



MESSAGE TO THE REGIMENT #81:
“The Engineer Blast”

November/December, 2010

A. Overview: The Office of the Chief of Engineers is pleased to forward this 81st version of “The Engineer Blast”.

Thanks for all you do and stay safe – enjoy the “BLAST!!”

NOTE: In order to further enhance communications from the major entities of the Engineer Regiment to the field, the Office, Chief of Engineers (OCE) is facilitating a process to spread Engineer knowledge from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), The United States Army Engineer School (USAES), Engineer Branch, other Engineer agencies, and our office in the Pentagon. All links should work for .mil computers.

Corps Family,

As Paula and I prepare to celebrate Christmas with our Family, may you and yours have a joyous celebration in your own tradition. Paula and I wish you God's blessings during this special time of year.

As we look back at 2010, I am amazed by the contributions you have made in service to our Nation! This year we executed more than \$42.3 billion dollars-- important projects such as building new hospitals for our wounded warriors and their Families, developing new technologies for sustainable energy, improving flood risk management projects, restoring valuable ecosystems, and supporting our brave men and women overseas.

YOU have made a significant difference in helping to build our Nation STRONG. We hope that you are able to take some time off during this Holiday Season to refresh and recharge as we prepare to meet the new challenges that await us in 2011.

Please keep our deployed Soldiers, Civilians, contractors and their Families in your thoughts and prayers. Their sacrifices remind us that our freedom has a cost.

Paula and I wish you the very best for the New Year.

Best,

Van

BUILDING STRONG

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates has announced that the President has nominated the following Army Competitive Category Brigadier Generals for promotion to the rank of Major General:

Brigadier General Kendall P. Cox (EN)

Director, J-7

United States Forces-Iraq





Brigadier General William E. Rapp (EN)
Commandant of Cadets
United States Military Academy

The Chief of Staff, Army announces the assignment of the following officer:

Brigadier General Scott F. Donahue, Commanding General, United States Army Engineer Division, South Pacific, San Francisco, California to Director, J-7, United States Forces-Iraq, OPERATION NEW DAWN, Iraq.



The following general officers were promoted to the ranks indicated below:

Brigadier General Peter A. DeLuca is currently serving as the Commanding General, United States Army Engineer Division, North Atlantic, Brooklyn, New York.

Command Sergeant Major Robert Wells, Regimental Command Sergeant Major, Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, MO has been selected as our next MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood Command Sergeant Major, effective O/A 1 May 2011.



143rd ANNUAL ENGINEER CASTLE BALL: On behalf of Lieutenant General and Mrs. Robert L. Van Antwerp, you and your guest(s) are cordially invited to attend the 143rd Annual Castle Ball on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, VA. The Castle Ball is a much anticipated celebration and opportunity to reunite with so many longtime friends of the Corps. [FLYER](#)

B. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provides the following information: "Corps e-spondence" – Chief's Blog



1. Army Corps of Engineers hosts Future Cities students: Maj. Gen. Merdith "Bo" Temple, USACE deputy commanding general speaks with students from the Kenmoor Middle School, Landover, Md., who are part of the Future Cities Club. [Read more.](#)

2. USACE partners with EPA to help communities:

Last year, Donald Applegate, a Middlesex County, New Jersey resident, was unemployed and heard that the USACE was using ARRA funds to hire local people to work on hazardous waste site clean-up projects throughout New Jersey. [Read more.](#)

3. If you are a looking for an [Engineer position opportunity, check this link for availabilities.](#) Some postings may not be with USACE.

