

National Update

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SAME National Vice President

Introduction

Patrice A. Melancon, Brig Gen, USAF, Ret.
P.E., F.SAME

- 35 years in A/E/C Industry
- Former Air Force Bioenvironmental Engineer & Civil Engineer
- Activated after 9/11
- SAME member since 1995; Fellow 2014



National Update

- Our History
- NLA & Executive Committee
- 2030 Strategic Plan
- President's Priorities
- Industry-Government Engagement
- C3s and AOF
- Mike Wehr: SAME Foundation



The Military Engineer (TME) magazine, January 1920:

*“We are establishing at this time a Society of American Military Engineers. **This society will serve no selfish purpose. It is dedicated to patriotism and national security.** Its objects are, in brief, to promote **solidarity and co-operation between engineers in civil and military life**, to disseminate technical knowledge bearing upon progress in the art of war and the application of engineering science thereto, and to preserve and maintain the best standards and traditions of the profession, all in the interests of patriotism and national security.”*



Our History

***RICH LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP
& SERVICE TO AMERICA...***



“I have been a member of this Society since its inception... I have belonged to many distinguished groups but none in which I have a greater sense of honor than in the Society of American Military Engineers”.

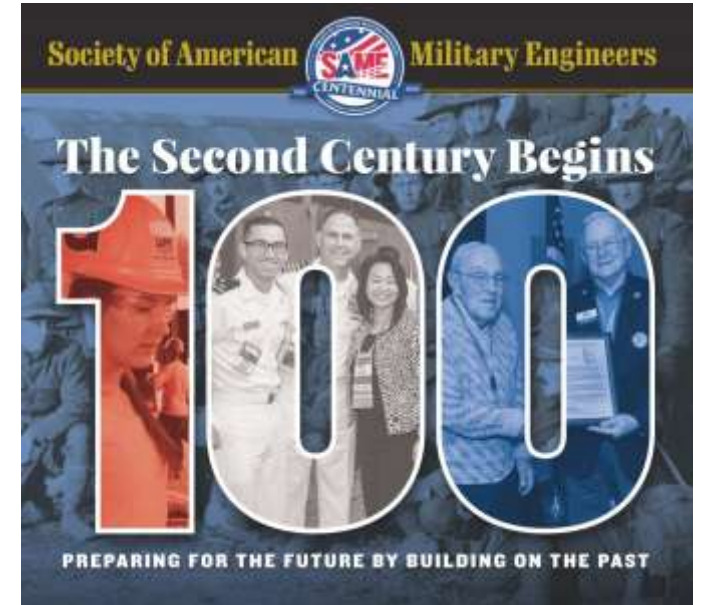
General of the Army Douglas MacArthur – 1956





Our History

- Established 1 Jan 1920:
>>16 posts, 3500 members
- Today we are an all-volunteer organization made up of:
 - 22,000 members
 - 96 posts and field chapters
 - 9 international posts
 - 36 student chapters



Strategic Plan 2030: Interdependent Goals



National President's Priorities

“BUILD THE BOND”

