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SAME Boston Post Celebrates 48th Annual Spring Scholarship Meeting

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The middle of May each year in Boston is not reserved for any of the well known sports teams or the college graduations as you would expect. The middle of May in SAME land is when the Boston Post shows the world – or at least the New England region - what it is all about. The Boston Post is about support to the greatest Nation on earth by keeping its engineering and scientific internal capability strong and a leader among industrial nations. The Boston Post is about maintaining a network of qualified and robust engineering, science and construction companies actively involved with the Nation’s science, public works and public health agencies in the execution of their various programs and in anticipation of future needs – whether for peace or war; readiness or emergency. The Boston Post is about protecting the country’s resources – both natural and man-made, and the sharing of information to further our professions, industry, and our next generation.

And the next generation was the center of attention on 14 May 08. Twenty five outstanding future engineers were rewarded for their hard work and commitment to their vocation. Twenty five fine young Americans will receive over \$62,000 in scholarships enabling them to better handle the expense of college and join our workforce with even greater zeal. And, as we look at our youth, it is increasingly troublesome that the portion interested and capable of handling the demanding curriculum of engineering & science is on a dangerous downward trend. These young adults have chosen to buck that trend and do what is hard – and excel at it. Good for them, and good for our country – and the Boston Post was most pleased to grant scholarships to undergraduate engineers at Tufts, Boston University, Merrimack College, the Universities of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Wentworth and Northeastern Universities, Norwich University in Vermont, and MIT. The Post additionally sets aside two scholarships targeted at schools that historically serve minority areas in hopes of providing the assets and the encouragement to those who might not pursue engineering or science otherwise. The Boston Post is proud to claim our Scholarship Program the second largest within SAME having awarded literally millions over the last five decades.

The “Spring Meeting” featured BG Todd Semonite, Commander of the USACE North Atlantic Division as guest speaker and the traditional installation of Post Officers & Directors, as well as the highest Post honor – the S. Peter Volpe Award given each year to Post member(s) who best embody the spirit of SAME and their devotion to the Boston Post. This year, John Gertsenlauer of Perini Corporation was recognized as the “Active” recipient. John helped start an SAME Post in theater as well as being a Past Post President whose assistance with the Scholarship Program is invaluable. COL Andrew Nelson, USACE, was remembered as the “Emeritus” honoree for his support to the Post from the Corps New England District and his “tour” on the Spring Meeting Committee. Although his next Army assignment takes him away from us, the legacy he left with Boston is one of unselfishness and enthusiasm for his new friends and colleagues.

As the over 300 in attendance congratulated the scholarship winners, the night’s mood was nothing but upbeat and a lot of fun. With excellent food and beverage, camaraderie, a lot of patting-on-the-back and the shaking-of-hands and hugs going on – one was struck that SAME is like no other professional group I or you know. Our difference from other technical societies is vast. We are a professional social club. Or a social club that is professional? Whatever. It’s all good.

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**Next
Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday
10 June 08

**Annual
Clambake**

Topic: **BS**
Place:

**Hanscom AFB
FamCamp**

Directions:

**Hartwell Ave
to the end of
Maguire Rd**

Time:

Registration @ 1630

Cost:

**\$60/person or
\$50/gov't or seniors
\$65 after 30 May 08**

Dinner: **Lobster,
Steak,
or Chicken. Extra
Lobster @ \$30 each.
Specify with RSVP.**