4. [The Gulf Region District \(GRD\)](#)

5. [Afghanistan Engineer District North \(AEN\)](#)

6. [Afghanistan Engineer District South \(AES\)](#)

Date	Title	Author
12/6/2010	Construction progresses on Afghan National Police facilities in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces	Joan Kibler

7. To view "[The Corps Environment](#)", a quarterly newsletter, you are invited to click on the hyperlink:

C. The US Army Engineer School (USAES) provides the following information:

ECCC 2015 Virtual Small Group Pilot Observations

In cooperation with the Army Training Support Center (ATSC) and School for Advanced Leader Tactics (SALT), the Engineer School took a small group leader's approach to testing virtual classroom tools that support blended learning. Although the entire small group is resident, the method of delivery varies each day based on the instructor's assessment and direction for students to either study on their own (asynchronous dL), meet on line in group webinar (synchronous dL) or meet in person solve problems as a staff group or attend senior leader engagements with the entire class.

"This go around is really an experiment, but it will give us better appreciation of what can be done in small groups using remote access. Also, we are assessing the time compression possible by leveraging the dL products and collaborative small group sessions. The objective is to validate we can do more with less time. And then, we can start shaping the course design for ECCC 2015." Chris Evans, MAJ, ECCC pilot SGL.

"We don't have the IT infrastructure support or the break out of lessons for the TDY Regional Learning Center (RLC) and Branch phases, but this ECCC Class 1-11 pilot begins to experiment with web-based, small group instruction. There is a lot we don't know, but we do know 2015 is fast approaching. The objective is to nest future ECCC pilots with the CCC 2015 timeline and partner with SALT's RLC pilots. By working RLC and School pilots

concurrently, we ensure all CCC TDY elements when combined, achieves the tailored education objectives described in the Army Learning Concept.” James Walker, MAJ, ECCC pilot SGL.

Engineer Personnel Development Office

FLW PAM 672-1, the pamphlet that establishes general guidance, nomination procedures, eligibility and selection criteria for U.S. Army Engineer Regiment awards: the Itschner Award, the Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader Award, the Outstanding Engineer Warrant Officer Award, the Van Autreve Award, the Outstanding Civilian Award, and the Sturgis Medal has been updated and is available for download. Visit the [EPDO milBook group page](#) and become a member to receive Engineer personnel development updates and notifications.

Engineer Career Coach Advisor (ECCA) Program

The intent of the ECCA Program is to strengthen the bond between Senior and Junior leaders; both NCO and Officers. Engineers in Engineer companies or BSTBs may not have access to Senior Engineer Leaders (SELs) to provide career coaching or advisement. This program calls upon SELs to reach out to junior leaders within their geographic region to provide that critical support.

BG Watson and CSM Wells have just completed filming messages targeted to Senior Officers and Senior NCOs, supporting ECCA and encouraging participation. Videos will be available to download from [ESKN](#), the [Commandant's Corner](#), the [CSM's ORP](#), and podcast by the end of the year.

For more information about the ECCA program, contact LTC Diane Cummins-Lefler at 573-563-7232.

USAES on Facebook

USAES is launching the "U.S. Army Engineer Regiment" Facebook page in January 2011. The target audience for this page includes Engineer FRGs, retirees, veterans groups, and Active, Reserve and National Guard Units. USAES wants to use a Facebook presence to post announcements related to the Engineer community such as ENFORCE activities and Best Sapper Competition updates as well as provide a platform to enable the Engineer Family around town, around the country and around the world stay connected and a part of the Engineer community.

"CSM'S ORP" Forum of Engineer NCOs on milBook

The CSM's ORP was launched this week in an effort to provide an open forum for Engineer NCOs to discuss issues, ask questions, and stay connected in an FOUO environment. The Regimental Command Sergeant Major is sponsoring this forum and looks forward to spirited and effective dialogue. This group is open to all authorized AKO members. Target audience is Engineers, E5 – E9. Website:

<https://www.kc.army.mil/book/groups/csms-orp>

If you have any problems or issues in obtaining access, please don't hesitate to contact the USAES Knowledge Management Officer, Ms. Kristen Jenner. Email: kristen.jenner@us.army.mil or phone: 573.563.5069.

