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EVENT PROGRAM



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WELCOME TO JACKSONVILLE!!

On behalf of the Society of American Military Engineers Jacksonville Post, greetings and thank you for participating in our 2021 Industry Day event. We are so excited to see everyone in person again this year. We hope you have a great and rewarding experience with us today.

We have planned an action-packed day filled with great speakers and presentations. We trust that the program and networking opportunities with your fellow architecture/engineering/construction professionals will provide education and relationships to improve your daily business operations as well as support multi-disciplined solutions to our national security infrastructure challenges.

We want to extend a special thanks to our sponsors. Your generous support is what makes this event possible. The proceeds will help fund other education and training endeavors of the Jacksonville Post, including our upcoming Engineering Career Day, middle and high school student science fair awards, engineering and construction camps for high school students, and scholarships for college students pursuing STEM related degrees.

Finally, we want to thank our hard-working Industry Day Committee and the many other Jacksonville Post members who have contributed to this event. They have generously volunteered their time and effort to serve our members and the greater community.

Again, thank you all for your participation in our 2021 Industry Day event. Have fun! And please feel free to provide feedback as we strive to continually improve our value to you.

Very truly yours,

BRIAN K. FILES, PE, PMP, F.SAME
Jacksonville Post President

ELIZABETH MAY
Jacksonville Post Industry Day Chair

SAME JACKSONVILLE POST INDUSTRY DAY

AGENDA

- 0730-0930 **BREAKFAST: Sponsored by SIEMENS**
- 0800-0820 **Opening Remarks:** Brian Files, FSAME, Post President, NAVFAC SE
- 0820-0825 **SAME National Vice President:**
Richard "Rad" Delaney, FSAME, Prime AE Group
- 0825-0830 **Introduction of Keynote Speaker:** Laureen Borocharner, FSAME, Post Education and Training Chair, USACE Jacksonville District
- 0830-0915 **Keynote Speaker:** BG Jason E. Kelly, USACE South Atlantic Division Commander
- 0915-1000 **Icebreaker, Breakfast and Lunch Sponsors:** Team Power
- 1000-1015 **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 1015-1100 **USACE Savannah District:** Erik Blechinger, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management
- 1100-1145 **USACE Jacksonville District:** COL James L. Booth, Commander
- 1145-1200 **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 1200-1300 **LUNCH: Sponsored by JACOBS**
- 1200-1205: **Presentation to Seabees Memorial Scholarship Association and to K9s for Warriors:**
Brian Files, FSAME, Mike Blount, FSAME & Lindsay Snyder
- 1205-1225: **SAME Update:** Angie Martinez, FSAME, SAME South Atlantic RVP, Martinez Construction
- 1225-1230: **San Juan Field Chapter:**
Patrick Balcazar, President: San Diego Project Management
- 1230-1245: **Florida Procurement Technical Assistance Center:**
Marie Myszkier
- 1300-1345 **Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division:**
CAPT David Back, Commanding Officer
- 1345-1430 **NAVFAC Southeast:** CAPT Jorge Cuadros, Commanding Officer and Jeffrey Killian, Business Director
- 1430-1445 **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 1445-1530 **SBA's Recent Changes to MP and JV Rules You Need to Know:**
Lt Col, USAF (Ret) David Rose, Rose Consulting
- 1530-1615 **Motivational Speaker:** VADM (Ret) Mary Jackson: 6th Commander, Navy Installations Command & Principal, Desert Rose
- 1615 **CLOSING COMMENTS:** Brian Files, FSAME, Post President, NAVFAC SE

