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Keynote Speaker: National Spokesperson, Wounded Warrior Project

## **Norfolk District hosts 2007 Spring Small Business Conference**

**NORFOLK, VA** -- Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host the 2007 Spring Small Business Conference, April 25, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Marriott Norfolk Waterside, downtown Norfolk, Va.

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Hampton Roads Post will take part in the conference, as they help to facilitate potential contracting opportunities between the more than 300 large and small businesses expected to attend the conference.

Small businesses in attendance will include Small Disadvantaged, Women-Owned, Service-Disabled and HUBZONE companies whose expertise includes construction, engineering, architecture, information technology, environmental, manufacturing and more.

The North Atlantic Division (NAD) Commander, Brig. Gen. Todd T. Semonite, will provide a regional overview of the lucrative civil and military construction opportunities available to prime and sub-contractors over the next several years. Hampton Roads Post SAME President, Capt. Joanne McCaffrey, will discuss the mission, goals and current and future programs of her organization. Other information sessions include the Centers of Standardization (military construction) program, and the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) project opportunities by each NAD district commander.

The conference's keynote speaker will be Army (Medically Ret.) Sgt. Jeremy W. Feldbusch, spokesperson for the *Wounded Warrior Project (WWP)*, a national non-profit advocacy group that raises awareness for the needs of injured service members. A former Army Ranger, Sgt. Feldbusch became the first national spokesperson for the *WWP*, when he addressed Congress on the creation of traumatic injury insurance.

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Feldbusch sees his work as a way of connecting with his fellow veterans. “That’s what the *WWP* does,” said Feldbusch. “We’re like a secondary family, in essence, to help out the wounded veteran and to be of assistance and help them move forward.”

Following Feldbusch’s remarks, Jim Coleson, president of NEIE, Inc., based in Portsmouth, Va., will make a \$10,000 donation to the *WWP* on behalf of his service-disabled, veteran-owned small business.

Feldbusch considers himself one of the lucky ones, after sustaining multiple, life-threatening injuries while deployed to Iraq in 2003. Today, he continues a full, active lifestyle, while encouraging his fellow comrades through the *WWP*. “You can do whatever you want to,” stresses Feldbusch. “...Yeah, you’ve been knocked down a few rungs off the ladder that we’re climbing towards our goals, but you just hop right back on and keep on climbing and moving forward.”

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**Media Note:** Attached is a complete biography of Sgt. Jeremy W. Feldbusch, along with a photo and caption. Sergeant Feldbusch and NAD and SAME officials will be available for interviews April 25.