

Journey to Fellow

What is a Fellow & What are the Benefits of Fellowship?



Questions

Enter any questions for our panel into the Q&A section.



Mission Statement

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Our mission is to create awareness and cultivate members for the Academy of Fellows, thus fortifying the Society for a sustainable future.



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Journey to Fellow Webinar Series

1. Today: Benefits of SAME Fellowship
2. Winter TBD: Detours & Alternate Paths
3. Spring TBD: It's YOUR Journey

Academy of Fellows

- JETC 15 May: Class of 2025 Fellows Investiture
- Summer TBD: How to Nominate a Fellow Webinar (*Required*)
- Fall: Application Process Begins
- Winter: Application Results Communicated

POLL



Please select the option that best applies to you.

- a) I am already planning to apply; I'm here to learn more.
- b) I don't know very much about Fellowship; others suggested I join this call.
- c) I'm already a Fellow. I want to know more about this program so that I can share the information.
- d) What is a Fellow?

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Please select the option that best applies to you.

- a) I have attended the annual “How to Nominate a Fellow” webinar or listened to the recording.
- b) I know about the webinar, but I have never attended.
- c) I am planning to attend this year’s webinar.
- d) I didn’t even know there was a webinar.



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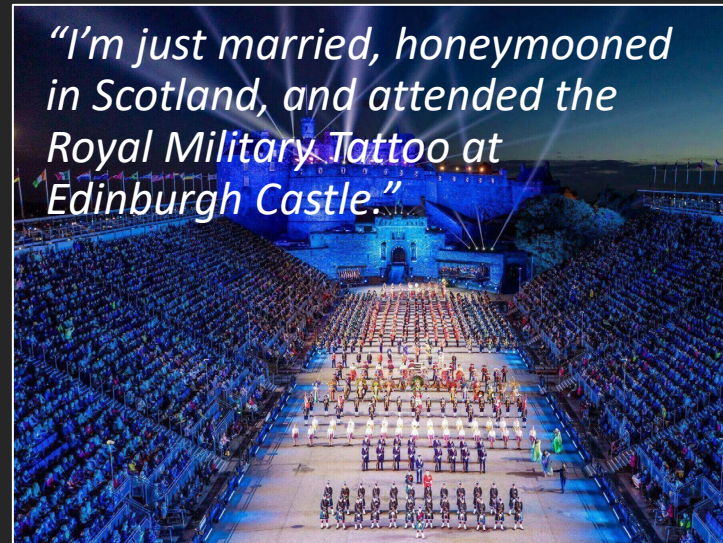
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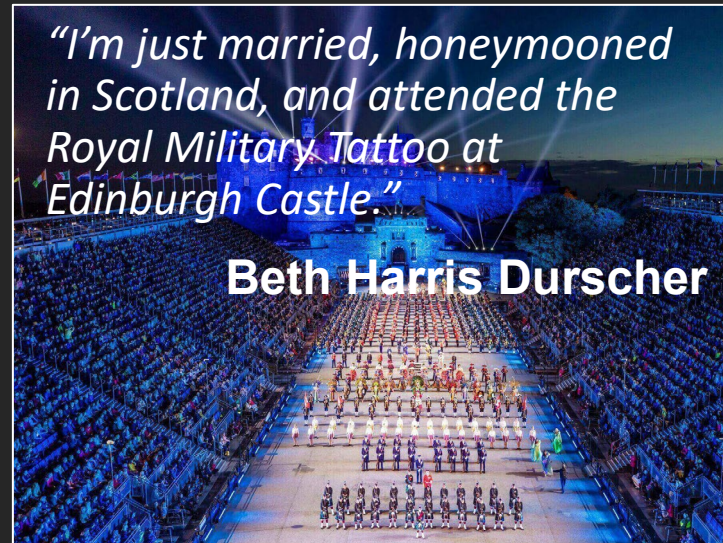
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Matt: Inspired by mentorship and a sense of personal growth within SAME rather than external encouragement. His Fellowship goal emerged as he transitioned into leadership roles with his firm.

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Ben: Fellowship is a reminder of SAME's mission, fostering exponential rewards through volunteerism and leadership opportunities.

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Beth: Mentoring is integral to her Fellowship experience, supporting the idea that mentorship often occurs organically through business development and leadership roles.

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Matt: Recommends keeping detailed records of involvement and contributions, encouraging candidates to engage at both the post and national levels.

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Ben: Fellows are leaders who can rally around strategic issues, creating substantial volunteer momentum to address emerging challenges, underscoring the role of active engagement.

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Beth: The Fellowship application is strictly criterion-based, encouraging candidates to meet and exceed standards.

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Any additional thoughts you'd like to add?

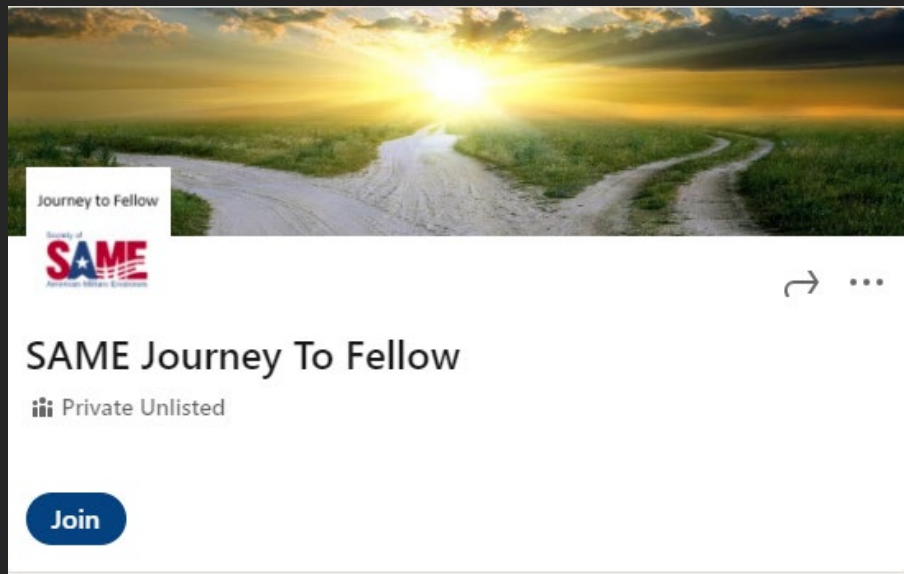
Summary



- Everyone's journey to Fellowship is unique
- Fellowship is a milestone, not an endpoint
- Fellowship provides a network of close influential leaders
- Fellows are committed to SAME and mentoring the next generation
- Fellows build and lead momentum for change
- Fellows give back through volunteerism
- Fellows gain extensive leadership skills through SAME, benefiting their employers and subordinates

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