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SAME MISSION

"To promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals"

SAME VISION

"To be a premier global engineering organization leading the professional and personal growth of all members in support of military readiness and development of solutions to national security challenges."

SAME GREAT LAKES NAMED TOP REGION BY SAME NATIONAL

Julius C. "Jake" Washington,
CAPT, CEC, USN

GREAT NEWS!!

The Great Lakes Region has been designated as a Distinguished Region and has been selected as the Top Region for 2008.

The Top Region award will be presented to the Regional VP and Post Presidents during the Post Awards Breakfast on May 14, 2009 at the 2009 Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo in Salt Lake City.

MATHCOUNTS EVENT

Thanks go out to the eight LMP members and four community friends who stepped forward to assist at the Lake County and Illinois

MATHCOUNTS competitions held on February 21st and March 7th respectively this year. Our Post members were Anthony Bilotti, Daniel Delahaye, Ken Endress, Emma Kowalenko, Krishna Kumar, Anna Maria Lambidis, Jeff McGowan, and Craig Turner. Craig was recruited to be a SAME member at the Illinois competition sitting at the LMP scoring table.



From L-R - Ken Endress-NAVFAC Midwest/PWD Great Lakes, Susan Lambert-NRMVW HR, Kris Kumar-NAVFAC Midwest/PWD Great Lakes, Emma Kowalenko and Anthony Bilotti (Kowalenko Consulting Group, Inc.), CDR Jeff McGowan-NAVFAC Midwest, and Craig Turner-New SAME Member



Small Business Expo attendees attend "Matchmaking" event with government agencies

SMALL BUSINESS EXPO - A HUGE SUCCESS

Emma Kowalenko,
Vice President, SAME LMP Post

The all-day Small Business Expo held on March 12th, 2009, at the Illinois Beach Conference Center in Zion,, Illinois co-hosted by the Chicago and Lake Michigan Post, and Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI) drew over 350 attendees. The Small Business Expo Committee consisted of Steven Blinderman of Blinderman Construction, Small Business Liaison Officer for the Lake Michigan Post, his counterpart for the Chicago Post Emma Kowalenko, Janis Kaiser Small Business Deputy for Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) Engineering Command and her counterpart for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Chicago District. This committee worked on the Small Biz Expo last year's half day expo that attracted some 185 participants. As background, the Lake Michigan Post has hosted Small Business Expos for five years in a row. In 2007, the Expo had some 100 attendees. In 2008, Priscilla Abeyta of USACE approached Emma Kowalenko; active in both Posts, to combine the USACE needs to reach out to Disabled
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SAME JOINT ENGINEER TRAINING CONFERENCE & EXPO (JETC)

12-15 May 2009

Salt Lake City, Utah

The Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo (JETC) is the major annual event for SAME. In addition to technical and continuing education events, the Engineering Service Chiefs will schedule command meetings for their officers and senior civilians in concert with these annual SAME events.

For further information please visit the www.same.org website.



APRIL LMP LUNCH PROGRAM PREVIEW

Blinderman/FGM LLC will deliver a presentation showcasing the recent renovations completed for Building 1 during the April SAME LMP luncheon. Constructed in 1906 and designed by architect Jarvis Hunt, Building 1 is listed as a contributing property of Major Significance within the Great Lakes Naval Station Historic District.

The April lunch presentation will focus on the design and construction challenges involving the renovation of Building 1, which will include exterior brick, terracotta and window repairs and new HVAC systems. Well planned phasing and coordination helped this project reach successful completion with minimal disruption to the Navy staff.

LMP MEMBERS PUBLISH ARTICLE IN THE MILITARY ENGINEER The S.A.M.E Lake Michigan Post would like to congratulate Anthony Bilotti, Ph.D., Regional Readiness Committee Chair, co-author with Charles J. John, Ph.D., Kevin Croke, Ph.D., and Steven Miller, on the publication of the article *Continuity of Operations Planning in the March-April 2009 The Military Engineer (TME)* highlighting Readiness and Homeland Security. To the best recollection of long time LMP members, this is a first for our Post.

SMALL BUSINESS EXPO - A HUGE SUCCESS (CONT'D FROM PAGE 1)

Veteran Owned Small Businesses engaged in construction with the Small Business Expo organized by the Lake Michigan Post. This suggestion was heartily supported by the Boards of both Posts. Thus in April 2008, the Expo co-sponsored by the Lake Michigan and Chicago Posts had 180+ public and private sector participants including Sustaining Members exhibitors and government sector military and civilian staff giving briefings and engaged in the networking and matchmaking sessions.

