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## COL JOHN B. O'DOWD TO ADDRESS POST ON FEBRUARY 22, 2006

Col. John B. O'Dowd is currently the Chief of Staff, US Military Staff Committee, J5/JCS, US Mission to the United Nations here in New York.

Col. O'Dowd holds the distinction of being a twice-Past President of the New York City Post,

Col. O'Dowd was born in New Jersey. He was commissioned into the U.S. Army after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point in 1978.

Colonel O'Dowd's most immediate prior assignment was in command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Afghanistan Engineer District from July 2004 to July 2005. The Afghanistan District was responsible for a comprehensive infrastructure program for the reception and training of recruits, and subsequent stabilization of up to 70,000 soldiers of the Afghanistan National Army. The program included construction, rehabilitation and refurbishment of barracks, dining facilities, administration centers, clinics, motor pools, multipurpose training ranges, and support facilities. It also included construction of a military hospital, military academy, entrance processing station, and training center. The District is also building new facilities for U.S. Forces in Afghanistan and provided technical and mentoring support to USAID and other Federal agencies. In addition to serving as commander of the District, Colonel O'Dowd was also the Staff Engineer for Combined Force Command-Afghanistan. In this capacity, he oversaw all engineering activity for the Department of Defense including construction of roads, bridges and forward operating bases.

Prior to his position in Afghanistan, Colonel O'Dowd was the commander of the New York District where he oversaw the Corps' water resource development, navigation, and regulatory activities in northeastern New Jersey, eastern and south-central New York, including New York Harbor and Long Island, and parts of Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

He has served in numerous command and staff positions during his career including command of the 30th Engineer Battalion (Topographic) at Fort Bragg. He served as the Executive Officer for the Engineer Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea. He was assigned as the Operations Officer (S-3) for the 20th Engineer Brigade (Combat) (Airborne Corps) during Operation "Uphold Democracy" in Haiti and also served as the Executive Officer, 30th Engineer Battalion (Topographic).

Colonel O'Dowd's early assignments include Operations Officer (S-3) for the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne) and Commander of C Company, 27th

Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne) at Fort Bragg where he participated in numerous operation in Central America. He has also served as the Deputy Director of Public Works at Fort Bragg and as an Associate Professor of Environmental Engineering at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

In 1989, Colonel O'Dowd earned a masters degree in Environmental Engineering from John Hopkins University. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College Fellowship at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Colonel O'Dowd's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Colonel O'Dowd has two daughters Elizabeth and Katie.

We are extremely pleased to have Col. O'Dowd back with us.

**NOTE: Michael Scarano, Post Secretary, is on assignment in Iraq through July, 2006. Because of this, we ask your cooperation in adhering to our temporary reservation policy:**

**We will accept FAXED RESERVATIONS ONLY on a definite basis. (Unpaid no-shows will be billed and not allowed to make FAX Reservations in the future.) BRING PAYMENT WITH YOU TO THE MEETING OR YOU MAY MAIL TO JAMES N. PARKS, Treasurer, 100 Wellbrook Ave, Staten Island NY 10314**

**SEE MEETING NOTES ON PAGE 2 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON MEETING TIME AND LOCATION**

### (Wed) February 22, 2006 *Post Regular Evening Meeting Reservation Form* 5:30 PM—Harvard Club—27 West 44th St (between 5th & 6th Aves)

May we suggest that you make a copy of this notice before cutting out your reservation so that you will have it handy for future reference?

- *Detach and FAX RESERVATION TO MICHAEL SCARANO (718) 504-4281. THEN MAIL PAYMENT TO JAMES N. PARKS 100 Wellbrook Ave, Staten Island NY 10314 or BRING TO MEETING*
- *If sending via Express Mail or Messenger, be sure to instruct deliverer to leave package if no one is there.*
- *FAXED Reservations ONLY will be accepted on a definite basis. Unpaid no-shows will be billed and not allowed to make FAX Reservations in the future. FAX to (718) 504-4281 (use 10 digit dialing from all areas). DON'T WORRY, YOU CAN SEND YOUR PAYMENT SEPARATELY LATER (PLEASE BE AS PROMPT AS POSSIBLE)*

**WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR FAXED ONLY MEETING RESERVATION BY Wed, February 15, 2006\***

**\*Please do not call. The Secretary is in Iraq and cannot receive calls! In 20 years, we have missed only 2 reservations... your odds are good! Please Provide All Requested Information:**

**Be sure to send or bring \$100 per person (\$95 SAME Members with Reservations, \$75 Young Members (under 36) with Reservations, \$45 Mil/Gov't/Student SAME Members with Reservations). Late/At Door Reservations: \$125 per person**

**Make Checks OR Money Orders Payable to: NYC Post, S.A.M.E. \*\* SORRY, CHARGE CARDS NOT ACCEPTED \*\***


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**MEETING NOTES – FEB 22, 2006**

**Where:** Harvard Club, 27 West 44th Street (between 5th and 6th Ave), New York, NY 10036 (212) 840-6600  
**When:** Wednesday, February 22, 2006  
 Cash Bar 5:30 p.m.  
 Buffet Dinner, Business Meeting, Dessert 6:30 p.m.  
 Guest Speaker 7:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$100 per person with Advanced Reservations\*  
 \$95 per SAME member with Advanced Reservations\*  
 \$75 per Young SAME member with Reservations\*  
 \$45 per Gov't/Mil/Student SAME member with Reservations\*

\* At door without Reservations on a space available basis \$125 PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS!

Reservation Policy:

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- Reservations Accepted by FAX ONLY. Bring payment to meeting or mail to James N. Parks.
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- Make Checks or Money Orders payable to NYC Post SAME
- FAXED Reservations must be received by close of business February 15, 2006—Late Reservations in effect thereafter on space available basis at door—\$125.
- Refunds given for cancellations e-mailed or FAXed by 10 am, 3 days before meeting.

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