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SAME Boston Post, Board of Directors Meeting June 14, 2005 *By John Gerstenlauer of Perini, Post President*

As I begin my term as President, I look back on the great Americans who served in this prestigious position and wonder...How did I get here? I never served in the military, I never performed any great heroic feat, and I never rose to any level of fame where I would be recognized as a special person. Then I realized that I made it here because I have been consistent and persistent in my involvement in this great organization, and that I was able to be persistent because of the encouragement and example of others in the organization such as Peter Volpe, Ed Greco, Chan Rogers, and Joe Bocchino, to name only a few. Thank you to those who set examples for me. I can only hope that I may, too, someday be a good example and an encouragement to others who begin their involvement with the Boston Post.

Speaking of good examples, on July 8th, I went to Tom Koning's retirement celebration and the change of command ceremony following in Boston's Faneuil Hall; and then the reception for Colonel Thalken, and I feel compelled to say that the ceremonies were truly moving. From the invocation to the presentation of the "colors" to the heart-felt speeches by Tom Koning and Colonel Thalken, all at the literal birthplace of our great country, I felt honored to be a part of the American family and privileged to live in one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. I know we are not perfect, but I also know that this is the best place on earth to call home. My hope is that all of you, too, will be encouraged by the leadership and strengthened by the camaraderie that our Post offers. Read your Bugle every month (*Ed note: You can see the Bugle staff smiling – no?*) and keep up with planned events, attending as many as you can. I look forward to the year ahead and also getting to know all of you a little better. Below are the notes from my 1st Board meeting:

Spring Meeting - Cosmo Gallinaro (Shaw) – First Spring Meeting Committee meeting will be in September
Readiness - Mike Bradbury (Nobis) – Meetings held quarterly. Working w/ National to determine next step in managing database of firms that are willing & able to support emergency response. Dave Schafer, USACE NAE Readiness Chief, participated in recent FEMA exercise, TOPOFF III that recognized SAME potential and included minimal involvement for first time. Subcommittee headed by Glen Breland, Alpha Analytical Labs, will develop topics and speakers for a separate track and support overall Executive Planning Committee efforts to pull together the program for Joint Regional Conf in Jun 06.

Education - Christen Sardano (Shaw) – The HS students for the USAFA Camp & Seabees camp were accepted. Both are scheduled to give a brief at the August Meeting. The *Schools to Careers* Presentation re/ teacher externs to the "real world" at our meeting at MIT was very successful! This is the first time they have been able to place teachers in engineering related fields and they were able to place 5 teachers. Two were placed with the Army Corps of Engineers, two with Shaw and one with Gale Associates. (*Ed note: Essayons!*)

Small Business - Pete Delano (Nobis) - Initiatives to develop/sponsor a track at June 06 New England & North Atl Reg Conf, sponsor a Post meeting this year, promote the Minority Institution scholarship to additional area schools, and continue to seek more SBs as new members. Pete Delano of Nobis to chair the Committee until May 2006. Rob Paine will continue as our SB Liaison to the SAME National Small Business Council.

Fiduciary Care of Thomas O'Connor Scholarship - Tom O'Connor asked the Post to take fiduciary care of the fund and have it managed by a *Mutual Fund*, eg. an index fund, and continue to use interest towards scholarships for students at MIT. Principal amount is about \$80K. The BOD agreed to accept and deposit in a mutual fund for use of the interest as scholarships for students at MIT. Also, to nominate Tom O'Connor as *Assistant Treasurer* for a period of one year to help direct the initial deposit & management of the fund. In a related issue, Jack Bryant, on behalf of the *Tuskegee Airmen*, offered to add \$5K to the *Tuskegee Airmen* scholarship at Wentworth, and proposed the Post match ... and the BOD approved. Not to be out-done, Thomas O'Connor generously offered to add \$10,000 to the Thomas O'Connor fund if the Boston Post would match this amount. The BOD readily and enthusiastically agreed. (*Ed note: As does the Bugle staff*)

Constitution Revisions – Revised document was handed out for reference and advised that this would be put before the total membership for subsequent vote on acceptance by BOD. Comments requested - See website.

Membership Chair – Sheila Warren (Boart Longyear) volunteered to Committee Chair next year.

The Engineering Center - Debi Heims (H&S Env) – Reported TEC dinner meeting. BOD agreed to table until the next BOD, allowing the Post's membership in TEC lapse until at least that time.

Next BOD Meeting at Volpe's - Sept 18; 1 PM meeting; 2:30 bocce; 4 PM Dinner

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 9 August 05

Topic:

How do Agencies Contract Firms and How can our Post Effectively Support Disaster Events?