When attending a small business event in Volk Field, Wisconsin, organized by WPI, in the summer of 2008, Emma Kowalenko discussed the possibility of joining forces with WPI's staff member Jason Rath sack and Executive Director Aina Vilumsons. The idea took hold and was accepted by the Lake Michigan Post Board. This was a new endeavor. For the first time the organization and implementation included not only volunteers from the Lake Michigan and Chicago Posts, the Small Business Deputies from NAVFAC Midwest and USACE Chicago Districts but also staff from WPI. This PTAC has a sophisticated website that enables online registration and tracking of conference participants. Also, for the first time the Expo "graduated" to a full day format with educational tracks in the mornings and briefings from CAPT Julius Washington, Commanding Officer of NAVFAC, Midwest, Linda Sorn of USACE Chicago District, Susan Lynch from GSA Great Lakes Region, Laura Silguero, Contracting Officer from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Darlene Hainer from the USEPA Region 5 during lunch. In the afternoon there were networking and matchmaking sessions that enabled private sector small companies to meet government small business deputies, contracting officers,

technical engineering and planning staff as well as with large company representatives seeking teaming partners.

The venue, Illinois Beach Conference Center, set as its name suggests on the shore of Lake Michigan in Zion, provided a bright backdrop to the morning's general session and lunch briefings. Because the Grand Vista Ballroom, the largest room in the hotel seated 340 at a maximum, approximately 50 potential registrants had to be turned away. Lesson for next year: since 500 attendants are easily attainable, a larger venue should be considered. Exhibitor space was at a premium with many companies exhibiting. Sustaining member companies of both Posts exhibited and in addition generously contributed to the event as sponsors. Sponsors included Aldridge Electric, Baker Engineering, Blinderman Construction, FGM Architects, Kowalenko Consulting Group, Inc., Wight & Co., and AMEC Earth. Exhibitors included Terracon, J.F. New, GRAEF, Walsh Construction, DECO Group, Lee & Ryan, Clark Construction, Esche & Lee, Mason & Hanger, Peer Technical, ANI Safety & Supply, Ashland Industries, Greg Nagel Architects SAME, Terrace Industries, and WPI. Thank you to speakers Steven Blinderman, Blinderman Construction, Linda Sorn, Michael Mandulak, Enrique Mercedes - CMS, Robert Edwards - Stanley, Emma Kowalenko - Kowalenko Consulting Group, Thomas Burger - HDR, Dean Geers - Weston, Matt Klugg - CH2MHill, Moderators and Volunteers included Steven Blinderman - Blinderman Construction, Woody Siddall - Peer Technical, Sari Brindel - NAFAC Midwest, AnnaMaria Lambidis, Sunrise Solutions, Camille Stewart, Kowalenko Consulting Group Mehul Shani - SP Engineers, Ken Endress - NAVFAC Midwest.

Calendar of Events

09 Apr 09	SAME Monthly Luncheon - Program - Great Lakes Bldg 1 - Blinderman/FGM LLC • Luncheon beginning at 11:30 am, Highland Park CC • RSVP to Nate Cross at nathan.r.cross@navy.mil.	20 May 09	SAME Chicago Post Monthly Luncheon - Program TBD
16 Apr 09	Young Member Committee Chicago Post Happy Hour; joint event co-sponsored by ASCE YM Committee; 5:30 until ? Jefferson Tap, 325 N. Jefferson, Chicago	21 May 09	SAME Monthly Luncheon - Program - Emergency Preparedness, Continuity Planning • Luncheon beginning at 11:30 am, Highland Park CC
17 Apr 09	Spring 2009 USACE / ACEC-IL Multi-District Command Brief Conference will be at the Northern Illinois University Outreach Center in Naperville. For more information and to register, check ACEC's website at www.acec-il.org/events	5 Jun 09	SAME LMP Golf Outing Scholarship Fundraiser. Contact Blayne Kirsch at john.kirsch@navy.mil
24 Apr 09	College Scholarship Application Due - SAME LMP will again award College Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to undergraduate college students. Requirements will soon be displayed on www.same-lakemichigan.org . Contact Ken Endress ken.endress@navy.mil for more details	9-10 Jun 09	NAVFAC Atlantic Industry Forum, Norfolk Virginia. https://portal.navy.mil/portal/page/portal/navfac/navfac_ww_pp/navfac_navfaclant_pp/atlantic_industry_forum
	NOTE DATE CHANGE	17 Jun 09	SAME Chicago Post Luncheon - Program TBD
7-8 May 09	Rock Island Post Small Business Conference and Multi-District Command Briefings. The Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf, IA. Register at: www.regonline.com/rgsbs . Also contact Scott.Bullock@usace.army.mil	25 Jun 09	SAME Board Meeting
12-15 May 09	SAME National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT. For information, visit conference website: www.same.org/jetc		

SAME Engineering & Construction Camps

Air Force Academy Camp, Colorado Springs, CO

26 Jun - 2 Jul 09

APPLICATION DUE: 24 Apr 09

Navy Seabee Camp, Port Huenemo, CA

19-25 Jul 09

APPLICATION DUE: 1 May 09

All camp applications should be submitted to Ken Endress (ken.endress@navy.mil, 847.688.5395 x148) by the date indicated for each camp



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