

# The Society of American Military Engineers

## What It Is

The Society of American Military Engineers is an organization composed primarily of engineers—civil, electrical, mechanical, mining and others—who have served at any time as officers, soldiers or civilians in any arm or department of the military forces of the United States, including the National Guard, the volunteers, the Reserve Corps and other contingents. Its ranks are open also to persons other than engineers who may be interested in the national defense. The society was organized by officers of the Corps of Engineers and by prominent engineers now in civil life who served as officers during the World War. The formation of the society has been approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army.

## Purpose

The constitution of the Society provides that, "The objects of the Society shall be in the interests of the national defense to promote the efficiency of the military engineer service of the United States; to maintain its best standards and traditions; to disseminate professional knowledge concerning developments in engineering with special reference to their application to military purposes; to develop between the military engineers and other arms of the service a spirit of cooperation and a mutual understanding of their respective duties, powers and limitations, and to foster relations of helpful interest and friendship between the engineering profession in civil life and that in the military service."

## Membership

The following persons are eligible to active membership, with power to vote and to hold office, viz,

(a) All persons who at any time have been commissioned as officers in the engineer service of the United States, in the Regular Army, the National Guard, the Reserve Corps, the

volunteers or in the selective service forces.

(b) All technical engineers, or others of equivalent technical education and experience who have served or are serving in any capacity whatsoever, whether as officers, soldiers, or civilians in any arm or staff department of the military forces of the United States above mentioned, but civilians must have rendered at least six months' continuous service.

Associate membership is open to all officers of the military forces of the nation, other than engineers; the Navy, including the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the members of technical units of the R. O. T. C., and to all soldiers serving in technical engineering units of the military forces, including Engineers, Ordnance, Signal Corps, Chemical Warfare Service and other technical arms or branches.

## Government

The Society is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents and eighteen other active members. These are all elected by vote of the active members. The three officers first named serve for one year and the 18 directors serve for three years each. Six directors are chosen from the Regular Army, six from the National Guard, the Reserve Corps and other contingents subject to active military duty, and the remaining six are from the membership at large not including the foregoing two groups; that is to say, from former officers, soldiers and others who are not now subject to active military duty.

## Local Sections

Local sections may be formed of members within any given geographical jurisdiction or composing any military unit or organization heretofore existing or hereafter organized. This permits regimental associations to be formed as branches of the main Society and also permits sections to be formed in any city or state.

## Journal of the Society

The Society publishes a bi-monthly journal called *THE MILITARY ENGINEER* which contains articles bearing on engineering in both war and peace, as well as articles of a general military nature. It contains news of the work done by the Corps of Engineers and other technical services of the Army, items of interest concerning the engineer regiments of the Regular Army and the National Guard, news of the local sections of the Society and the individual members, and of the activities of the Reserve Corps and R. O. T. C.

This journal is the medium through which you may keep in touch with engineering developments bearing on the national defense, and with other engineers both in the service and in civil life, who are interested in this important matter.

The journal is sent without additional cost to all members of the Society. For non-members the price of subscription is \$4.50 per annum.

## Dues

No entrance fee is charged and the annual dues are fixed each year by majority vote of the Board of Directors and normally will not exceed \$5.00 per year. Under exceptional circumstances, however, the dues may be fixed by three-fourths vote of the entire Board at not to exceed \$10.00 per year. For the year 1920 the dues are \$4.50, and this includes subscription to *THE MILITARY ENGINEER*.

## Further Information and Applications

For further information and for application blanks for membership address The Secretary, The Society of American Military Engineers, Washington Barracks, D. C. If you desire to receive *THE MILITARY ENGINEER* beginning with the first number, send \$4.50 at once, with address. You will promptly receive the journal and your name will be entered for membership subject to examination as to eligibility.