

**American Society of Civil Engineers
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Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Private Sector

Wade Horton, P.E. M.ASCE

San Luis Obispo Branch

Wade Horton, P.E., A.M.ASCE, CEC, USN, received a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 1998. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in California and serves in the USNR Civil Engineering Corps.



Wade Horton joined Penfield & Smith in November 2001. Prior to joining Penfield & Smith, Mr. Horton worked two years for an Environmental/Civil Engineering firm based in Sacramento, followed by two years working for the prime contractor on the San Luis Obispo Cuesta Grade Project. Mr. Horton has design experience in sewer design and rehabilitation, water distribution design, environmental remediation, and contaminated water treatment plant design. In addition, Mr. Horton is most experienced in storm drain construction, roadway and retaining wall construction, fuel system construction, and environmental remedial construction. He has worked as the design engineer on several projects, as well as serving as the field engineer on projects located in Washington, Alaska, Oregon, California, and most recently in Iraq. In such a short time, Wade Horton has gained a breadth of engineering and life experience very rare to others in his field. His sharp skills have consistently impressed fellow engineers and clients alike.

September 11, 2001 marked a day in history that impacted not only the United States, but also the entire world. Wade Horton was no exception to this impact. In fact, Wade was so deeply affected by the events that it inspired him to join the Civil Engineer Corps of the United States Navy as a CEC Officer, and became known as a Sea Bee. In 2007, Wade was deployed to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, leaving behind his wife, children, family, work, and friends. He was mobilized June 25, 2007, departed the United States on August 28, 2007, and landed in Kuwait on September 3, 2007, marking the start of his assignments in Iraq. Wade returned home safe on March 18, 2008 much to the delight of his family, friends, and coworkers. He continues to be a great asset to Penfield & Smith by using his skills, talent, experience, and great work ethic to continually improve the field of engineering.

Kelly Wheeler, P.E., who worked with Wade on CM projects in the City of San Luis Obispo has this to say about Wade,

"If I had to describe Wade in one word, that word would be 'hero'. He not only exemplifies what we should all strive to be in our professional lives, but also in our personal lives as a devoted husband and father. On a daily basis, he is the epitome of the 'can-do' attitude, going above and beyond to provide outstanding service to his coworkers and clients. He has also done what few of us have by selflessly using his expertise as an engineer to serve our country in Iraq. He is a spectacularly talented engineer, and I am blessed to be able to know him as a coworker and as a friend."