✓ **Meet Them at the Point of Need...**

to DRIVE PARTNERSHIPS

✓ **Optimize Our Impact...**

as we DELIVER SOLUTIONS

✓ **Fuel Our Profession...**

as we DEVELOP PEOPLE

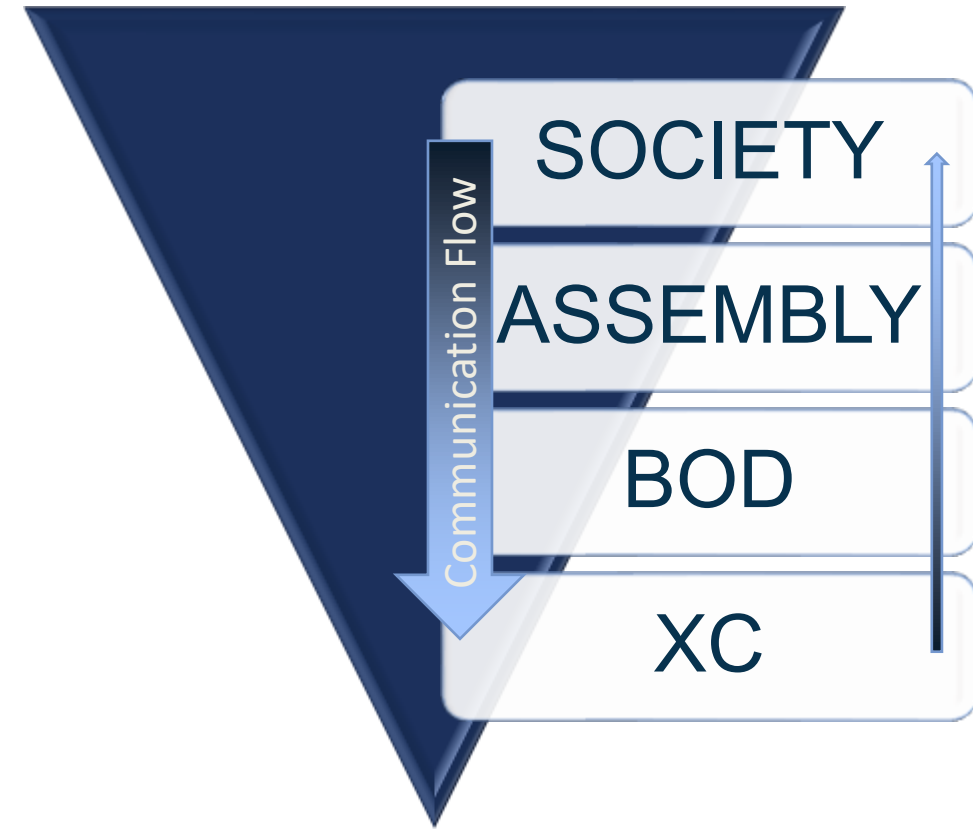
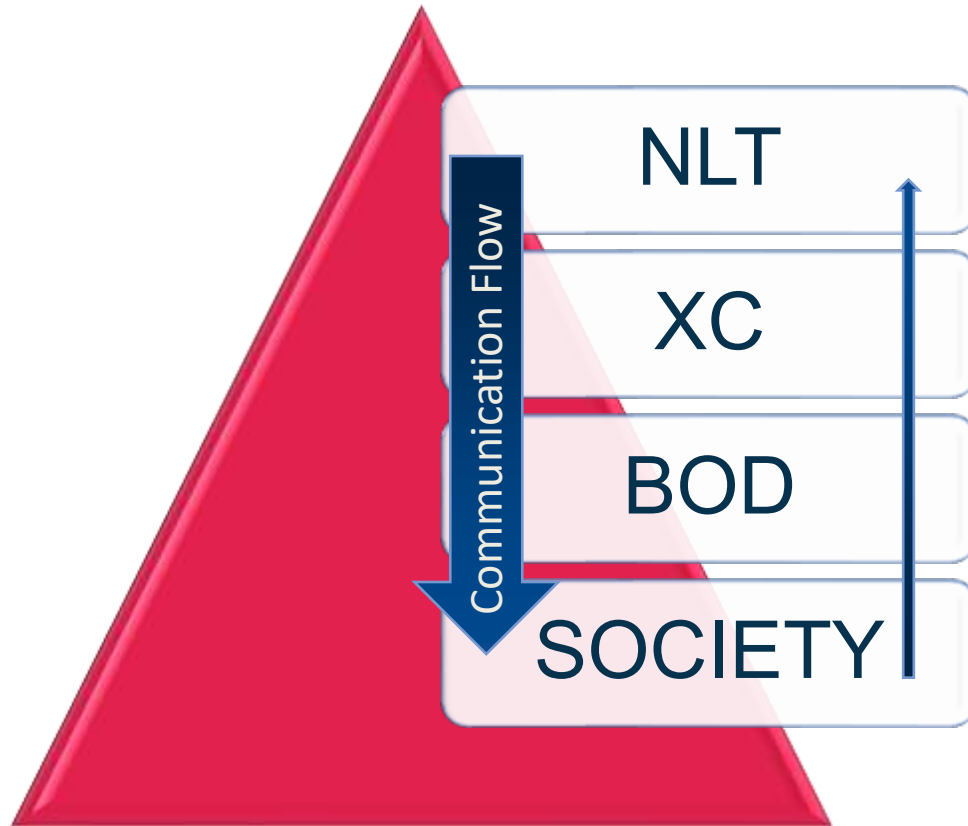


