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Savannah Corps commander named president of local SAME post

Organization facilitates construction, contracting partnerships between private and public entities

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The [Society of American Military Engineers \(SAME\)](#) named [Col. Jeff Hall](#), commander of the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District](#), as president of the [Savannah Post](#) during the 2011 South Atlantic Region Industry Forum in downtown Savannah, June 30.

The annual event drew nearly 500 attendees from various companies—including small businesses—who were given the opportunity to learn how their capabilities can support the Corps' contracting requirements.

In his new role, Hall will lead the Savannah Post in its efforts to unite professionals from architecture, engineering, construction, facility management and environmental fields and foster effective business relationships between private and public organizations.



[Col. Jeff Hall, Commander,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Savannah District](#)

“I am honored to lead the Coastal Empire team of professional engineers into the coming years—there are many challenges and opportunities ahead of us as our workload shifts and we close out millions of dollars in BRAC [Base Realignment and Closure] projects,” Hall said. “With help from our industry partners, we can effectively work together to improve national security, support the environment and drive the economy of the Savannah region and the nation.”

With more than 27,000 members across the country, SAME provides opportunities for training, education and professional development through various conferences, workshops, networking events and publications. Members include recent service academy graduates and retired flag officers, project managers and corporate executives, Department of Defense civilians and private-sector experts.

“Our SAME Savannah Post is bridging the gaps between critical stakeholders to advance the field of military and civil engineering and help secure our nation,” said outgoing Savannah Post President Sally Riker. “One of our major goals for the upcoming year is to promote SAME membership among the younger generations of up-and-coming engineers. We’ve gained 129 new members this year and look forward to continued growth under Colonel Hall’s leadership.”

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The Corps' Savannah district manages a multi-billion dollar military construction program at 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Recently at Fort Stewart, Ga., the Savannah district [awarded more than \\$71 million in construction projects](#), including a \$27.7 million Unmanned Aircraft System complex and \$23.1 million in renovations and additions to the Winn Army Hospital.

The Corps contracts with some of the nation's best and largest construction companies, but it also sets aside a portion of construction dollars every year for small or disadvantaged businesses. This fiscal year, the Savannah district has awarded more than \$2.8 million to small, women-owned and disadvantaged businesses in Savannah and six surrounding counties.

"Along with our construction partners in the private sector, including members of SAME, our goal is to strengthen the nation's security by providing the best military facilities where service members and their families train, work and live," Hall said. "Soldiers and airmen make incredible sacrifices for our country every day. We strive to build them quality facilities that honor their contributions to our nation."

Contractors interested in doing business with the Corps can find contract solicitations, awards and other notices through the FedBizOpps.gov website. For listings specific to the Savannah district, visit the district's homepage www.sas.usace.army.mil and select "Contracting Opportunities." Small businesses interested in contracting with the Corps are encouraged to learn more about work opportunities by selecting the "Small Business Program" tab on the district's homepage.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Mike Sydow, assistant chief for the programs and project management division (left), speaks with contractor representatives about the Corps' military construction program at the 2011 SAME (Society of American Military Engineers) industry forum in downtown Savannah.

ABOUT US: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' [Savannah District](#) manages [three lakes and hydroelectric dams](#) along the Savannah River. It also oversees a multi-billion dollar [military construction](#) program at 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to equipment shops, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. The Savannah District also has oversight and maintains additional civil works projects – from the Savannah and Brunswick harbors to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

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