SPEAKER BIOS

BRIGADIER GENERAL JASON E. KELLY

**Commander, South Atlantic Division
US Army Corps of Engineers**



Brigadier General Jason E. Kelly became commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division on 22 June 2020. The South Atlantic Division is one of eight U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' regions providing engineering and construction services to the Nation. It is the regional business center in the southeast, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, with district offices in Wilmington, North Carolina; Charleston, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; Jacksonville, Florida; and Mobile, Alabama. As the South Atlantic Division Commander, Brigadier General Kelly oversees the planning, design, and construction of projects to support the military, protect America's water resources, and restore and enhance the environment within a 250,000 square mile area which includes all or part of eight southeastern states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Kelly joined the South Atlantic Division from the Pentagon, where he served as Director, Office of the Chief of Engineers. Prior to his assignment in the Pentagon, Kelly commanded the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan District from June 2018 to July 2019 and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District from July 2015 through June 2018. He has held leadership positions from platoon to brigade, with duty in Asia, the Middle East, and the United States, including Commander of the 20th Engineer Battalion in Afghanistan; Deputy Commander of the 36th Engineer Brigade during Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn; Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division; Assistant Operations Officer for the 10th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division; Adjutant for both the 44th Engineer Battalion and the 2nd Infantry Division Engineer Brigade in Korea; Plans Officer for the 4th Infantry Division Engineer Brigade; and Line Platoon Leader, Assault and Obstacle Platoon Leader; and Company Executive Officer in the 588th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Division.

Brigadier General Kelly is married to Stephanie Kelly. They are the proud parents of two sons, Jacob and Zachary.

SPEAKER BIOS

ERIK BLECHINGER

**Deputy District Engineer for Programs and
Project Management, US Army Corps of Engineers**



After serving as the Special Assistant of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Missouri River Basin Programs in the Northwestern Division from 2011 to 2014, Erik Blechinger accepted the highest ranking civilian position in the Savannah District. In June 2014, Blechinger became the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management and Chief, Programs and Project Management Division in Savannah. The PPM Division is responsible for executing and managing an annual program that exceeds \$1 billion, and includes a staff of about 54. The Savannah District supports 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina, water resource activities in Georgia and portions of South Carolina as well as wetland protection in Georgia. The Savannah District also performs work in military design and master planning; hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste clean-up at Formerly Used Defense sites; real estate activities for the Department of Defense; emergency management operations for state and federal agencies; and supports Overseas Contingency Operations.

From 2005-2011, Blechinger served as the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management and Chief, Programs and Project Management Division for the Omaha District of the Corps of Engineers. His responsibilities included support to 26 Army and Air Force installations in an eight-state area, water resources development in nine states of the Upper Missouri River Basin, and Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste cleanup work for the Department of Defense and other clients that covered 41 States and 147 installations.

Blechinger has completed two tours supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and has held several senior engineering, construction and management positions in the Corps' Districts and the Northwestern Division Office.

A native of Madison, Wisconsin, Erik earned his bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin in 1987. He went on to earn a Master's of Science in Civil Engineering with Honors from the University of Kansas in 1997. Erik also completed the Harvard Senior Executive Fellows program in 2009.

SPEAKER BIOS

COL. JAMES BOOTH

Jacksonville District Commander
US Army Corps of Engineers



Prior to joining the Jacksonville District, Colonel James (Jamie) Booth served as the Engineer Branch Head for the Combined Security Transition Command- Afghanistan. Col. Booth oversaw operations and maintenance support as well as construction oversight for Afghan National Defense and Security Forces infrastructure with an annual portfolio value in excess of \$700 million.

Col. Booth's previous assignments include: Executive Officer to the Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District; Deputy District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District; Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer of the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, at Fort Stewart, Georgia (with deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn); Observer Controller at the National Training Center Fort Irwin, California; Company Commander and Battalion Adjutant in the 5th Engineer Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri (with deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom); Civil Affairs Battle Captain for the Coalition Forces-Land Component Command in Camp Doha, Kuwait and Baghdad, Iraq; and Platoon Leader, Training Officer, Company Executive Officer, and Brigade Logistics Officer in the 130th Engineer Brigade at Hanau, Germany.

Col. Booth holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology, a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology, and a Master of Arts in Strategy from the Army War College. Col. Booth is a graduate of the Ranger Course and Airborne School. He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

A native of Keystone Heights, Florida, he is happily married to the former Melissa Harrell of Sarasota, Florida, and they have three children: Evan (13), Cali (9), and Alex (8).

SPEAKER BIOS

CAPTAIN DAVID N. BACK, USN

Commanding Officer
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division



Captain David N. Back assumed command of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division on May 8, 2020 and today leads more than 1,600 civilians, 450 contractors, and 20 military, and an overall business base of more than \$550 million. The Division's technical competency areas encompass all navy missions that occur in the littorals, including mine warfare, diving and life support, naval special warfare, and expeditionary maneuver systems.

Captain Back is from Livermore, California. He joined the Navy through the NROTC Program at Stanford University, receiving his commission in 1995 and starting the training pipeline to be a Surface Warfare Officer.

