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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."

MAY IS SAME MEMBERSHIP MONTH



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

Greetings Lake Michigan Post members. I do not know how Barack Obama feels about his first 100 days, but I can tell you that for me, my presidential term is really going fast. May is here already, and I hope and believe we have finally had a break in the cold and wet weather we've been having. I am watching the Cubs vs. the Marlins as I write this, and I can see the ivy is starting to fill in on the

vines at Wrigley - a sure sign that Spring has officially arrived!

It has recently come to my attention that May is SAME membership month. You may recall that in January we celebrated a banner year in 2008 with a substantial increase in membership achieved in 2008. After applauding

that success, I stated then that I would like the Post to stretch and surpass its 2008 growth.

During membership month, I ask every member to invite colleagues and co-workers to join our ranks. Share our mission and purpose, and I trust that many will be encouraged. Bring a colleague to lunch, or invite them to our June golf outing. Sustaining members, young members, student members all are welcome. We are also actively working to expand our membership to the non-commissioned ranks, a big push at the SAME corporate level.

I've been tossing around some ideas about how to incentivize and rally our membership campaign. I plan to take these up with our Post leadership. We are also interested in your ideas and welcome your initiative and drive to help grow our ranks even more in 2009!

Please find letter attached to this newsletter with membership details.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARRIVE!



School supplies, collected by SAME were distributed in Afghanistan by Maj. Jay Ludescher, USAF, MSC



LMP SAME ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

June 5, 2009 11:00 am

Midlane Golf Resort, Wadsworth, Illinois (midlaneresort.com for directions)

\$70.00 per person (includes cart, drink and dog)

REGISTER

Contact Blayne Kirsch john.kirsch@navy.mil 847.688.2600x244

SUSTAINING MEMBER OVERVIEW: ROLF JENSEN & ASSOCIATES



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Great Lakes Building 1 Clock Restoration Photo

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construction of the Historic Building Repairs and Renovations of Building 1.

Representatives were present from the majority of companies who formed the project team including Blinderman, FGM Architects, Johnson Lasky Architects, Graef, Amsco Engineering, Schirmer Engineering, Jacobs Ryan Associates and Kowalenko Consulting Group, Inc.

Unmatched Service Scope. There are multiple dimensions to the RJA scope of services. In terms of consulting services, we provide our clients with total solutions, from analysis and master planning, through design, specification and construction management, to final acceptance testing. We also offer a broader array of disciplines including fire protection, security, mass notification and emergency response. But of most importance to our clients, we have the ability to integrate these capabilities into a seamless solution for every project challenge and deliver that solution wherever the project is located.

Outstanding Project Performance. To date, RJA has participated in more than 30,000 projects worldwide. These projects include: government facilities ranging from military installations and embassies to courthouses and the headquarters for the FBI; landmark high-rise buildings in the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East; major gaming complexes from Las Vegas to Macau; biomedical, applied science and laboratory facilities on the campuses of leading colleges and universities; world renown hospitals; hotels owned and operated by the leading names in the hospitality industry; manufacturing plants; and large venue assembly and convention centers around the world. The common denominator in all these projects is that we've built trust among our clients that we will provide them with intelligent solutions to their fire protection and security challenges... on time and within budget.

John Ochoa opened the presentation by giving us a rich history of how Building 1 received its iconic status. Steve Blinderman discussed the job acquisition portion of the process including how the design and construction team was formed, and what factors the team's proposal was judged on. John followed with some highlights of the design challenges the project presented. The building's central wing was completed in 1911 with the north and south wing additions being added in 1941. The central wing has one less story than the north and south wings. The varying floor to floor heights presented many design challenges involving passing HVAC infrastructure through the building. The removal of the water tank in the tower allowed for a new mechanical space. A lot of attention to detail was given to the iconic clock tower restoration. Steve concluded the presentation with some highlights of the construction phase of the project including images of the elaborate scaffolding required to repair the clock tower. Images of the drawings illustrating the utilization of the site during construction were shown to evolve over time as the changing needs of the Navy were met by the project team. Through the cooperation of the Navy and the project team, the project stands a great success!

Calendar of Events

- 20 May 09 SAME Chicago Post Monthly Luncheon - Program TBD
- 21 May 09 SAME Monthly Luncheon - Program – Emergency Preparedness, Continuity Planning
• Luncheon beginning at 11:30 am, Highland Park CC
- 5 Jun 09 SAME LMP Golf Outing Scholarship Fundraiser. Midlane Golf Resort, Wadsworth, IL
Contact Blayne Kirsch at john.kirsch@navy.mil
- 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
- 17 Jun 09 SAME Chicago Post Luncheon - Program TBD
- 25 Jun 09 SAME Board Meeting
- 9 Jul 09 SAME Monthly Luncheon - Program - Emerging Technologies - Young Member and Mentor Committee
• Luncheon beginning at 11:30 am, Highland Park CC
- 17 Jul 09 SAME Chicago Post Lake/River Cruise Charity Fundraiser

- 23 Jul 09 SAME Board Meeting
- 11-13 Aug 09 Great Lakes & Ohio River SAME Regional Conference
Detroit Michigan - Renaissance Center - "Building Beyond Tomorrow". Contact Connie Boris
313-418-0700 or Larry Pawlus 313-226-6780

2009 Great Lakes & Ohio Valley Regional Conference 11-13 August 2009

Detroit Marriott in the Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI

Conference details can be found on website

same-detroit.org/09regional.html

CORRECTION

In last month's issue, we inadvertently omitted JJ Henderson on the list of sponsors for the SAME Regional Small Business Expo. Thank you JJ Henderson for your participation and support.



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