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POST CALENDAR

Date, Day & Time			Event & POC
10 June	Tue	0730	Boston Post "Open" Golf Tournament @ Sandy Burr CC, Wayland. Need spot? Contact Joe BO @ 774-993-9433 - right away!!
10 June	Tue	1630	Annual Boston Post Clambake @ Hanscom AFB "FamCamp" (Details to the left)
15 June	Sun	All Day	Fathers Day (You've earned it. OohRah!)
17 June	Tue	1600	Small Business Committee meeting
24 June	Tue	All Day	NAVFAC "Industry Day" in Virginia Beach
27 June	Fri	1000	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Change of Command @ Faneuil Hall
4 July	Fri	All Day	Independence Day. (A model for free peoples.)
13 July	Sun	1300	Post Board of Directors @ Joe BO's Home.
12 Aug	Tue	TBD	Boston Post Monthly Meeting. Topic TBD.
12-14 August 08			SAME Ohio Valley & Great Lakes Regional Conference "hosted" by the Huntington, WV Post. POC = Cheryl Brunty at 304-399-5006 or cheryl.d.brunty@usace.army.mil
15 Aug	Fri	0830	SAME Narragansett Post Golf – see flyer
1 Sept	Mon	All Day	Labor Day. (You've earned this day too!!)
2 Sep	Tue	1730	Spring Meeting Committee Kick-off @ USACE, New England District (NAE) in Concord, MA.
7 Sept	Sun	All Day	Grandparents Day. (A hearty Bugle Congrats – you know who you are!)
9 Sep	Tue	TBD	Boston Post Monthly Meeting. Topic TBD.
21 Sep	Sun	1300	Post Board of Directors @ Peter Volpe's Barn.
6 Oct	Mon	0730	Boston Post 17 th Annual Golf Tournament for Engineering Scholarship @ Sandy Burr.
7 Oct	Tue	1730	Spring Meeting Committee @ NAE
13 Oct	Mon	All Day	Columbus Day. (Thank goodness for Italians!!!)
14 Oct	Tue	TBD	Boston Post Monthly Meeting. Topic TBD.
4 Nov	Tue	All Day	Election Day. (Thank You 'Vets. Essayons)
4 Nov	Tue	1730	Spring Meeting Committee @ NAE
11 Nov	Tue	All Day	Veterans Day (Thank you for our freedom)
10 or 12 November	...	TBD	Boston Post Monthly Meeting. Topic TBD.
27 Nov	Thur	All Day	Thanksgiving Day (Do remember our Troops!)
2 Dec	Tue	1730	Spring Meeting Committee @ NAE
9 Dec	Tue	TBD	Boston Post Monthly Meeting. Topic TBD.

President's Message

**By David Margolis, PE, PMP
New England District, USACE**

I am writing my first President's message for the Bugle fresh off a highly successful Spring Meeting event. Final tallies are not in, however, this event pulled in over \$35,000 in sponsorships and contributions, and the Post awarded \$62,500 in scholarships to 25 well deserving college students. The over 320 attendees were entertained by the key note speaker, Brigadier General Todd Semonite, Commander of the North Atlantic Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. None of this would have been possible without the exhaustive efforts of Bill Naughton, Andrea Leone, and the Spring Meeting Committee, as well as the Scholarship Committee. Thank you to all who volunteered their time. Most of all, thanks to all who contributed and attended the meeting.

For those who attended the Spring Meeting, I applaud you for making the commitment to attend this great event. If this is the only participation you have had with the Boston Post, I hope it opened your eyes to some of the great things we do and peaked your interest in getting more involved. I hope you had the opportunity to interact with the students we are helping to support, so you could see how much your generosity is appreciated.

For those who heard my closing remarks, you may have learned that we are more than a networking organization. What I get most excited about is that this organization allows you to give back to your chosen field. Not only do we provide college scholarships, but through the efforts of our Education/Outreach Chairperson, Christen Sardano, we sponsor numerous outreach activities to middle school and high school students. This includes sending students to camps, supporting robotics teams, judging MATHCOUNTS competitions, and embedding teachers within our sustaining member organizations. This year the Board of Directors will evaluate whether or not we should shift more focus from college scholarships towards these outreach endeavors.

If you thought it was a good idea to attend the Spring Meeting, it does not take much more effort to enjoy the company of your peers at our monthly gatherings and events. It also does not take much more effort to participate on some of the Post's committees or to encourage a young employee to participate as a young member. It just takes interest and some passion for your chosen field.

Again, on behalf of the Boston Post, I thank all who supported, attended, and volunteered for the Spring Meeting event. I am extremely excited about the coming year and hope you decide to share your passion and participate in the many rewarding things we plan to accomplish this year and into the future.

Need a GeoTech Job?

GZA GeoEnvironmental is seeking a Geotechnical Instrumentation Engineer (Job Code : NY_NYC_GEO_04) for our young & vibrant New York City office working on exciting & high profile projects for regional authorities and their heavy civil contractors, such as: the Chicago's Block 37; East Side Access; World Trade Center; and the 7 Line Extension projects. We also do extensive work for the power industry worldwide, local developers and the medical/educational market. The Geotechnical Instrumentation Engineer's responsibilities include cost estimation, planning, data collection, instrument installation, data manipulation, complex technical analyses/calculations, and writing of engineering evaluation reports - all related to geotechnical and structural instrumentation. Management and scheduling of junior staff on instrumentation projects will also be required.

