@usace.army.mil or (601)634-3050.

Good informative programs make successful meetings. We need your ideas!

Upcoming Events

Meeting Dates:

27 July 2010

24 August 2010

28 September 2010

26 October 2010

16 November 2010

7 December 2010