RICK COTTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PANYNJ TO ADDRESS POST AT ITS FIRST EVER VIRTUAL EVENING MEETING ON
JUNE 17, 2020 6:30 PM—8:00 PM

Rick Cotton became Executive Director of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on August 14, 2017. Prior to joining the Port Authority, since January 2015, Mr. Cotton served as Governor Cuomo’s Special Counsellor for Interagency Initiatives, serving as the point person within the Governor's office for most of the Governor's major downstate infrastructure priorities including LaGuardia and JFK Airports, the Moynihan Train Hall and Penn-Farley Complex, the new Tappan Zee Bridge, the expansion of the Javits Center, and the MTA’s Second Avenue Subway project. Mr. Cotton joined the administration following 25 years at NBC Universal, where he held a number of positions beginning in 1989, including 20 years as EVP and General Counsel and four years in London as President and Managing Director of CNBC Europe. He also served as Executive Secretary to the Department at the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare under Secretary Joseph A. Califano, Jr. and Special Assistant for Renewable Energy to Deputy Secretary of Energy John Sawhill at the U.S. Department of Energy. Mr. Cotton received an A.B. from Harvard College and a J.D. from Yale Law School, and served as a law clerk to Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Although this is a virtual meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a “Q & A” following Mr. Cotton’s presentation.

No reservations necessary! Simply visit the link below at Meeting Time:
https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/19f098029a4a4cc9b27d007bc9ad05d2
(Copy the entire link into your web browser. Follow instructions. We are using “Blackboard” as our collaboration software. We recommend that best results will be from a laptop or PC)

WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO A NORMAL RETURN TO OUR VENUE, THE HARVARD CLUB, IN THE FALL, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL “LIVE” ONCE AGAIN, THEN.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
http://www.same-nyc.org/nytt.htm
or http://www.same-nyc.org

NJ-NYC Post Joint Golf Outing Canceled
Unfortunately, the popular NJ-NYC Post Joint Golf Outing has had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 situation. Both Posts look forward to its resumption next year. Stay Safe!
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NEED HELP

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2019-2020 POST OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTED

A Nominating Committee was convened by Col (Ret) F. H. ‘Bud’ Griffis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Charged with the responsibility of reviewing the duties of the various offices and directorships of the Post in accordance with our Constitution and determining the qualifications needed to be eligible for each position, it considered names from the active membership who, in the committee’s judgment, will be able to carry on the business of the Society of American Military Engineers, New York City Post. Following its deliberations, the Nominating Committee has approved the following slate for the 2019 - 2020 season.

OFFICERS (1 Year Term)
PRESIDENT.................................. COL John Boulé II, USA (Ret)
VICE PRES (MIL) ......................... LTC Rich Gussenhoven, USA
VICE PRESIDENT (CIV) ................. Jitender "Jim" Hirani
JR. VICE PRESIDENT .................... Jeffrey I. Messinger
SECRETARY ................................................. Michael Scarano
TREASURER (Acting) ...................... Michael Scarano
ASSISTANT SECRETARY................ James J. Savage

DIRECTORS* (3 Year Term) 2019 - 2022
Al Bast
Denise Carter
Lou Giaccaolone
Chuck Kohler
Susan Boone
George Fink
Eric Hirani

As Past President, COL Bud Griffis, USA (Ret) will serve a 3 year term as Director

The Post will be collecting donations as part of this meeting to benefit Wounded Warriors initiatives. Please consider donating.
### New York City Post Officers (2019—2020)

**President:** COL John R. Boulé, USA (Ret)

**Vice President (Mil):** LTC Rich Gussenhoven, USA (USACE NY District)

**Vice President (Civ):** Jim Hirani (Hirani Group)

**Jr. Vice President:** Jeffrey I. Messinger (STV)

**Secretary and Acting Treasurer:** Michael Scarano (NJ Transit)

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For Hosting the  
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Michael Scarano, Post Secretary, at [TheSecretary@same-nyc.org](mailto:TheSecretary@same-nyc.org)