Directorate of Training and Leader Development

12B Survey

Leaders,

As changes have taken place within the force structure of our Regiment, we have placed a huge demand on our Combat Engineers with assignments in Sapper Companies, Mobility Augmentation Companies and Clearance Companies, just to name a few. To this end, we are in need of an overhaul of what we train our Sappers in the institutional training realm. The foundation for what we train our Soldiers is the critical task list, but before we can conduct a Critical Task Site Selection Board, our training development team needs some feedback from you and

your subordinate leaders in order to conduct some up-front analysis. Please take some time and complete the MOS 12B survey by using one of the links below. Additionally, I request you forward the survey to as many of your subordinates as possible. The results of these surveys will be compiled and used as a basis for an MOS review/discussion led by the RCSM before the end of the year. That discussion will solidify the direction we need to head towards for our Combat Engineers. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

To access this survey you can use one of two methods: CAC or AKO.

The CAC URL is:

https://secureweb.hqda.pentagon.mil/ariweb/GEN_CMF12ALL_SEP10

The AKO URL is:

https://securewebako.hqda.pentagon.mil/AKO/ariwebAKO/GEN_CMF12ALL_SEP10

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USAES/DOTLD/ITD
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Critical Task-Site Selection Board (CTSB)
Vertical Skills (12R, 12K, 12W, 12H30, 12H40)

The U.S. Army Engineer School (USAES), Directorate of Training and Leader Development (DOTLD), will conduct a Critical Task-Site Selection Board (CTSB) for the vertical skills MOSs (12R, 12K, 12W, 12H30 and 12H40) from 6 December 2010 to 15 December 2010 at the Clark Library Conference Room located on the first floor of Building 3202 on Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The USAES requests Subject Matter Expert (SME) support to serve as voting members for this vital event. Each representative must be a qualified and knowledgeable 12R20, 12K20, 12W20, 12H30, 12H40, or 12Z50 Noncommissioned Officer to participate. Personnel selected will review, have discussions, make recommendations for revisions, and vote on a proposed Critical Task List (CTL). The USAES DOTLD will forward the proposed list to the Commandant for approval. It would be beneficial, but not required, if representatives have recent operational experience in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and/or Operation New Dawn. An electronic survey is posted on-line. This input will greatly enhanced the overall effectiveness and outcome of the board. Access the survey one of two ways:

12R10

1. CAC link:

https://secureweb.hqda.pentagon.mil/ariweb/ENL_JOB_12R_AUG10

2. AKO link:

https://securewebako.hqda.pentagon.mil/AKO/ariwebAKO/ENL_JOB_12R_AUG10

12K10

1. CAC link:

https://secureweb.hqda.pentagon.mil/ariweb/ENL_JOB_12K_AUG10

2. AKO link:

https://securewebako.hqda.pentagon.mil/AKO/ariwebAKO/ENL_JOB_12K_AUG10

12W10

1. CAC link:

https://secureweb.hqda.pentagon.mil/ariweb/ENL_JOB_12W_AUG10

2. AKO link:

https://securewebako.hqda.pentagon.mil/AKO/ariwebAKO/ENL_JOB_12W_AUG10

12H30/12H40

1. CAC link:

https://secureweb.hqda.pentagon.mil/ariweb/ENL_JOB_12H_AUG10

2. AKO link:

https://securewebako.hqda.pentagon.mil/AKO/ariwebAKO/ENL_JOB_12H_AUG10

To ensure proper facility support, all personnel planning on attending are asked to respond to Mrs. Kathleen Works no later than 1 December 2010 at Commercial (573) 563-7509, DSN 676-7509, or email kathleen.works@us.army.mil.

The Joint Engineer Operations Course (JEOC)

The Joint Engineer Operations Course has had a very successful year. The JEOC Program educated nearly 300 service engineers in their Joint Staff Engineer roles and responsibilities. The Team has also accomplished major program management objectives this fiscal year. In addition to successfully completing four core JEOC classes, the Team successfully planned, programmed, and executed a 5th Class in support of US Pacific Command. The USPACOM Class 10-05 was the first OCONUS JEOC Class in direct support of a Geographic Combatant Command. Located at the US Navy Training Support Division, Education Center on Ford Island, USPACOM provided junior facilitators, Subject Matter Experts, and students from across the USPACOM Area of Responsibility to support the class.