A Panel / Interactive Discussion with Federal, State & Local Managers: FEMA, Region I
USACE, New England District
EPA, Region I
MEMA
Fire Chiefs Association

Place: The 57 Restaurant
Raddisson @ Stuart St., Boston

Time: 1130 Registration
1200 Luncheon Meeting

Cost: \$30 Before 4 Aug 05;
\$35 After;
\$15 for gov't; students;
and, seniors

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◆ Deadline is always the 20th each month.

POST CALENDAR

Date	Day	Time	Feature
9 August	2 nd Tuesday	Post Monthly	Disaster Support
14-17 Aug	<i>Energy2005</i>	in Long Beach, CA by DoE	go to: energy2005.ee.doe.gov
22-25 Aug	2 nd DoD Sustainable Ranges Initiative - San Antonio, TX		go to: rangecon.org
13 Sept	2 nd Tuesday	Post Monthly	TBD
18 Sept	3 rd Sunday	1300 @ S. Peter Volpe's	2 nd Qtr Board of Directors Mtg
3 Oct 05	1 st Monday	0800 Shotgun	14 th Annual Post Golf Tourney
18-20 Oct	SAME South Atlantic/Central Conf. - St. Augustine, FL		go to: samejax.com
5-7 Dec	USACE Annual Small Business Conference		in Arlington, VA

Did You Know ???

Did you know how we have come to know those weird looking tourist boats as "Duck Boats"? D- manufacturers designation for 1942 (4th year of war); U-utility; K-front-wheel drive; and, W-for two rear driving axles. Now you know!

In 1926, Robert Goddard accomplished the world's 1st flight of a liquid fuel rocket in Auburn, MA. In 1929, he moved his "rocketry operations" to Devens. Now you know that too!!

Boston Post Sustaining Member **ECC** received OSHA "Star Site" status for safety program & record at the Massachusetts Military Reservation under its Army & AFCEE remediation programs. **ECC is the 1st small business environmental remediation firm to achieve this recognition by OSHA.** ECC's recognition is part of OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program. The honor is given to projects with enhanced safety & health management systems that have injury & illness rates at or below national averages. ECC's three-year incident rate was half of the national average for the remediation-services industry. Congrats to all our friends at ECC, especially **Rob Paine, Stu Kibbee, and Mike Meulners.** Essayons.

Boston Post Sustaining member **WATERMARK ENVIRONMENTAL** is seeking qualified, motivated & creative professionals to fill a variety of key positions: *Civil/Environmental/Construction Engineers* or other related discipline with 4-8 yrs experience in environmental & hazardous waste projects for federal, municipal & private clients; **Project Manager** with 8-12 yrs of experience leading public & private environmental, infrastructure and/or buildings/facilities projects including military construction, design/build, office space, barracks, hangars, training & support facilities; horizontal construction, utilities, water & wastewater systems, environmental remediation systems design under RCRA/CERCLA; and, **Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators** Grade III Industrial or higher. Forward cover letter, including salary expectations, with resume to: www.watermarkenv.com.

News & Views



USACE distributed updates throughout the Command, in sync w/ the Corps birthday 16 June. The two principals were “**The USACE Strategic Directions Brochure**” and “**The USACE Campaign Plan.**” The USACE Vision embodied within the Strategic Directions is a key: *The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - One Team: Relevant, Ready, Responsive and Reliable, proudly serving the Armed Forces and the Nation now and in the future... A full-spectrum Engineer Force of high quality Civilians and Soldiers, working with our partners to deliver innovative and effective solutions to the Nation's engineering challenges.* The Vision continues the theme of earlier statements since 1997. The USACE Campaign Plan identifies mid-term goals, focused externally on providing service to the Armed Forces and the Nation.



The Bugle is proud to welcome **Mabbett & Associates, Milone & MacBroom, and Watershed Concepts** as Sustaining Members of the Boston Post and SAME. The Bugle especially welcomes **Brent McCarthy** of **Watershed Concepts** because he is an old pal and friendship with the Bugle staff is rewarding, as most of you know. Our society grows – essays! (*Ed Note: A tip of the hat to Jon Linberg of Gale Associates for these new additions*)



1. The Japanese eat very little fat & suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans. 2. Mexicans eat a lot of fat & suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans. 3. The Japanese drink very little red wine & suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans. 4. Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine & suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans. 5. Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fat sandwiches, and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans. **CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.**



Hurricanes are **cyclones** w/ wind speeds exceeding 74mph, sometimes over 190mph. A “Hurricane” refers to storms occurring over the North Atlantic & East/Central Pacific Oceans (identical phenomenon occurring over the Western Pacific is a “typhoon”). Hurricanes have a life span of one to 30 days, and weaken into tropical cyclones after contact with the colder ocean waters of the middle latitudes.



Sustaining Member **Battelle** opened its new *William F. Clapp Center* in Duxbury on 18 July. Devoted to combat the shipworm, these beginnings of the Clapp Laboratories became part of **Battelle** in 1965. The Clapp Center continues the legacy. Congrats to **Karen Foster, Sally Yozelle** and the gang at Battelle.