JETC 2025: Mike Huffstetler and the Engineering Service Leaders



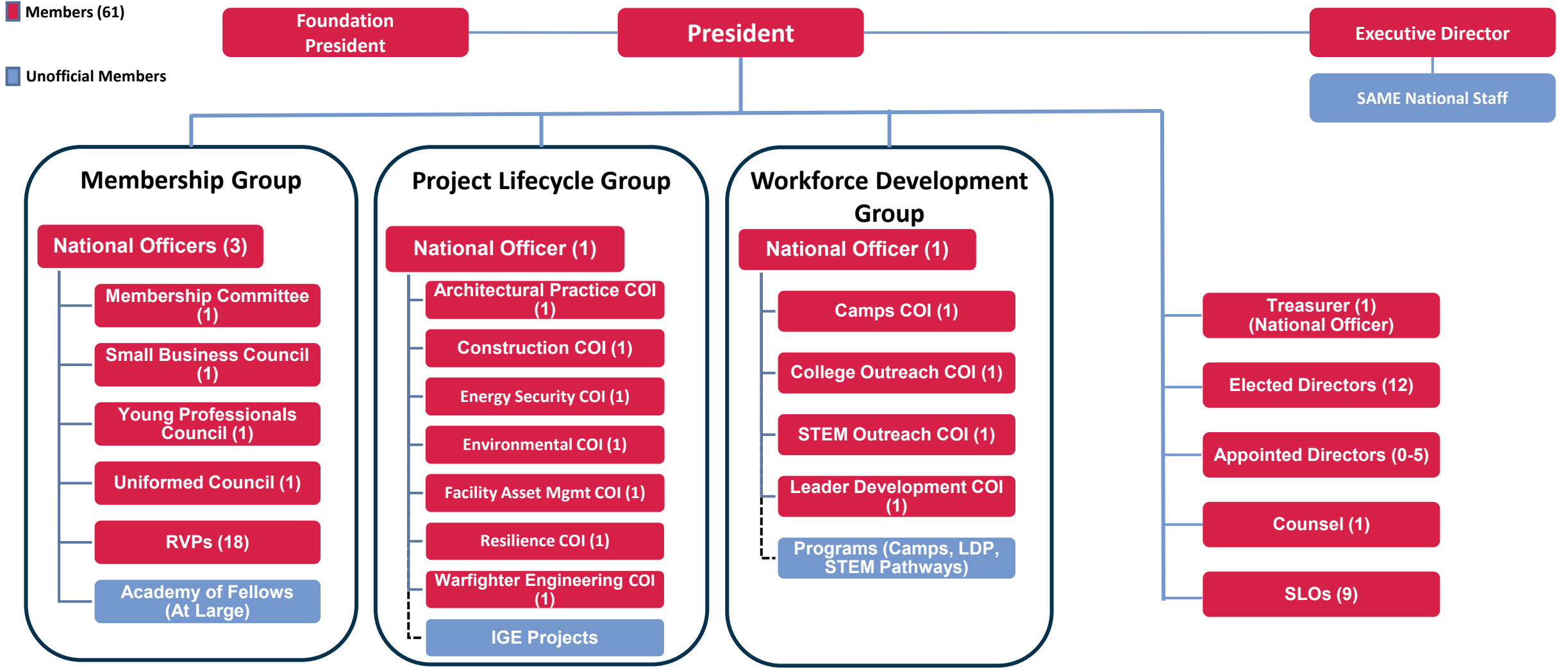
National Leadership Assembly

Flip the Paradigm



The NLA Elevates and Amplifies the Voice of the Society!