Major program objectives attained this year in the JEOC program were a comprehensive course review hosted by US Joint Forces Command, Joint Validation in accordance with CJCSM 3500.03B, established a portal for the JEOC distance learning phase of instruction on the Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability, established the course in the *Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS)*, and set the conditions to open the JEOC course to our Multi-national engineer partners. We look forward to improving the course curriculum during our annual review at Port Hueneme in August and building relationships with our service and multi-national engineers.

The new training year will be focused on supporting our four core classes offered at the Service Engineer Schools. We are currently planning to conduct a class in support of US European Command this winter and potentially returning to USPACOM in late summer. The Team is currently preparing to conduct JEOC 11-01, 1-5 November, hosted by the US Marine Engineer University, at Quantico, VA. The schedule below outlines the JEOC Classes for this training year.

Short Range Schedule:

JEOC 11-01: 1-5 Nov 2010 @ Quantico, VA (USMC Engineer School)

JEOC 11-02: 11-15 Apr 2011 @ Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (USAES)

JEOC 11-03: 13-17 Jun 2011 @ Wright-Patterson, AFB, OH (AFIT)

JEOC 11-04: 15-19 Aug 2011 @ Port Hueneme, CA (CECOS) [*This is a date change in FY 11*]

As a reminder, the Pre-requisite dL phase is open 90 days prior to class start date. Enroll through the Joint Knowledge Online at the Joint Operational Engineer Community of Interest or Mr. Dwayne Boeres at (573) 563-7065, or dwayne.boeres@us.army.mil.

JEOC POC is Shawn Howley, at 573-563-5088, email: shawn-howley@us.army.mil

USAES KM

The second issue of USAES' quarterly KM Newsletter was distributed throughout the Engineer School in November. In this issue, the newsletter discussed knowledge sharing vs. hoarding, upcoming social collaboration platforms such as milTube and GTSY as well as providing information on the Army's implementation of Enterprise Email.

Link to "USAES KM Corner" (Volume 1, Issue2) is available on AKO at the following link:

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/25384068>

ENFORCE 2011 Update

Due to venue constraints, ENFORCE dates have changed to April 6 – 9, 2011. Agenda and spouse activities are still being finalized, and are to be available by the first of the year. Join the ENFORCE group on milBook: <https://www.kc.army.mil/book/groups/enforce-2010> to receive immediate updates, participate in discussions, or ask questions.

Access to milBook requires AKO/DKO credentials or a registered CAC. If you are not a milBook member you will be automatically registered and a profile will be created from your existing AKO/DKO profile.

Engineer Memorial Wall

BG Watson initiated discussion regarding criteria to be memorialized on the Engineer Memorial Wall being unveiled during ENFORCE 2011.

“As you know, we are in final stages of planning to erect the Engineer Memorial Wall for those we have lost in OEF and OIF/OND. I've been overwhelmed by the support of this Regiment among our units, leaders, and partners in industry. We are on track for unveiling the monument at this year's ENFORCE in April.

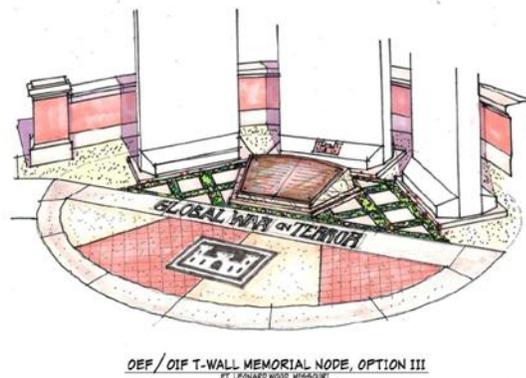
As you may know, the monument will be a "T-Wall" design made of Missouri Red Granite. We are planning for three walls standing side by side, with the ability to continue to expand on the site if necessary. I know that is a sobering thought, but necessary. We will list the names of Soldiers who died in both theaters in chronological order with "OIF,OEF, or OND" after their name to indicate in which operation they were serving at the time of death.”

