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**FEBRUARY MEETING
QCESC NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK BANQUET
Holiday Inn, Davenport, IA**

Speaker: Colonel Lawrence D. Gonzalez, Director, Facility Engineer Center-Northwest, US Army Facility Engineer Group

Colonel Gonzalez is the director of the Facility Engineer Center-Northwest which deploys specialized 5-8 person engineer teams around the world to support the Army in a variety of critical engineer support missions. Colonel Gonzalez will discuss the engineering tasks that these teams perform and the importance of engineering and science in the security of the United States. In addition to the keynote speaker, local scholarship winners will be recognized, the Junior and Senior Engineer/Scientist of the Year will be announced, and MathCounts winners will be recognized.

Location: Holiday Inn, 5202 N. Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Date: Friday, February 27, 2004

Time: Social: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Program: 7:00 p.m.

Menu: Fish or stuffed pork chop w/ potato, vegetable, salad, rolls, coffee, tea, and peach cobbler.

Cost: \$25 per person if paid by Feb 16, \$30 late payment at door, \$15 full time student, \$10 program only.

For reservations please email Nancy at nancy.ekblad@nottco.com (subject-QCESC) or call at 309-737-5895 by Friday, February 20, 2004.

Directions: Holiday Inn is located on the south side of 53rd Street and west of Brady Street in Davenport, Iowa.

Announcements

1. The next ASCE meeting will be Thursday, March 18, 2004 and the presenter will be Nick Textor, P.E., who's topic will be the Thornton Transitional Reservoir.
2. An Order of the Engineer ceremony is planned during the joint ASCE/SAME meeting on April 8th at the Rock Island Botanical Center.
3. ASCE offers many online opportunities for meeting your continued education requirements. For additional information on the online courses, go to http://www.asce.org/conted/distancelearning/online_shortcourses.cfm
4. ASCE is sponsoring a bridge design contest for middle and senior high school students. Check out <http://www.asce.org/kids/westpoint.cfm> for additional information..

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Announcements (Continued)

5. Many of you may be unaware of the fact that there is a Younger Member Newsletter for ASCE. It can be accessed via the internet at http://www.asce.org/inside/cym_pubs.cfm.
 6. The Quad City Section of ASCE continues to have drawings for a free ASCE cap and t-shirt at each meeting. Bill Ashton won the cap and t-shirt at last month's meeting. Congrats Bill!
 7. During January's meeting, our Section honored three new ASCE Life Members—Bill Ashton, Wayne Brugger, and Robert Leslie. Bill Ashton operates his own engineering firm, Ashton Engineering in Davenport. Wayne Brugger is a Senior Project Manager at Stanley Consultants Muscatine. Robert Leslie is President of Testing Engineers Inc. in Dixon, IL. Congratulations to these gentlemen on a well-deserved honor. Pictured to the right is Bill Ashton accepting his award.
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8. The 2004 Quad Cities Section of ASCE Calendar of Events:

February 27	QCESC Engineers Week Banquet, Davenport Holiday Inn
March 18, 6:00 p.m.	Nick Textor, Design & Operation of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir
April 8, 11:30 a.m.	Joint meeting with SAME—Order of the Engineer ceremony
May 20, 6:00 p.m.	John O'Donnell Stadium and Figge Art Museum Tour
July	Mississippi River Cleanup
September 16	TBD
October 21	Engineering Conference
November	Joint meeting with IES
December	No meeting
 9. Volunteers are still needed as judges for the Invent Iowa! Invention Convention on February 28th in Bettendorf. If interested, contact Dennis Hamilton for details.
 10. Doug Wallace gave an excellent presentation during the January meeting on the principles of good project management, focusing on "Project Management Pitfalls" and how to avoid them.

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