His operational tours have been onboard USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12) as the Electrical and Auxiliaries Officer; the USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) as the Communications Maintenance (CS-8) Division Officer and the CMS Custodian; the USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91) as the pre-commissioning Combat Systems Officer; the USS COWPENS (CG 63) as the Operations Officer; and finally as the Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer of USS INDEPENDENCE (LCS 2).

Ashore, Captain Back attended the Naval Postgraduate School; was an Air Defense and Tactical Planning Instructor at Surface Warfare Officer School; an Individual Augment to the 213th Area Support Group Headquarters (Army National Guard) in Balad, Iraq as an Electronic Warfare Officer; and on the OPNAV staff as the Littoral Combat Ships Operations and Sustainment Branch Head.

In April 2017, Captain Back screened as a Surface Warfare Officer Acquisition Corps Recruit. His acquisition billets have included duty as the Principle Assistant Program Manager for Aegis Fleet Support; assigned duty standing up a new program for surface ship bridge integration and commonality; and Command of NSWC Panama City Division.

Captain Back holds a Bachelor of the Arts Degree in English from Stanford University and a Master of Science Degree in Modeling, Virtual Environments and Simulations (MOVES) from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Captain Back's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards) and the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards).

SPEAKER BIOS

CAPTAIN JORGE R. CUADROS

**Commanding Officer,
Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Southeast
Regional Engineer, Navy Region Southeast**



Captain Jorge R. Cuadros was born in Bogota, Colombia. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of New Haven, and a Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Stanford University. He enlisted in the Navy in March 1991 and was commissioned in July 1996.

His officer expeditionary tours include assignment as commanding officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) ELEVEN. Prior to that, he was the operations officer for Naval Construction Group TWO, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) and the 25th NCR. Previously, he served as NMCB SEVEN's operations officer and the Air Detachment officer-in-charge. His seven deployments include contingency and peacetime construction that spread over 50 countries in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and the Global War on Terrorism as well as participation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in the Sri Lanka and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

His shore tours include assignment as an assistant site team leader at Public Works Center, San Diego, California; aide to Commander Naval Forces, Marianas and Pacific Command Representative Guam Area; resident officer in charge of construction (ROICC) for Naval Station Mayport, Florida; director of Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; staff civil engineer and legislative liaison for the Department of the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, Washington, DC; and most recently, executive officer at NAVFAC Europe, Africa, Central (EURAFCENT).

Cuadros is a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Officer and a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida. He is most proud to have served with units that earned two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, the Navy Unit Commendation, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, three Battle Efficiencies and a Peltier Award.

SPEAKER BIOS

JEFFREY N. KILLIAN, P.E., CEM, MBA

**Business Director,
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast**



Mr. Killian has 33-years of combined military and civilian service. He joined the US Army in 1988, was commissioned as an Army Infantry Officer through ROTC in 1990, and retired honorably in 2008 from the North Carolina Army National Guard. He began working for the Department of Navy in 1993, where he has had duty stations with PWC Norfolk, NAVFAC LANT, FEC MIDLANT, and FEC Southeast. He earned his BS in Industrial Engineering from North Carolina State, MS in Civil/Environmental Engineering from Old Dominion University, and an MBA from The College of William & Mary. During the course of his military career, he completed three tours in Iraq and Kuwait, across both Gulf Wars I and II. He is a graduate of the Combined Arms Staff School, Command General Staff College, and Joint National Defense School. He currently is the Business Director for NAVFAC SE, serving in this position since September of 2014.

Mr. Killian began working for the Department of the Navy in 1993 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and was RIF'd later that same year. He immediately went to work for PWC Norfolk, as an Environmental Engineer. For the next 7-years, he traveled around the world doing facility and housing environmental inspections. He then became a Facilities Commodity Manager for the Production Officer in 1999. He served on all the A-76 teams for PWC Norfolk, and soon after took his first supervisory job in Real Estate at NAVFAC Atlantic. After a very short period, he returned to FEC MIDLANT as the Crane Director. He then became the Head of Transportation. Concurrently from 1997-2003, he served on the Hampton Roads Regionalization Team, the Enterprise FEC Stand-up team and the CNIC Stand-up team. He left NAVFAC MIDLANT in 2006 to become the Head of Public Works at NAVFAC Southeast. He then became the organizations Comptroller from 2012-2014, and then took the Business Director position in late 2014. His Civilian awards include NAVFAC & Navy Engineer of the Year 1999, Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal 2002, NAVFAC Enterprise Innovator of the Year 2004, DoD Large Fleet Manager of the Year 2006, and Navy Recycling Program Manager of the Year 2004-2006