To view the Commandant's complete message and to be a part of this discussion, visit the [Commandant's Corner](#) or the [CSM's ORP](#) on milBook .

One of the highest priorities of the AEA is to recognize all Army Engineers who have given their lives in the defense of the United States of America. Equally important is to recognize those Engineers who received wounds in combat resulting in the award of the Purple Heart.

AEA is accepting donations to support the design and construction of the Memorial Wall for Fallen Engineers to be located in the “Sapper Grove” at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri—home of the Army Engineer Regiment. For more information, go to http://www.armyengineer.com/memorial_wall.html

Draft Design Report is available on AKO: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/25373309>



USAES on the Network

- [Engineer School Public Page](#)
 - [USAES Request for Information](#)
 - [Engineer School Knowledge Network \(ESKN\)*](#)
 - [Commandant's Corner \(Forum for Regimental Senior Leaders on milBook\)*](#)
 - [Regimental Command Sergeant Major's ORP \(Forum for the Engineer NCO community on milBook\)](#)
 - [Senior Engineer Warrant Office Group on milBook*](#)
 - Engineer Personnel Proponency Office [public page](#), [EPPO Group on milBook*](#)
 - USAES Historian [public page](#), [Group on milBook*](#)
- *AKO Authentication required

[UNITED STATES ARMY ENGINEER SCHOOL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SYSTEM](#)

D. The Engineer/ Enlisted /Warrant/ Officer Branch provides the following information:

HRC Engineer Enlisted Branch Chief

Leader Notes:

- The BCT Engineer Battalion Force Development Update FDU staffing is ongoing @ DA.
- Please ensure you continue to consider your eligible and qualified Engineer Soldiers for promotion Boards. We have STAR MOS at both E5 (12D) and E6 (12D,12M, and 12T) levels. A STAR MOS is an MOS where more Soldiers would have been promoted if more had been boarded and integrated to the promotion list.
- We continue to contact commands about Soldiers with expired EFMPs. There is ~1900 Soldiers in our

regiment that have expired EFMPs. Please encourage your leaders to check their Soldiers' ERB and follow up with their installations. If you'd like a list of the Soldiers in your unit that have expired EFMP, please contact me via email.

· High School Senior Stabilization: On 14 December 2000, the Army G-1, IAW the Army Chief of Staff's guidance, approved a Soldier-initiated assignment procedure to schedule PCS moves to occur at times that avoid disruption of the school schedule for Soldiers who have Family members who are high school seniors. The intent of the procedure is to provide stability to Soldiers with Family members in their junior and senior years of high school. Soldiers should apply no earlier than March 1 of the student's sophomore year and no later than the start of the student's junior year (apply between March 1 and September 1). This application window also applies to students in year round schooling programs. Soldiers with children graduating in 2013 should apply NET March 2011 and NLT September 2011. Soldiers with children graduating in 2014 should apply NET March 2012 and NLT Sept 2012.

· CSMs - A note from the Regimental CSM for your consideration and dissemination to your 12X population - --He is concerned that 12X 1SG/MSGs are not being as competitive as they could be for BSTB CSM billets. A 12X must understand that they are competing against 12Zs for those positions. They have to be willing to work the hard jobs (PSG, 1SG) as long as possible to keep up with the 12Zs. Their demonstrated competence at leading Soldiers and being tactically sound will make them competitive for those positions. It would be unfair to allow 12Xs that are meeting the bare minimum requirements for leadership to get a leg up on someone that's doing the hard, leadership assignments. If they want the recognition, and the promotion, then they must be willing to make the sacrifices that others are making for the Regiment.-----

Sappers' Backpack

· Reminder: Any NCO interested in competing in FISCAL YEAR 2011 WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM must to submit an application is 3 DEC 2010. I have enclosed a WORD Document with info on the program.

