

# SAME Fort Leonard Wood Newsletter

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Welcome to the first publication of the SAME Fort Leonard Wood Newsletter. Editor is the post secretary and submissions or complaints are to be sent to him at [flwsame@gmail.com](mailto:flwsame@gmail.com).

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## SECTION 1 PRESIDENT'S NOTES



I want to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as your Fort Leonard Post President. I have met with this year's Board to lay out our yearly strategic plan and based it upon the guidance set from our national president, LTG Van Antwerp (see <http://www.same.org/files/public/VanAntwerpLetter.pdf>) and on the national streamer criteria that represent how the society evaluates the health of its posts. I have asked each board member to head a committee and develop specific annual goals. We would like to expand each committee's makeup to and involve a greater portion of the post's membership in the planning process.

Our Post's strategic goals for 2009-2010:

- Goal # 1- Achieve Distinguish Post Status
- Goal # 2- Publish a 2009-2010 strategic plan and yearly calendar
- Goal # 3- Recruit a viable post board with active work committees
- Goal # 4- Submit for 4 National SAME streamer awards
- Goal # 5- Increase membership (sustaining membership by 20%, individual membership by 10%)
- Goal # 6- Increase WO/NCO and Young member participation by 20%
- Goal # 7- Establish a professionally rewarding and relevant monthly education program.
- Goal # 8- Increase participation and long-term financial support to the K-12 program
- Goal # 9- Maintain constant communications with the membership concerning FLW Post activities
- Goal # 10- Provide engineering scholarship opportunities for local students

- Goal # 11- Establish a robust outreach program.
- Goal # 12- Enhance local emergency management/homeland security capabilities.
- Goal # 13- Maintain financial stability.

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## SECTION 2 VICE PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Congratulations LTC Erst – now on the Colonel's promotion list. So it is LTC(P) Fred!

## SECTION 3 SECRETARY'S NOTES

SAME post President Dave Neeley has charged me with getting a quarterly news & information piece out to the membership. So this is issue #1.

Please send me your ideas, articles, clippings, picture, thoughts etc. and I'll assemble them for the next issues.

News from the secretary's perspective .....

- Our email rosters were a mess -- so we started over and are using the membership rosters that SAME National generates. But that means if it is wrong at national then we don't reach you. Please make sure that your information stays updated at: UPDATE PAGE
- Your post could use your help in rechecking on your sustaining members reps. We seem to have lost a lot of those listed as young members. When you update as a sustaining member would you please check that the representatives you designate still



make sense please?

- We adopted gmail (flwsame@gmail.com) as a permanent mailbox this summer. Gmail has since established some spam controls that prevents me from sending in bulk (Sigh\*) so messages are coming from my regular account. You can communicate back to me at either account that account or to tupperts@mst.edu.
- The president has established an annual plan -- please let me know if you would like a copy of it emailed to you. It does call for volunteerism in a number of spots.

## SECTION 4 TREASURER NOTES

No report.

## SECTION 5 K12 & COLLEGE OUTREACH NOTES

We are actively working with school districts in Laclede, Phelps and Pulaski Counties to finalize this year's K12 programs. A letter to the sustaining members with more details on the opportunities below is being sent separately and will also be on the post's web site.

In Laclede County we will again sponsor the **Science Olympiad** junior and senior high teams. These kids compete regionally and at the state level both as individuals and as teams. In each competition they are tested in over 20 different science subjects. For some they answer questions, for others they build models and for others they develop solutions to problems.

In Phelps County we will support the **MathCounts** program at the Rolla middle and high schools. These kids also compete regionally and across the state demonstrating their skills and knowledge of mathematics and its application to a wide range of problems. ...

In Pulaski County we will support **science fairs** in all five county school districts. These are mandatory science fairs for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders in most school districts. Over 1,500 kids participate. To make the fairs happen, we have about 75 volunteer judges who support the fairs. We are always in need of more judges to replace those who move out of the area. Please give me a call if you are interested in becoming a judge. No hard science skills necessary.

For the kids that excel in these programs, we offer full scholarships to **summer science camps** at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Mo S&T). These camps give the kids a real boost towards science and engineering careers. For many they get their first exposure to what a college campus is like, and they like it!

We are developing **sustaining member sponsor opportunities** so that companies and other organizations can focus on one school district or program and become more closely involved. In exchange for a three year commitment to a program, the FLW Post will provide the day-to-day interface with the program and help the sponsor to maximize the value of their contribution to both the students and to the company. Please contact me if your company may be interested in sponsoring a school or program.



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Finally, we have a lot of requests from science teachers for folks to come into the classroom and **help teach** a wide variety of science-related subjects. If you know how to design or build a

bridge, build rockets or robots, or can make nutrition or rocks exciting, please give me a call, and we'll connect you with a science teacher and some great kids interested in what you can share. Again, not looking for just professors (although they would be good too). Engineer students, serious hobbyists and hands-on technicians can teach too....

## SECTION 6 MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Membership chair Shawn Howley has moved from Alakai'i Defense Systems to the Engineer School and will coordinate the Joint Engineer Officer Courses (JEOC). Shawn's email is now [shawn-howley@us.army.mil](mailto:shawn-howley@us.army.mil)

## SECTION 7 READINESS NOTES

No report

## SECTION 8 PROGRAMS NOTES



We are excited to have HiTEC from Bonnet's Mills Missouri as the November speaker (Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM at the Chopstix Restaurant in St Robert) and Frontier of Rolla Missouri as the December speaker (Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM at Thurman Hall Fort Leonard Wood). These companies represent emerging entrepreneurial engineering firms who are conducting research and development under funding from the Leonard Wood Institute. They are working on capabilities that the Army sought through a deliberate local process. I hope you will join us to learn about this path to business development.

We have vibrant monthly programs that alternate between government (military), academic and industry speakers. We think our well-rounded program provides something for everyone and recent examples are the October joint program with the Army Engineer Association with the Engineer School discussing the new Regimental Campaign Plan, the September program was a discussion of K12 outreach in STEM disciplines, and August had the mine dog program explained in detail. The Kansas City district explained the annual military construction program for the Fort last summer and deployed engineering assistance to Peru was covered.

Looking ahead we will do a joint luncheon in January with the Military Comptrollers and the guest speaker will be the Fort's head legal officer (JAGC). In February we will have a dinner celebrating National Engineers week and hope to have the SAME Missouri River Region Vice President as our guest speaker.

I am always looking for feedback, volunteers and suggestions. Won't you contact me as shown in the President's chart above please?

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Base information is at [www.flwsame.com](http://www.flwsame.com)