SPEAKER BIOS

VICE ADMIRAL MARY JACKSON U.S. Navy (Retired)



Jackson retired in July 2020 after over three decades of service in the United States Navy. She began her career as a Surface Warfare Officer serving on and off Navy warships achieving command of USS McFAUL (DDG 74), an Arleigh Burke class destroyer. She subsequently went on to command the Navy's largest Navy base, Naval Station Norfolk where she was the equivalent of a city manager or Mayor for a city with a population of 64,000 people, managing operational and service industries while managing the Navy's relationship with local agencies, surrounding communities, regulators, and national media. Upon selection as a Flag Officer, she served in Shore installation Regional and Enterprise level (Navy Installations Command) assignments ultimately accountable for \$7.5B and 53,000 personnel executing efficient and effective operational, material and personnel programs from facility management, utilities, port and air operations, security, crisis response, and Sailor/family support services (lodging, food services, childcare, fitness) for 71 Navy installations across 10 Regions providing global support to the Navy and Joint forces.

Currently, Jackson remains engaged through a portfolio of activities, including service as an Independent Director, consulting as an advisor to clients, and serving as a board member for the Greater Jacksonville Area USO and the Surface Navy Association. Additionally, she is the Chair of the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone Jacksonville Advisory Council and serves on the Blue Star Families Racial Equity Committee.

Jackson holds a Bachelors Degree in Physics (Oceanography emphasis) from the United States Naval Academy and a Masters of Engineering Management from George Washington University.

Vice Admiral Jackson was raised in the Middle East, where her father worked for U.S. Geological Survey, and claims Texas as her home state. She and her family currently reside in Jacksonville, Florida.

SPEAKER BIOS

MARIE MYZKIER Procurement Specialist University of North Florida



Marie Myszkier is the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Procurement Specialist with the University of North Florida located in Jacksonville. Marie works with Florida companies who are interested in pursuing federal, state, county, and local government business. Her 15+ years of government experience encompasses the Department of Energy (DOE), M&O contractors, civilian agencies and all facets of business operations.

Marie has specific experience in supporting all business classifications; large corporations and small business with additional experience in socioeconomic subcategories; SDB/8(a)/MBE, HUBZone, WOSB/EDWOSB, VOSB/SDVOSB, and Alaskan Native Corporations/Tribal Enterprises.

Prior to joining the Procurement Technical Assistance Center with the University of North Florida she was the Lead Supplier Diversity Advocate within the Supply Chain Risk Management & Supplier Diversity Department at Sandia National Laboratories. Her previous rotations within the Laboratories included Small Business Advocate, Program Manager for SBIR/STTR programs, and Financial Lead for the Material Protection, Control & Account (MPC&A) program within the International Security Program.

Marie's corporate business experience includes work as: Project Manager in the Cash Processes / Revenue Accounting group at Gap, Inc., Project Manager in the Shared Services Center at Honeywell, Inc. and Financial Analyst at Chrysler Corporation.

Marie earned her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Detroit; studied abroad at Oxford University and in Volterra, Italy. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Central Michigan University and has received certifications in Supplier Diversity (CSDP) from the Alliance of Supplier Diversity Professionals; and in Project Management (GWCPM) from George Washington University.

SPEAKER BIOS

LT. COL. BRIAN FILES, PE, PMP, F.SAME USAFR (Ret.)

Lt. Col. Brian Files, PE, PMP, F.SAME, USAFR (Ret.) currently serves as a Senior Project Manager for the South Atlantic AOR at NAVFAC Southeast. Prior to working with the Navy, Mr. Files was a Senior Project Manager for Parsons in Jacksonville, Florida. He previously worked as a Senior Project Manager and Lead Hydraulic Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District and a Water Resources Engineer for the Suwannee River Water Management District in Live Oak, Florida. He has been a member of the Society of American Military Engineers Jacksonville Post for 17 years. He was invested as a SAME Fellow in 2020 and was awarded the SAME Goethals Medal in 2009. Mr. Files is a retired Air Force Reserve Civil Engineer Officer and a veteran of the Gulf War. He has a Masters in Environmental Engineering and Hydrology from the University of Florida and a Bachelor of Science in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering from Cornell University. He has a son, Elijah, and a daughter, Leah, both students at Stanton College Preparatory School.