WEBSITE: Behind AKO Portal

https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/branches/officer/LeaderDev/CivSchool/Non_MEL_Programs_Main_Page.htm

NOTE: Active duty officers who have completed the Joint Engineer Operations Course (JEOC) can now add that qualification to their Officer Records Brief. S1s can update the ORB to reflect "Joint Engineer Operations" in Section VI (Military Education) by selecting code "XCH" on screen 7 of the ORD data. Officers should also ensure that their S1s send the diploma to iPERMS to be loaded into their official file.

E. The Office of the Chief of Engineers provides the following information:

1. Opportunity to Attend Afghanistan Pre-deployment Training Offered by the DOS FSI; Foreign Service Institute (FSI) is seeking greater DoD participation in three pre-deployment training courses and to facilitate DoD participation, FSI will pay some costs as stipulated in the attached document. Course descriptions and calendar of training are also included. [Attachment](#)
2. **ALARACT 343/2010 COLD WEATHER INJURY PREVENTION FOR 2010 FALL/WINTER SEASON** : PURPOSE: PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE PREVENTION OF COLD WEATHER INJURIES AMONG SOLDIERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND DA CIVILIANS.
3. **GPA 11-001 , MAC 50 All Terrain Crane, Mismatched Load Charts and Lift Slings** : Problem: The MAC 50 ATC crane's sling capacity allows for lifts only to 40 tons, which does not match up with the load charts and the LMI computer in the cab that reflect the crane's lift capability to 50 tons. This can potentially allow personnel to lift 125% of the rated capability based on the slings.

***** Engineers in the National Capitol Region:** Each month the Office of the Chief of Engineers hosts an Engineer Round-up at the Crystal City Gateway Marriot Bin 1700 Lounge commencing at 1700 on the last Thursday of the month, excluding November and December. (We are considering doing this event quarterly) Engineers and those who support Engineers are more than welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to catch up on what's going on in the Engineer Community from a broad spectrum of perspectives. If you do not get an invitation now, please notify me to so that I can add you to the specific distribution list. Click here to be added to the email list [DAEN-ZC](#).

You can always find all the Messages to the Regiment at our AKO site and linked at the bottom of this document — AKO Login is required. For those having a hard time getting to the files that require an AKO logon, here is a [screenshot](#) to show where the files are physically located.

F: Engineer History: The 6th Chief of Engineers – Colonel Jonathan Williams



Colonel Jonathan Williams

Chief Engineer (and first Superintendent of West Point)

(April 1, 1802–June 20, 1803, vacated 1803–1805, resumed command April 19, 1805–July 31, 1812)

Jonathan Williams was born May 20, 1750, in Boston, Massachusetts, a grandnephew of Benjamin Franklin. Williams spent most of the period from 1770 to 1785 in England and France, where he assisted Franklin with business affairs and served as a commercial agent in Nantes. He joined the American Philosophical Society in 1788 and published articles on scientific subjects. President Adams appointed Williams a major in the Corps of Artillerists and Engineers in February 1801, and President Jefferson made him the Army's inspector of fortifications and assigned him to lead the new Military Academy at West Point in December 1801. The following year, Jefferson appointed him to command the separate Corps of Engineers established by Congress on March 16, 1802. Williams also became the first officer to hold the title of Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy. From 1807 to 1812, Williams designed and completed construction of Castle Williams in New York Harbor, the first casemated battery in the United States. He founded the U.S. Military Philosophical Society and gave it its motto, "Science in War is the Guarantee of Peace." He resigned from the U.S. Army in 1812 and was heading a group of volunteer engineers building fortifications around Philadelphia when he was elected to Congress from that city in 1814. He died in Philadelphia on May 16, 1815.

