It has been a privilege to serve as your Post President over the past few months. It is still challenging for me to balance the demands of being the Deputy for the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron and Space Coast President. In just a few months, I realized that the success of the Post is truly driven by our outstanding volunteers and great board members. It is an honor to work with them in building and growing the Space Coast Post.

Let me first thank Roger Sevigny and Kyle Brown for an exceptional and successful golf tournament. We were able to raise $27,000 for scholarships. This is a great opportunity for us to excel at Goal 3 of the 2020 SAME Strategic Plan which supports Professional Development and Personal Growth. We will look to expand our scholarship program, from helping our first year college students to sustaining scholarships in their following years. We hope this will continue to promote SAME to those students, so that it will carry into their professional careers.

Lt Col Glynn said it best in his departing remarks that "this is an exciting time to be on the Space Coast as new entrants to the launch business challenge the status quo, fueling an innovation culture and feeding an increasingly congested launch manifest. I expect this frenetic pace to present significant opportunities for military engineering in general and members of our post, in particular." When we add the recovery of two hurricanes into the mix, a few major military construction projects and the expansion of SpaceX and Blue Origin operations, we couldn't ask for more opportunity to excel. However, the Space Coast Post cannot become second fiddle to all this work and opportunity or the Post will become irrelevant. With that said, the Space Coast Post Board will have some important openings in 2018. We ask you all to continue to be involved and consider serving as an officer or elected director.

I wish you all happy holidays and a prosperous new year.

With Much Respect – Johnny
2017 Golf Tournament Raises over $27,000 for scholarships

The 17th Annual SAME Space Coast Post Scholarship Golf Tournament was another great success. Thanks to our awesome sponsors and members, we hosted 250 golfers and raised $27,000 to support our commitment to fund Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education scholarships. Through this tournament, anchored by Space Coast Post member Roger Sevigny’s 17 years of dedicated leadership, we have made an investment of over $300,000 in our youth to help ensure the viability of our nation’s infrastructure. We have fully funded endowments at both Eastern Florida State College and the University of Central Florida, and continue to give direct scholarships to graduating high school seniors. We have expanded our scholarship program to provide continuing scholarships to college students thanks to the growth of this tournament and the continued outstanding support of our sponsors and members. SAME Space Coast Post is leading the way and honoring our commitment to the 2020 SAME Strategic Plan in promoting Professional Development and Personal Growth (Goal 3).

1st Place: Platman, Hammer, Waterman, & Fischer (also closest to pin).

2nd Place: Richards, Jellett, Attleson and Powers (not pictured).

3rd Place: Nicholson (closest to pin) representing her team. Not pictured, Burnley, Costanzo and Haynes (closest to pin).

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Monthly Meetings

Don’t forget to RSVP for monthly meetings. You can register and pay on-line at http://samespacecoast.org/.

October: Facilitating the Energy Resiliency Discussion
Robin Kiepert, Resource Efficiency Manager
Robin Kiepert with the 45th Civil Engineering Squadron led an Energy Resiliency discussion to help guide those who contract with the Federal Government. Energy Resiliency/Security will become the next level of Mandated Energy Programming. Robin discussed DoD energy security threats, policy drivers, benefits and possible funding streams as well as how to create a resiliency plan for your business.

November: Thanking those who serve the Post
John Faulkner took a few minutes during the Golf Tournament to extend a special thank you to John Constantinide for his dedication and years of service to the Post. Since 2010, the Post has relied heavily on John C. in his role as the Post Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Programs Director and Chair of many committees. Over the years, John C. has been awarded the RVP Coin, the RVP medal, the Post President’s Coin. We thank him again and again for making the Post a priority and providing the membership with a dependable and reliable resource for all things SAME.

2018 SCP Small Business Expo
When: Thursday, February 15, 2018
Time: 11:00am – 3:30pm
Where: Courtyard by Marriott – Cocoa Beach

Don’t miss the Small Business Expo on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at The Courtyard by Marriott, Cocoa Beach. Coinciding with the February Membership Meeting, the expo features the 45th Space Wing Financial Outlook and a panel of small business specialists from the 45th Space Wing, US Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville and Mobile District, GSA, NASA-KSC, and Canaveral Port Authority. Businesses can register for a vendor tabletop which includes registration for 1 attendee. Registration for tabletops and individuals includes admission to the 45th Space Wing presentation, small business specialist panel discussion, boxed lunch, and afternoon networking.

Limited vendor tables (2.5’x6’) are available. Payment is due at time of registration. Registration ends February 9, 2017.

Individual Registration Pricing:
Active Military or Government Civilian - $15
SAME Member - $25
Other Post/Non-Member - $50

Vendor Table Pricing (includes 1 attendee):
SCP Member - $75 early bird (ends Jan 12th)
SCP Member - $100 (After Jan 12th)
Other Post/Non-Member - $100 early bird
Other Post/Non-Member - $150 (After Jan 12th)

To register, contact Michelle Shoultz at mshoultz@fraziereng.com or go on-line to the Post website at http://samespacecoast.org/.
Post News and Community Outreach

2017 Holiday Social
What an exciting year it has been for the Post! We celebrated, laughed and shared many great moments during our annual Holiday Social held at Longdoggers Cocoa Beach. And, it was a great surprise to have our new Regional Vice President, Cindy Miller, join us for the evening to officially swear in John Faulkner as our Post President.

Over the years, our Post has proudly supported the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) and Operation Precious Gift. For the WWP, about $500 was raised through our 50/50 raffle. Thank you to John McGann who organizes this every year.

For Operation Precious Gift, each year the Base identifies the families of service men and women that are having a rough year and we help make their Christmas brighter by donating new unwrapped gifts and gift cards. We were told that there are at least 50 to 60 families that have a real need this year. We were also told that our Post makes a big difference every year. And, this year was no exception. Through the generosity of our Post, we again were able to deliver a large “sleigh” full of toys. Thank you to our Post elves Johnny Faulkner, Angie Goral and Kent Boulicault for their help in collecting and delivering the Posts donations.