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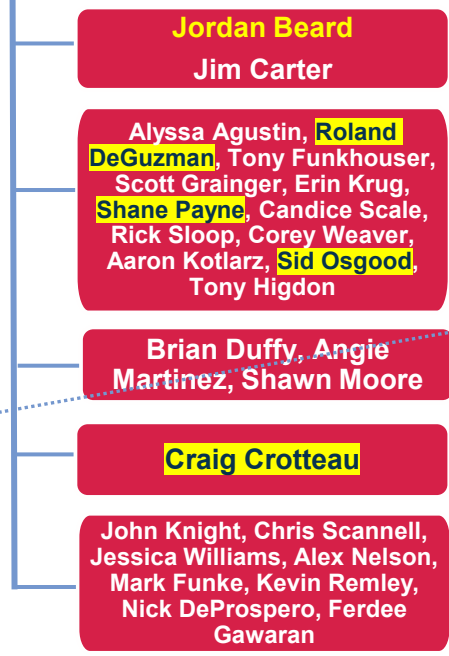
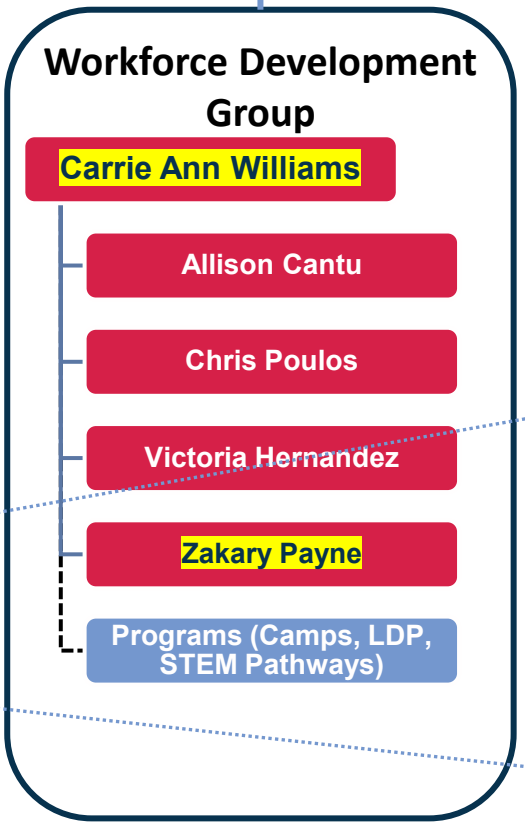
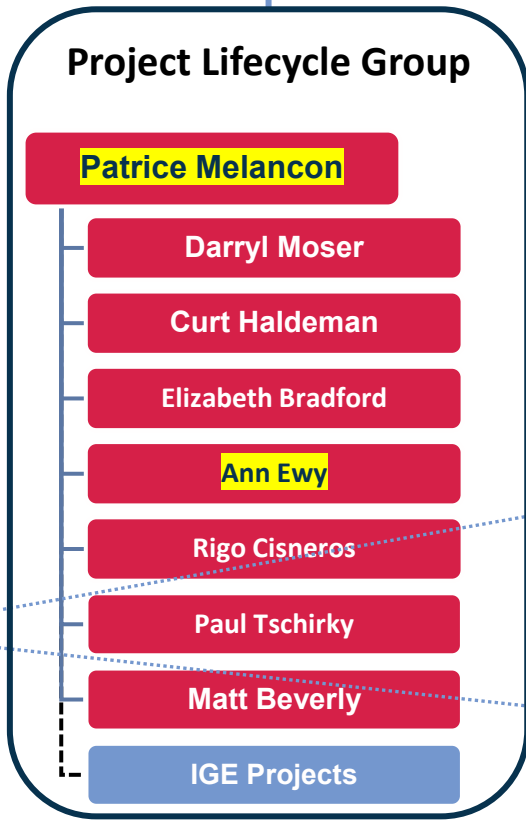
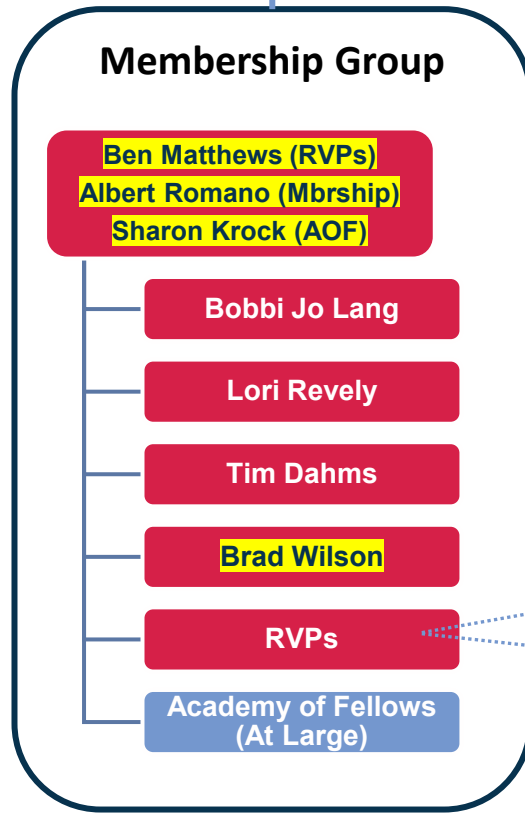
National Leadership Assembly