Five commanding general /Chiefs of Staff (after the 1903 reorganization) of the United States Army held Engineer commissions early in their careers. All transferred to other branches before rising to the top. They were [Alexander Macomb](#), [George B. McClellan](#), [Henry W. Halleck](#), [Douglas MacArthur](#), and [Maxwell D. Taylor](#).

G. Special Interest: BLACK LIONS TAKE PRIDE IN FIRST PLACE FINISH

By David S. Kolarik and Diana McCoy

The U.S. Army's only prime power unit competed with more than 3,000 attendees from around the world for the honor of being called World Champions at the 27th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo and Expo held Oct. 16, 2010. [More](#)



Lineman Rodeo 424: Members of the winning 249th Engineer Battalion Bravo Company team display their plaques and trophies. The team competed Oct. 16 in Bonner Springs, Kan., at the 27th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo. (Photo provided by the 249th Engineer Battalion)

CONTINGENCY ENGINEER MANAGEMENT COURSE

The Contingency Engineer Management Course (CEMC), co-sponsored by USACE and USARCENT, continues to provide relevant, critical engineer information to the DoD engineer community. The course was designed to fill important knowledge gaps between CONUS-based engineering and engineering in a contingency environment. The course material is continually scrutinized and updated based on feedback from senior engineer leaders in Iraq and Afghanistan, and responds to what these senior leaders need and want deployed engineers to know. The course caters to a wide audience, all services, military and civilian. Experience shows that co-mingling our DoD engineer civilians and military personnel in one setting provides a powerful environment in which to share experience, learn from one another, and aids significantly in building one team, focused on one mission. Interested in attending? Upcoming classes in FY-11 and course POCs are provided below. Give us a call and let's see what we can do for you or your unit. You can register to attend any of the in-resident classes at the following website (CAC enabled): <https://eportal.usace.army.mil/sites/RSC/default.aspx> and then click on the 'ARCENT' link; if you can't attend in-residence, take advantage of our Distance Learning module at: <https://ffetraining.usace.army.mil/>.

POCs:

USACE – Mr. Chip Marin; 404-464-3481; albert.marin@arcent.army.mil.

USARCENT – MSG Reginald Clayton; 404-464-4082; Reginald.clayton@arcent.army.mil.

Class Schedule:

13-16 Dec 10 in Mobile, AL.

14-17 Mar 11 in Vicksburg, MS.

9-12 May 11 in Mobile, AL.

29 Aug – 1 Sep 11 in Mobile, AL.

H. Recurring Links: [Engineer Casualties](#) ; [PASSAGES](#) ; [The Engineer Update](#) ; [Military OneSource Essayons Forward](#) ; [The Engineer Magazine](#); [Current PERSCOM Messages.](#) ; [412th ENCOM](#) ; [The West Point Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering](#) ; [Engineering Knowledge Online](#) ; [The USACE Installation Support Community of Practice Portal](#), [Topographic Engineering Center](#) ; [United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center](#); [The West Point Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering: Joint Task Force North](#) ; [ENGINEER UNIT REGIMENTAL LINKS](#) ; [Maneuver Support Center of Excellence](#)
[Check your entire Official Military Personnel File \(OMPF\)](#)

I. Engineers Supporting Engineers—Professional Organizations Links:

“The appearance of external hyperlinks does not constitute endorsement by the U.S. Army of this Web site or the information, products, or services contained therein. For other than authorized activities such as military exchanges and MWR sites, the U.S. Army does not exercise any editorial control over the information you may find at these locations. Such links are provided consistent with the stated purpose of this Web site.”

1. **[Army Engineer Association:](#)** [AEA News](#); [Army Engineer Association Programs](#); [Membership](#).

AEA supports the Army Engineer Regiment, with emphasis on **Soldiers** now serving and **Veterans** through:

- **Memorials to Units and Individuals**
- **Support to Engineer Fallen and Wounded**
- **Performance Excellence Awards for Junior and Senior Personnel**
- **Academic Scholarships for Individuals and Family Members**
- **Support to the Army Engineer Museum**

* AEA is committed to helping the Engineer School build a Memorial Wall for Fallen Engineers that will pay by-name tribute to those members of our Regiment who paid the ultimate sacrifice during OIF/OEF. The Memorial Wall for Fallen Engineers will enshrine the names of those heroes on Missouri Red Granite and will adorn the entry to the Engineer Regimental Grove at Fort Leonard Wood.