RAD DELANEY, AIA, LEED AP, F. SAME Director of Mid-Atlantic Architecture SAME National Vice President

Rad Delaney has been involved in SAME for over twenty years. He has served as Philadelphia Post President and co-chaired JETC 2007 in Philadelphia. He has also served as North Atlantic Regional Vice President and multiple terms as both an Elected and Appointed Director on the National Board of Direction. He is a member of the 2012 Class of Fellows and served on the Fellows Executive Committee from 2016 through 2020. He is currently one of three SAME National Vice Presidents, with responsibility for the Technical Communities of Interest. He has continued to remain involved at the Post Level as Assistant Secretary of the Baltimore Post. As Director of Maryland Architecture for PRIME AE he is responsible for Business Development, Contract and Project Management for AFCEC, NAVFAC, USACE and DHS projects.



SPEAKER BIOS

ANGIE MARTINEZ GORAL, P.E., F.SAME Vice President of Business Development, Martinez Construction Services

Angie is currently Vice President of Business Development for Martinez Construction Services, a small business specializing in General Contracting Services for the Federal Government. Angie has over 22 years of experience in the federal design and construction industry, including four years as an active duty Navy officer in the Civil Engineer Corps. After her time in the Navy, Angie spent a few years working for a small environmental consulting firm, and then, after realizing she missed construction work, she moved on to work for a large government contractor. After about ten years, Angie transitioned to consulting, where she worked with companies to help develop their business development strategies for the federal market. In 2015, she joined her sister and brother-in-law to build Martinez Construction Services from a small 2-person design consulting firm to a \$20M/year contractor with over 35 employees. As Vice President of Business Development Angie manages business development across several Federal markets, which includes marketing efforts, proposals, estimates, and pre-construction activities.

Angie has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Auburn University and is a registered Professional Engineer in Florida. Angie is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers Space Coast Post, is currently the Regional Vice President for the SAME South Atlantic Region, serves on the national board for the SAME Foundation, and is a leader on the COI which manages SAME's Leader Development Program. Angie is a former member of the SAME posts in Guam, Washington DC, and Northern Virginia. Angie loves learning and applying leadership development, personal and professional growth and passing on what she learns to others, she equally enjoys both boating and snow skiing, and keeps busy raising two teenagers and trying to keep her dog quiet during conference calls.



SPEAKER BIOS

DAVID A. ROSE, Lt Col, USAF, Retired
Attorney at Law
Rose Consulting LLC



Dave Rose manages the federal contracts practice for the firm focusing his specific expertise on federal and construction contracts, bid protests, contract claims, mentor protégé applications, joint ventures, teaming arrangements, contracts and subcontracts, requests for equitable adjustment, contract interpretation, contract negotiations, and small business set aside issues. In addition, the firm has expertise in ancillary and related topics such as environmental law, labor and employment law, transactional law and international law. A graduate of the George Washington Law School in Washington D.C., he also holds degrees in mathematics and chemistry/chemical engineering as well as LL.M. degrees in environmental law and Federal procurement law. He most recently retired (August 2019) after 36 years of military service, as an EOD officer/combat engineer and military contracting attorney at both AFCEC and Headquarters AFRC. He is very active in the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Children's Advocacy, STEM, Scouting and sits on Boards as an executive or Trustee for the Turner Arts Center, South Georgia Boy Scout Council, Lowndes Children's Advocacy, a battered women's shelter and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, among others.

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INTEGRITY: Unwavering commitment to always do what is right, regardless of consequences.

PATRIOTISM: Support our national ideals and take pride in our country.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Recognize the critical contribution that public servants make in supporting the economic and environmental needs of the nation.

NATIONAL SECURITY: Recognize the dedication of our national security team, comprised of the uniformed services, civil service and contractors, in defending freedom.

TECHNICAL COMPETENCE: Deliver high-quality solutions.

EXCELLENCE: Strive for the highest standards of performance in all actions, both personal and professional.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Preserve, protect, conserve and restore our national resources through sustainable practices.

