Inaugural Small Business Expo

SAME Space Coast Post started the year off with their Inaugural Small Business Expo held on January 15 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cocoa Beach, FL. The expo and networking event was a great success, with over 100 attendees from all over the Southeast. The panel session titled, “Doing Business with the Federal Government for Small Businesses,” included panelists from the 45th Space Wing, Patrick AFB; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District; Canaveral Port Authority; and NASA/Kennedy Space Center. Plans are underway to make this an annual event!

Special thanks and recognition to Michelle Lamb, our Post Small Business Liaison Officer and Socials Chair, for her time and effort in coordinating this effort.

In addition to the morning presentations, membership awards were given by Lt. Col Kyle Brown for those companies that have met mile-stone service years. Those recognized include:

5-Year Membership Awards:
- Frazier Engineering, Inc.
- Huryn Justice General Contractors
- Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc.
- Lunacon Engineering Group, Corp
- MRI Architectural Group, Inc.
- Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises, LLC
- Sol Inc.

10-Year Membership Awards:
- CORE Engineering and Construction, Inc.
- J2 Engineering

15-Year Membership Awards:
- C&S Companies

20-Year Membership Awards:
- GP Strategies
- MWH

30-Year Membership Awards:
- AECOM, Inc.
CCTS New Achievement Award

Fred Martin, CCTS Representative

The Canaveral Council of Technical Societies, in partnership with Women In Defense Space Coast Chapter and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Cape Canaveral Section, presented its 26th Annual National Engineers Week Banquet on February 26th. The CCTS selected the nomination of Lou Martinez, which was submitted by the Space Coast Post for the Achievement Award.

The nomination read: Lt. Col. Louis J. Martinez, US Army, Ret., served 26 years in the US Army, initially as a helicopter pilot and flight instructor; he then completed his Army service with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Louis was an exceptional model for Space Coast entrepreneurs wanting to help their local community. With over 40 years of engineering and project management experience, Mr. Martinez worked with the Department of Defense, Department of State, Government Services Administration, and state and local governments, most notably on the Aegis Ashore Missile Defense System in Romania. He was a proud graduate of West Virginia University and received his Master’s Degree from Johns Hopkins University. He was a published writer and speaker on project management, dual rated aviator, instructor pilot, and was a Spanish linguist. Mr. Martinez’s local consulting business was truly a reflection of his character, with clients throughout the United States and overseas, which tells you he never met a stranger. Moreover, his community work reflected his love for the Space Coast, with involvement in The Society of American Military Engineers, President of the Florida Chapter of the Design Build Institute of America and member of the Associated General Contractors of America. Lou served as past President and member of the Cocoa Beach Daybreak Rotary Club, as a member of the Cocoa Beach and Melbourne Chambers of Commerce, and the Suntree United Methodist Church.

On the Plaque:
During Louis Martinez’ 40-plus years of engineering and project management career, he worked with all levels of government, most notably on the Emergency Preparedness Flash Plan for the county. With a B.S.C.E. from West Virginia University and a M.S. in Management from Johns Hopkins University, he was a published author and speaker on project management, an instructor pilot, and a Spanish linguist.
We shall miss him.

Siemens: Spring Social and Technology Trade Show

Michelle Lamb & Ryan Mitchell

Spend the day with Siemens at the Exploration Tower on Thursday, April 23rd. The Siemens Technology Trade Show will be held from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm, followed by the Post’s Spring Social from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm. There will be no charge to attend either event. Please send your Social RSVP to Michelle Lamb at lamb@itb-inc.com.

If you would like to consider becoming a sponsor of our socials, please contact Ryan Mitchell at rmitchell@esciencesinc.com.
Chapter Meeting News

**January: 45th Space Wing FY15 Financial Look Ahead**
Our January Post meeting was combined with our Inaugural Small Business Expo event. If you were in attendance, you practiced your fire drill skills while also listening to Cecil O’Bryan present the FY15 Financial Look Ahead and Lt. Col. Brown present membership awards.

**February: SAME/ASHRAE Joint Meeting**
The meeting presentation was given by Kevin Messer with Mitsubishi Electric Cooling & Heating on variable refrigerant flow technology. Attendees were able to receive continuing education credits (1 PDH or AIA LU).

Looking for more continuing education? In partnership with the ASHRAE Space Coast Chapter, Post members can take part in a free webcast on Thursday, April 23, about existing building commissioning, efficiency, and ROI worth 3 PDHs (FBPE-eligible), 3 AIA LUs, and 3 GBCI CEUs.

**March: Port Canaveral’s Future Expansion Plans**
Mr. Alberto Cabrera, Director of Cargo Business Development gave us an overview of the Port’s future and more specifically, the future of cargo. Additionally, our member spotlight was Jim Saizan with Synergy Building and Envelopes Consultants.

Committee Chair News

**Scholarship Chair (Zach Quandt):** The Post will award multiple First-Year Scholarship Grants, for academic achievement in the amount of $1,000 each, to top-ranked graduating high school senior students. Applications are due May 1st. Go to www.samespacecoast.org for details.

**Golf Chair (Roger Sevigny):** Save the date – November 6th is the Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. For more information contact rsevigny@alleneng.net

**Awards Chair (Karl McKinster):** We did it! The Post won all streamers with distinction this 2014 calendar year. In 2012, the Post won the Relationships and Recognition Streamer with Distinction and the Emergency Preparedness streamer while in 2013, we won the Education and Training and the Relationships and Recognition streamers with distinction.

**Membership Chair (Carol Klinko):** To date, our Post census is as follows:

- Sustaining Member Firms: 75
- Sustaining Member Reps: 270
- Individual Members: 175