I encourage every AEA member and every unit leader to offer every soldier an opportunity to add his name to the list of donors for this project, and ultimately have the unit designation recognized for contributing to the memorial.

Please disseminate this to all your engineer networks – send to all components, all USACE districts, all DPWs, all unit alumni groups. AEA has already mailed requests to the Supporting Form Members and responses are coming in.

Units and organizations may consolidate their donations to a cumulative total that will be appropriately listed on a plaque donated to the Engineer School.

AEA has designed and posted the information flyer and donation forms on www.armyengineer.com, and will also accept donations online on the AEA website.

Units may download and print the Fallen Engineers flyer that explains the project and the donation form. Unit leaders should provide all Engineers an opportunity to contribute, with no additional incentives. Consolidate forms and funds and provide that to AEA, PO Box 30260, Alexandria, VA 22310-8260.

FEDEX address: AEA, 7701 Telegraph Rd, Kingman 2A15, Alexandria, VA 22315

* AEA is now on Facebook -- <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Army-Engineer-Association/154530869611>

* See Engineer Regiment NEWS at AEA website - <http://www.armyengineer.com>

2. [**Society of American Military Engineers**](#) : [The Military Engineer Online](#) : [Membership](#) [SAME Current eNEWS](#)

a. Individual Memberships

SAME Individual Memberships offer professionals in the A/E/C field the opportunity to develop important business contacts through [national and regional events](#), and build those relationships further through our worldwide network of [Posts](#).

Stay on top of developments in the A/E/C field through our industry-leading publication, [The Military Engineer](#) magazine, where you'll learn important information from the field about everything from contracting and design to environment and emerging technologies.



Continue your professional education at our many special events, among them the annual [Federal Programs Briefings](#) and the [Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo](#).

Individual Member Applications: [Join Online!](#)

To download Individual Member applications as a PDF to be completed and mailed or faxed, please select from the following:

- [Uniformed Services](#)--active, guard, reserve and civilians employed by a uniformed service [PDF]
- [Public and Private Sectors](#)--individuals not employed by DOD, USCG or USPHS, including Young Members [PDF]
- [Student Member](#) [PDF]
- [Retired Member](#) [PDF]
- [Life Member](#) [PDF]

b. "The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is currently undertaking a grass roots effort to reach out to aspiring engineering and architects at local universities. SAME membership is FREE for students and also provides them opportunities for leadership, mentorship and potential internships or first jobs. To learn more about the SAME college outreach program and how to help set up a chapter at your university or a university near you, please visit www.same.org/college or send the Ben Matthews an email at samecollegeoutreach@gmail.com.

c. **Deployed Engineering Team:** Get *The Military Engineer* and *SAME News* delivered directly to you! Complete our [temporary deployment form](#) and we will send your SAME materials to you onsite while serving in your area of operational responsibility (AOR). This free service is just one of the many ways SAME salutes our members. [Click here to provide your temporary AOR contact information](#).

d. **Transitioning from military service?** Retiring from the Federal Government? Looking for a new and exciting position in the A/E/C industry? If the answer to any of these questions is YES, place your resume on the [SAME Job Center](#) web site. *The service is free for SAME members.* The site has been or is being utilized by over 300 companies that through their placement of job announcements have access to your resume

3. **TEOCSA (The Engineer OCS Association)** [New website:](#)

4. **[Army Engineer Spouses' Club:](#)**

The Army Engineer Spouses' Club welcomes membership from *wives and family members over 18 years* of age of the following U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employees: military grades E-7 and above and civilian grades GS-07 and above, whether active, retired or deceased; and with approval of the Executive Board, other persons who have been associated with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

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