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Thursday, October 27, 2011
Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego, Calif.

Schedule

TIME	EVENT
7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m.—8:45 a.m.	<p>Welcome and Keynote</p> <p><i>Welcome Remarks:</i> Robert D. Wolff, Ph.D., P.E., F.SAME, SAME Executive Director</p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Col. James Flowers, USMC, Marine Expeditionary Force/G7</p>
8:45 a.m.—9:30 a.m.	<p>Contractors on the Battlefield</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Robert D. Wolff, Ph.D., P.E., F.SAME, SAME Executive Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel G. Grey, P.E., Louis Berger Group • Col. Sandy Davis, USA (Ret.), Fluor Corp. • Brig. Gen. Peter T. Madsen, P.E., F.SAME, USA (Ret.), CH2M HILL
9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.	<p>Future of MAGTF Engineers</p> <p>Col. Robert Couser, USMC, Engineer Advocacy Branch, HQ USMC</p>
10:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.	<p>Engineer Battalion Commander Perspective</p> <p>Lt. Col. Christopher Downs, USMC, Commanding Officer, 8th Engineer Support Battalion</p>
11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	<p>Seabee Battalion Commander Perspective</p> <p>Cdr. Tim J. DeWitt, P.E., CEC, Commanding Officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FORTY</p>
11:30 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, P.E., CEC, USN, Commander, First Naval Construction Division and Naval Construction Forces Command</p>



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1:00 p.m.—2:20 p.m.	<p>USMC Warrior Briefs <i>Moderator:</i> Lt. Col. John Osborne, USMC, Engineer Advocacy Branch, HQ USMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capt. Joseph Montedoro, H&S Company, 8th ESB • Lt. Col. Andrew Niebel, Commanding Officer, 1st CEB • Lt. Col. Jay Wylie, Commanding Officer, Combat Logistics Battalion 13 (CLB-13), 13th MEU • Capt. Kristofer Skidmore, Aide-de-Camp, CG 3rd MAW (Forward)
2:20 p.m.—2:30 p.m.	<p>Sponsor Brief Master Chief Mike Holdcraft, USN (Ret.), Faun Trackway USA</p>
2:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.	<p>Break</p>
3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	<p>Seabee Warrior Briefs <i>Moderator:</i> Capt. Bruce Nevel, USN, CSO, 31st Seabee Readiness Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt. Cdr. Bill Wohead, S3 NMCB THREE • Lt. Cdr. Mike Clark, S4 NMCB THREE • SWC Louie Alvarez, NMCB FORTY
4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	<p>Closing Remarks</p>
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	<p>MCEA 2011 Reception and Awards Banquet <i>(The banquet is not included in the registration for the Engineer Warfighting Workshop. A ticket must be purchased to attend this event.)</i></p>



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Col. James N. Flowers, USMC

G-7 Engineer Advisor
I Marine Expeditionary Force

Col. James N. Flowers, USMC, is currently the I Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) (Forward) G-7 Engineer Advisor. I MEF deploys and is employed as a Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) in support of Combatant Commander (COCOM) requirements for contingency response or Major Theater War. In addition, I MEF, with appropriate augmentation, serves as the core element of a Joint Task Force, prepares and deploys combat ready MAGTFs to support COCOM presence and crisis response, and supports service and COCOM initiatives as required.

In 2007 Col. Flowers transferred to I MEF and was assigned as the G-4. He subsequently deployed to Iraq in 2008 as the Multi National Force-West (MNF-W) G-4. He returned to I MEF in Feb 2009 and again took up the duties as I MEF G-4. In this capacity he built the G-7 Engineer directorate for I MEF (Fwd) and deployed in April 2010 as the Regional Command (Southwest)/I MEF (Fwd) G-7 Engineer and is currently the I MEF (Fwd) G-7 Engineer Advisor.

Previous assignments include: Head, Manpower Management Officer Assignments, HQMC, Quantico, Va.; Commander, Marine Corps Engineer School and Training and Education Engineer Center of Excellence, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; and action officer in J-3 Operations for The Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), Belgium, where his assignments included Deputy, Strategic Assessments and Force Generation, J-3 Ops, and Maritime Operations Planning, Strategic direction on Amphibious Operations, and NATO Article 5 Operations in Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

Col. Flowers holds a masters degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College and a bachelors degree in Business Management from the University of Idaho.





Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, P.E., CEC, USN

Commander, First Naval Construction Division and
Naval Construction Forces Command

In Oct. 2009 Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, P.E., CEC, USN, assumed command of the 1st Naval Construction Division (1NCD), which provides combat ready engineer forces in response to Combatant Commander and naval component commander requirement, and provides planning and operational support for SEABEE employment. 1NCD provides command and control of multiple expeditionary construction elements in support of Marine air-ground task forces and other joint force components. Adm. Handley also serves as Commander, Naval Construction Forces Command (NCFC), which serves as the Navy's subject matter expert for SEABEES, to organize, man, train, maintain and equip 1NCD and its subordinate units in order to support Combatant Commanders with expeditionary engineering forces capable of general engineering and construction, limited combat engineering, and geo-spatial engineering across the full range of military operations.

Prior to his current position, Adm. Handley served as Vice Commander Navy Installations Command and Director of Shore Readiness for Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics) in Washington, D.C. Previous assignments include: Commander, NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.; Commodore, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment homeported in Gulfport, Miss.; Executive Officer, Navy Public Works Center, San Diego, Calif.; and Commanding Officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5, Port Hueneme, Calif.

Adm. Handley earned a Masters of Engineering (Construction) from Stanford University and a bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering from Villanova University.



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Robert D. Wolff, Ph.D., P.E., F.SAME

Executive Director
Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)

Robert D. Wolff, Ph.D., P.E., F.SAME, became the Executive Director of SAME in September 2002. He is responsible for a staff of 28 professionals and a budget in excess of \$7 million. SAME has more than 29,000 members and more than 1,700 Sustaining Member companies, public agencies and academic institutions. SAME, which is headquartered at Century House, a Civil War-era town house located in Alexandria, Va., is organized into 16 regions and has 108 Posts (Chapters) located throughout the United States and abroad. Dr. Wolff reports to a Board of Direction with 43 voting members and an Executive Committee of 12 voting members.

Prior to becoming the SAME Executive Director, Dr. Wolff served in a variety of increasingly demanding engineering and leadership positions in the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force and the private sector. He was an engineer officer in the U.S. Army for nine years after graduating from West Point, serving in Germany, Ft. Lewis, Washington, Vietnam, and Cambodia. He then served another 17 years in the Army Reserves, retiring in 1992 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Dr. Wolff served 20 years as a civilian with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before being selected to be the senior civilian civil engineer for the U.S. Air Force as a member of the Senior Executive Service. Dr. Wolff held that position for three years, after which he was promoted to the Director of Logistics Plans for the Air Force. He retired from civil service in 1998 and became a Vice President with CH2M Hill where he worked in the areas of transportation and environmental programs and projects.

Dr. Wolff earned a doctorate in Civil Engineering from Stanford University and is graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.



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