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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."

4TH ANNUAL YELLOW RIBBON COLLECTION A SUCCESS

**Jim Powell,
Yellow Ribbon Committee, SAME LMP Post**

Another year, another great collection of toys and school supplies for shipment to our troops.

Four Years and Counting

For the past four years the Lake Michigan Post has been collecting materials for our troops to give to children in various areas throughout the world. The effort of our Post membership is again staggering. Through your donations we were able to ship over 20 boxes of toys and school supplies. This represents over 650 pounds of material.

Some key items this year included: soccer balls and supplies, notebooks, pens/pencils, scissors, and some toy animals. Seven of our servicemen



Jim Powell, of AMEC, thanking everyone for all their dedication to the Yellow Ribbon BBQ

FALL 2009 POST LEADERS WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

**Bernard Ben-Carew, CIV NAVFAC MW BA
NCO Chairman**

The Fall 2009 Post Leaders Workshop was held on 10-11 September, at the Monaco Hotel, in Alexandria, VA. The workshop officially kicked-off with roughly 55 members from all over the US and Korea, Tokyo, Guam, and Kaiserslautern. First on the mound was no one other than the Executive Director himself, Dr. Robert Wolff, P.E., F. SAME. After a brief introduction and welcome, he thoroughly discussed SAME history, organization, membership and leadership before we had the privilege to be introduced to SAME President, LTG Robert Van Antwerp, P.E., USA, and F.SAME.

Following LTG Van Antwerp's motivational speech, Dr. Robert Wolff (XD) discussed and later solicited ideas from the group [through Roundtable discussions] encouraging RVPs to Support their people by nominating deserving members for Regional and National Recognition, RVP Medals and Coins (Anytime), SAME Coins (When President or XD visit Post), Society Medals and Awards (31 Jan), Academy of Fellows (1 Sep), National Board of Direction (15 Jan), Review Strategic Plan and assess how well Post Programs support the plan and meet specific member needs, Provide direction in planning Post programs to meet member needs in support of Strategic Plan, Set expectations for being a Distinguished Post, Give responsibility to Board Members – delegate, Include Young Members, NCOs, Small Business and Fellows in Post Leadership, Recognize outstanding achievements of members, Manage Change from National Board of Direction, etc.

In closing, Dr. Wolff shared the following as continuing relevance of SAME mission:

- Greater involvement of Board of Direction in establishing a national agenda and major policies
- SAME HQ better staffed to support national agenda and Post operations
- Increase in the professional nature of SAME while maintaining the

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SAVE THE DATE

**LAKE MICHIGAN POST GIFT EXCHANGE & TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION
DECEMBER 10, 2009
HIGHLAND PARK COUNTRY CLUB
PLEASE BRING A GIFT FOR THE TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION**

YELLOW RIBBON (CONT'D)

and women will be the recipients of these boxes which will allow them to pass along the good will to children in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Djibouti. This good will helps our troops to be connected to children, their teachers, and their parents which will communicate the U.S. interest in making an improvement in each of their lives.

It is important to note that this program is the continuation of the one started by Jim Ostrander. Through Jim's effort the Yellow Ribbon committee has continued to collect funds from the golf outing to support the purchase of additional discounted goods and shipment of all these materials. Additional funds were also collected through our golf round and lunch raffle at the picnic.

Our members have also gotten some retailers in the area to assist in this program. This year these include Jewel Foods and Sports Authority. Thanks to both of these organizations. Thanks also to the Yellow Ribbon Committee including Emma Kowalenko, Tony Bilotti, AnnaMaria Lambidis, and Jim Lisak for their ongoing participation and support.

Presentations by two of our members

Lt. Colonel Fred Kaehler (Ret.) and CDR Rob Ganowski shared stories of their experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan providing assistance in the construction of facilities to support the troops and local governments. Fred, formerly with the Army Corps of Engineers, now with FEMA in Chicago presented his experience in the construction of various support facilities in Afghanistan. His photos of the landscape, people, and locations really illustrated the difficult conditions our troops face in construction and facility operation.

Rob has returned to NSGL as the Ops leader. His role while deployed was overseeing a number of operations in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He also was the sole Navy representative among mostly Army engineers which provided its own set of issues and humor. His story also illustrated the significant role that the engineering community is having in the reconstruction and troop support activities in each of the countries.

Thanks to both Fred and Rob for your excellent presentations and support for this nation.

RTC AND GREAT LAKES NAVAL STATION TOUR

On September 17th, the Yellow Ribbon Committee sponsored a Tour of the Recruit Training Command and the Great Lakes Naval Station. We started off the day at the Beach house and boarded a bus with AOC Brown as our tour guide, which started with the Battle Station 21 Building. GSCS(SW) Robert Indelicato, DC1 Matthew Insonia, Chief Donald Walker and MM1 Adam McGill gave us the detailed tour. This was great!! We actually got to walk through the training ship that the recruits must do prior to passing boot camp. This is a ship that is built inside a building that is approximately 3/4 of actual size. There is an area where the recruits fight a fire, a flood and even have to perform triage on manikins weighing over 160 pounds. The manikins even have IPODS inside them that make sounds like real injured people.

Then we headed over to the Kennedy Ship!! This is the name of one of the buildings where the recruits stay when they are going through their boot camp training of 8 weeks. LT. Andrew Schwenkhoff and HTCS Mark Kritner gave a tour of their barracks, the computer based training room and the galley. We ran into a few recruits walking in the hall. It was amazing to see the dedication of the recruits. Some were even studying while waiting in line to get lunch. They only have 12 minutes to eat.

Ken Endress gave a historical account of how Great Lakes Naval Station began as we drove around the base. Then we went back to the beach house for a great BBQ. We would like to thank Ken for his knowledge and Bernard for organizing the Tour. We would also like to recognize Jim Powell of AMEC for organizing the BBQ.

FALL POST LEADERS WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS (CONT'D)

importance of networking and long term friendships

- Increased expectations and accountability of volunteer leaders
- Continuing passion and high level of interest by Engineering Service Chiefs

For more details please see attachment for FULL ARTICLE.

Calendar of Events

7-9 Oct 09	IFMA's World Workplace 2009 Conference and Expo Orange County Convention Center Orlando, FL.	Opportunities, Sacramento, CA - www.same.org
8 Oct 09	SAME Lake Michigan Post luncheon - 11:30 am Highland Park CC - Topic: Efficient Design and Construction. For details contact Program Committee Chair Robert Leick - robert.leick@graef-usa.com	17-19 Nov 09 SAME University, San Antonio, TX - www.same.org
19-21 Oct 09	South Atlantic and South Central Regional Conference Charleston, SC - www.same.org	18 Nov 09 SAME Chicago and Lake Michigan Post Joint meeting
25-27 Oct 09	CMAA National Conference & Trade Show Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Orlando, FL - www.same.org	7-9 Dec 09 SAME Small Business Conference for DOD Engineering, Construction and Environmental Programs Gaylord Hotel Grapevine, TX - www.same.org
26-28 Oct 09	California Water Conference: Changing Tides in the Inland Sea-A Confluence of Challenges and	10 Dec 09 Lake Michigan Post Gift Exchange & Toys for Tots Collection
		18 Dec 09 Chicago Post presentation TBD & Toys for Tots Collection

2011 SAME REGIONAL CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 4-6, 2011

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