

Biographical Sketch of James R. Danner, Jr, P.E - January 2019.

Jim Danner is a New Orleans native. He attended Louisiana State University in New Orleans and received a Bachelor of Science in Management in 1972. After spending time on active duty with the U. S. Army as a second lieutenant at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, he attended Tulane University and received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1977.

Jim began his professional career as a structural design engineer working in the offshore petroleum and marine field at Petro-Marine Engineering in Gretna, Louisiana. Jim left Petro-Marine in the fall of 1979 and joined J. Ray McDermott, Inc, the world's largest marine contractor. Jim joined Denson Engineers, Inc. in 1983 and has been the firm's Principal Civil Engineer since 1987. His responsibilities include all aspects of the firm's civil, structural and forensic engineering.

Jim joined the Army National Guard in 1970 and was commissioned in 1972. He retired as a Chief Facility Engineer with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1994.

Jim has been very active in non-profit professional organizations, including those having an IRS Section 501(c)(3) status. He has served as the New Orleans Branch President and member of the Louisiana State Section board of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He formed the New Orleans Chapter of the Structural Engineering Institute of the ASCE in 1990 and he is the current Treasurer. In addition, he has served as an officer and on the board of directors at local, regional and national levels of the Association for Facilities Engineering and was its National President in 2000. Jim is currently on the Board of the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association and has served as its Vice President and Director of Public Safety for over nine years. He is an Honorary Member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Jim joined the Deutsches Haus in 2008 and is a Benefactor Member. Jim has been an active volunteer including working as a bartender, kitchen helper, building renovator and on the Haus Building Committee and of course Oktoberfest. He has had the privilege of serving on the Haus Board of the Directors in since 2017 and working to successfully move the Haus and Oktoberfest to our Moss Street location. His legacy includes ancestors from Bavaria and Prussia with two whom he believes were 1928 charter members of the Haus.

He has been married to the former Phyllis Woodruff since 1976 and they currently reside in the Faubourg St John Neighborhood of New Orleans. Jim has been and is still active in leadership roles in other local community, social and religious organizations.