Qualification: BS or MS degree in a Civil, Geotechnical, Geology or Mining Engineering field w/ 5+ years of direct Geotechnical or Structural Instrumentation experience using inclinometers, strain gages, tiltmeters, piezometers, automated motorized total stations and liquid level systems. FE, PE, PG or Chartered status is a plus. Strong communication, computer, fabrication, problem solving, organizational skills and willingness to work under challenging field conditions are a must. Some travel will be required. Contact **Brian G. Balukonis, Engineering Geologist at GZA GeoEnvironmental of New York, 440 Ninth Avenue , 18th Floor, New York, NY 10001 (Office: 212.594.8140; Cell: 781.812.8994; E-mail: brian.balukonis@gza.com).**

News & Views

By Joe Bocchino

● The Narragansett Post has respectfully changed its name to the **“CAPT John Hannigan Memorial Scholarship Tournament”** in honor of John and his contributions to SAME. CAPT Hannigan was an SAME Fellow – the Society’s highest distinction, and was instrumental in the revitalization of the Narragansett Post and the establishment of an SAME Student Chapter at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. John also served on many Boston Post Committees including Chair of our own Spring Meeting Scholarship Meeting and was a National Officer – always representing his Posts and Region with vigor and enthusiasm. Please find enclosed a tournament flyer for your consideration. Essayons, and we thank you John for your contributions to the Boston Post.

● And speaking of honors for deserving professionals, our own **Cranston R. Rogers, P.E. was recognized by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and elevated to the status of “Honorary Member.”** Chan survived a rigorous review by ASCE leadership citing his many contributions to transportation engineering and service to our Nation. The Boston Post has benefited greatly from Chan’s wisdom, influence and personal dedication. Chan’s lifelong work did not stop there as he is prominent in the Army Engineer Association and local government, as well as the ASCE and SAME. We are all the better for Chan choosing engineering as a career passion and his commitment to philanthropy. The Bugle staff shouts out a thunderous: OohRah!

● **Ten things you should be able to do** (courtesy of *Esquire Magazine*):

1. Give advice in one sentence.
2. Tell if someone is lying.
3. Score a baseball game.
4. Name a book that matters.
5. Write a letter.
6. Show respect without sucking-up.
7. Be loyal.
8. Know your drink.
9. Feign interest (see respect above).
10. Play gin (Bugle staff says “cribbage”) with an old guy. (Editor’s Note: Views to use!)

● Your Outreach Committee is very active funding a number of initiatives aimed at **the next generation of American engineer and scientist**. These students reside at the middle & high school levels and *must be urged* to continue with studies and goals leading to technical degrees, This is critical to stem the downward trend in college engineering & science graduates and to maintain our Nation’s place in the world’s industrial community. Recently, yours truly judged the Regional Science Fair (HS) for Southeastern Massachusetts. Every student earned praise and were encouraged. Additionally, the Committee was able to “broker” slots at SAME Summer Construction Camps for three high schoolers. Feedback from prior students the Post sponsored yielded the finding that these young people enjoyed new perspectives regarding engineering and a few even cited our support as an important reason for choosing engineering and/or science as future careers. Feel inclined to help? Contact Christen Sardano at Shaw (info on masthead). **You want to make a real impact and give back?** The Bugle staff says this is the place to do it.

● This report from the U.S. Army (really!): It may be possible to energize aging soldiers by stimulating production of *mitochondria* – proteins that helps cognitive & physical performance. **“The Army is constrained by biology. Highly qualified soldiers routinely leave the Army because they are old** and have reduced performance.” The program seeks to develop metabolic supplements, and if it works for the soldiers – the Army sees a huge commercial windfall with a potential impact on the world economy rivaling that of the internet. The Bugle is unsure about all of this, but the staff sure doesn’t like the sound of it. Essayons – or not. (Editor’s note: Military retirement provisions play a role in old soldiers leaving the service. But we’re not experts)

● **Mabbett & Associates recently promoted Paul Steinberg, P.E., LSP to Senior VP and General Manager.** Paul is responsible for day-to-day management/operations including technical-project management, marketing and human resources. M&A is an emerging Service Disabled Veteran-Owned small business with offices in Massachusetts, Virginia and Scotland offering professional engineering services in pollution prevention, site assessments and restoration/remediation, environmental compliance, occupational health & safety, onsite support and training. The Bugle staff especially congratulates Paul for the well deserved recognition. Our Bugle best to Paul and his family.

● A teacher was taking her first golf lesson. “is it spelled ‘put’ or ‘putt’?” she asked the instructor. “‘Putt’ is correct” came the reply. “‘P-u-t’ means to place something where you intend to – of course. ‘P-u-t-t’ is a hopeless attempt to the same thing.” **See you all on 10 June at Sandy Burr.** Be there bright and early. Bring lots of stuff for the prize table. Buy lots of mulligans. Drink lots of beer and have a load of fun. Build those relationships and develop that business. Oh – and play some golf. You probably noticed by now in your reading, The Bugle staff is back and we’re glad of it. **Happy Memorial Day to everyone.**

NEWSLETTER

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* AMRO Environmental Labs	7/99				
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