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The brain shrinks w/ age, particularly the frontal lobes. The Japanese asked if alcohol consumption increases that shrinkage. Compared to non-drinkers, *heavy alcohol users did have* greater shrinkage of the frontal lobes as they age. However, **moderate alcohol drinking apparently does not affect brain size and volume.** Kubota, M et al. 2001. Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry, Vol 71(1), 104-106



Stephen Maher (son of **Kevin Maher of DL Maher, a Division of Boart Longyear – and Post Sustaining Member**) was one of last year’s students we sent to Air Force Camp and is now going into engineering as a career choice thanks to that experience. Isn’t that great news? The Bugle thinks so.



Talk about digging for facts: Boston’s 1st water pipe (circa 1795) was hollowed oak trees laid on end. In a fire, firefighters would dig down and bore a hole in the “pipe.” When done, the hole would be plugged with a long stick that stuck out of the ground for use the next time there was a fire. Thereby, the term “**fire plug**” was coined. The Bugle wants you to be a hit at those BBQs.



President Bush announced a new web site called “**AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU - Our military Men and Women.**” This site spotlights what Americans are doing in support of the military all across the land and encourages others to thank the troops. It allows everyone to tell their stories by giving voice and visibility to their efforts and to send electronic messages to our military men and women. Check out www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil.

NEWSLETTER

Boston Post SUSTAINING MEMBERS

AAI Environmental	2/05				
ACT Abatement Corp.					
Alpha Analytical Labs	1/02				
AMEC Earth & Environmental	1/95				
AMRO Environmental Labs	7/99				
APEX Environmental	4/00				
Applied Geographics	4/95				
Arcadis – GM	6/98				
Battelle	9/00				
Louis Berger & Assoc.	6/93				
Bond Brothers	8/04				
Bryant Associates	11/88				
The BSC Group	12/85				
Cabrera Services, Inc.	8/00				
Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.	11/76				
CAPE	12/02				
Cashman Construction	3/03				
CDM Federal Programs	12/91				
CH2M Hill, Inc.	4/93				
Charter Environmental	11/04				
Conti Environmental	10/00				
Cutler Associates	7/03				
Dewberry	8/85				
DLZ National	7/03				
Domenech, Hicks & Krockmalnic	4/88				
Dufresne-Henry, Inc.	5/97				
EA Engineering Science & Tech, Inc.	10/95				
Earth Tech	2/90				
ECSMarin					
Edwards & Kelcey	11/03				
ENSR Consulting	8/93				
Environmental Chemical Corp.	4/96				
EQ Northeast, Inc.					
Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Inc.	9/80				
Gale Associates	2/97				
Gannett Fleming, Inc.	2/96				
GEI Consultants, Inc.	2/93				
GeoSyntec Consultants	3/04				
The Geotechnical Group, Inc.	12/91				
GeoTesting Express					
Golder Associates	1/02				
Green Seal Environmental	11/03				
GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.	5/82				
H & S Environmental	3/4				
Hager-Richter GeoScience					
Haley & Aldrich, Inc.	1/94				
HNTB	11/82				
HydroGeologic	5/01				
ICF Consulting	9/94				
Jacobs Engineering Group	3/80				
Keville Enterprises	6/02				
Lin Associates, Inc.	8/88				
Loureiro Engineering Assoc.	6/96				
Mabbett & Associates	6/05				
MACTEC	5/90				
Maguire Group, Inc.	11/60				
D.L. Maher Co.	5/95				
Marin Environmental, Inc.	7/00				
Maxymilian Technologies	6/00				
M. Baker Associates	9/03				
Metcalf & Eddy, Inc.	1/61				
Mill City Environmental Corp.	1/04				
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Milone & MacBroom, Inc.	6/05				
MWH	10/03				
Nobis Engineering, Inc.	9/97				
Normandeau	9/03				
Parsons	12/92				
Parsons Brinckerhoff	4/89				
PEER Consultants, P.C.	10/96				
Perini Management Services, Inc.	3/93				
Pennoni Associates	6/02				
Plexus Scientific Corp.	3/93				
Resource Options	1/05				
Riverdale Mills	4/03				
Rizzo Associates	5/89				
SAIC	10/95				
SEA Consultants, Inc.	11/89				
Chas. H. Sells, Inc.	6/95				
Shaw Environment & Infrastructure	9/84				
SplitStream Technologies	3/03				
STV Group, Inc.	10/91				
Survey & Mapping Consultants	11/97				
Tantara Corporation	3/02				
Tetra Tech FW	3/90				
Tetra Tech NUS	8/98				
TRC Environmental Corp.	1/93				
URS	5/99				
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.	6/95				
Vollmer Associates	8/88				
Watermark Environmental	1/03				
Watershed Concepts	6/05				
Weston & Sampson Engineers	6/89				
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