- Members (61)
- Board Members (19)
- Unofficial Members



SAME National Staff



Phil	Welker
Chris	Carter
Adam	Boubede
Scott	Smith
Emelia	Brooks-Sisco
David	Johnson
Ed	Chamberlayne
Scott	Nall
Mindy	Hinsley
Jeff	Dulgarian
Tony	Roos
Bill	Lorenz
Al	Hutchison
Wendy	Amann
Mike	Ulekowski
Colleen	Rust
Hugh	Darville
Elizabeth	Parent

2025-2026 Executive Committee (XC)



Michael Huffstetler
President



Ben Matthews
President-Elect (Co-Chair,
Membership Group)



Sharon Krock
Past President (Chair,
AOF & R2C)



Jordan Beard
Treasurer



Craig Crotteau
Counsel



Albert Romano
Vice President (Co-Chair,
Membership Group)



Patrice Melancon
Vice President (Chair,
Project Life Cycle Group)



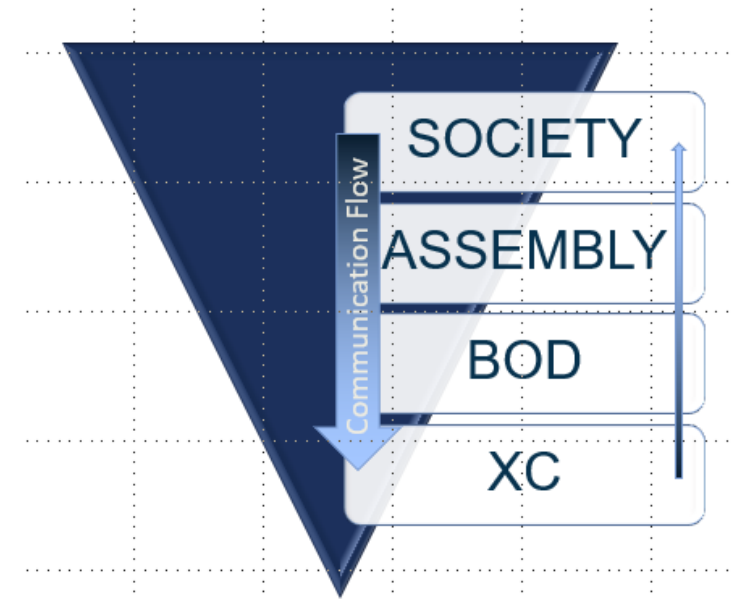
Carrie Ann Williams
Vice President (Chair,
Workforce Development
Group)



Tim Byers
Foundation President



Mike Wehr
Executive Director



Our Incoming Executive Director (XD)

Maj. Gen. David Hill, PMP, USA (Ret.)

- Will assume the XD role on June 1, 2026
- 35 years US Army; retired in Aug 2025
- Commandant, U.S. Army War College, 2021-2025
- Deputy Commanding General, HQ USACE, 2020-2021
- Commanding General, Southwestern Division, 2014-2017



WELCOME DAVE HILL!



Industry Government Engagement

National IGE Projects

- Pre-Project Partnering
- Collaborative Delivery
- Small Business Size Standards: Challenges Facing Transitioning Federal Small Businesses
- Avoiding PFAS Information Overload: Targeted Training for Operational Entities
- Climate Change: Sea Level Rise and its Effect on Military and Public Infrastructure
- Cybersecurity: Operational Technologies Threats and Policies
- Warfighting - the Future Challenge and Installations' Requirements
- Addressing the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Challenge (EVIC)
- Artificial Intelligence



“C3s” - *Communities of Interest, Councils, and Committees*

- Architectural Practice COI
- Camps COI
- College Outreach COI
- Construction COI
- Energy Security COI
- Environmental Security COI
- Facility Asset Management COI
- Leader Development COI
- STEM Outreach COI
- Warfighter Engineering COI
- Small Business Council
- Uniformed Council
- Young Professionals Council
- Membership Committee





Events & Programs

- Industry Government Engagement (IGE)
- Continuing Education
- Young Professional events
- Leadership Development Program (National/Regional/Local)
- STEM Camps (High School)
- K-12 STEM Outreach
- Credentialing Assistance
- Joint Engineer Training
- Small Business education and opportunities
- Facility/Construction site tours
- Veteran Transition Assistance



Academy of Fellows (AOF)



- 10+ years of impactful service to the Society and the industry
- Pledge to continue mentoring/guiding others
- Post Mentoring initiative



Upcoming National Events

JETC 2026

May 19-21, Portland, OR



Post Leaders Workshop

August 2-5, Scottsdale, AZ



