



# **POST NEWSLETTER**

**June 2012**

## **2012 Scholarship Recipients**



(L to R): Ashlyn Graves, SAME Regional Vice President, Ashtin Giambrone, Rebeca Velazquez, Dylan Jenkins, Benjamin Caldwell, Jr., James Oliver and COL Kevin Wilson, SAMEVicksburg Post President

## **Jimmy Nelson Receives AWWA Award**



James C. Nelson, PE, (on the right) receives the George Warren Fuller Award from James Chaffee, Vice President of the American Water Works Association, at the Alabama-Mississippi Section's 2011 Annual Meeting in Biloxi, Miss.

Mr. Nelson is the recipient of the 2012 George Warren Fuller Award from the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association. The award is given annually to a member for distinguished service to the water supply field in commemoration of sound engineering skill, talent and leadership.

Mr. Nelson, a Jackson native and graduate of Mississippi State University, is a former chair and board of trustees' member of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association.

The recognition was announced by AWWA Vice President Jim Chaffee during the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association Annual Conference on October 4th in Biloxi, Miss.

“Jimmy is a well-deserved recipient of this honor. Besides being a past officer, he continues to be very involved and effective in the leadership of the organization,” said Hunter Arnold, outgoing Chair of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association.

Mr. Nelson will also be recognized nationally at the American Water Works Association 2012 Conference in Dallas, TX in June. Award recipients become members of the George Warren Fuller Award Society of the American Water Works Association.

## ABMB Joins Stantec



# ABMB Engineers, Inc.

is pleased to announce...

We are pleased to announce that ABMB Engineers, Inc. has joined Stantec, a professional consulting services firm ranked on Engineering News-Record's 2011 ranking of the top 500 design firms.

ABMB's outstanding reputation as a leader in transportation, traffic and infrastructure engineering projects, combined with Stantec's global expertise and breadth of experience, creates a promising future. By uniting the employees of ABMB with Stantec, we will have access to added expertise in multiple disciplines and depth of resources to deliver an unparalleled level of service in a rapidly evolving industry.

We will take advantage of our combined strengths to maintain and grow our local presence by fully integrating the staff of ABMB with Stantec. Our drive for excellence and commitment to client dedication will continue to inspire our service. You will see the same familiar faces, and we will continue to conduct business in a manner you are accustomed to and appreciate. Our success has always been measured by client satisfaction. We believe this strengthens our commitment to provide the highest level of service to our clients. We are excited to move forward with you as we join the Stantec team.



## JSU Student Chapter



Members of the Jackson State University  
Society of American Military Engineers Student Chapter

## 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](mailto:jnelson@allenhoshall.com) or 601-977-8993) or  
Don Ator ([don.ator@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:don.ator@atkinsglobal.com))

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](mailto:Jill.M.Jackson@erdc.usace.army.mil).

**Vicksburg Post Website is [www.samevicksburg.org](http://www.samevicksburg.org)**

## 2012 Meetings Summary

**January** – Blake Cotton, P.E., of Fugro Consultants spoke on “The Geotechnical Response Following Hurricane Katrina”. Neel-Schaffer was the A-E Host.

**February** – Joint Meeting with IEEE, ASCE, MES, ASME, and SWE to celebrate E-Week. SAME served as this year’s lead society. Tom Minyard, P.E., Chief, Engineering & Construction Division, Memphis District, spoke on the topic of “The White Knuckle Floodway Operation of 2011”. The meeting was held at the BB Club.

**March** – Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Robert B. Flowers spoke about “What do 1932 and 2012 have in common?”. Arcadis was the A-E Host.

**April** – MG John W. Peabody, MVD Commander, delivered The Commander’s Perspective. The A-E Host for the meeting was Terracon.

**May** – Joey Windham, P.E., spoke about the “Mission of USACE Modeling, Mapping, and Consequences Production Center”.

**June** – Jonathan Pennington, P.E. discussed “Emergency Preparedness”.

## New Programs

If anyone has suggestions for a program you would like to see in the upcoming year, contact David Jenkins ([David.G.Jenkins@usace.army.mil](mailto:David.G.Jenkins@usace.army.mil)) or Scott Waisner ([Scott.A.Waisner@usace.army.mil](mailto:Scott.A.Waisner@usace.army.mil))

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

## Upcoming Events Meeting Dates for 2012:

24 July  
28 August  
25 September  
October (Golf Tournament)  
13 November  
11 December