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## Share Spirit of Giving at Annual Holiday Luncheon

**H**o Ho Ho and welcome to the December Newsletter. The wind coming off Lake Michigan is no longer a cooling breeze, and just as you finished raking up the last leaves our first snowfall arrived. I guess it must be time for our annual December meeting where we get those treasured white elephant gifts down from the shelf, dust them off and prepare to re-gift them. Or perhaps you're feeling nice this year and will pick up a really great gift to share with a lucky Post colleague. Well, while you are at it please remember to select a Toy for the Tots because the Marines will be at the celebration as well, and we hope they get a lot of goodies to carry.

**Kevin Quinette**, Asset Management Business Line Coordinator for NAVFAC Midwest will share with us his expertise and knowledge of Geographic Information Systems (**GIS**) vision and implementation at Naval Station Great Lakes. Thus, we will learn and earn PDHs for attending.

And finally, one more reminder during this busy season- please **vote** for the new slate of candidates that you will find online, or in an e-mail sent to you. We have a terrific group of volunteers for the New Year, let's show them some support. Here's hoping that you all find some time to relax and enjoy the good things the Holiday Season has to offer.

*John Ochoa, Lake Michigan Post President*

## Joint Meeting Draws Over 100

This year's Joint Meeting was hosted by the Lake Michigan Post Held at the usual location at the Highland Park Country Club, the turnout was the largest seen in many years. The briefing by the two new Commanding Officers of USACE Chicago District, Colonel Vincent Quarles and Captain Julius Washington of NAVFAC Midwest illustrated the vision for growth in construction, environmental, sustainability activities, as well as utilization of innovative technical approaches and utilization of qualified small businesses. Charles Hardy of the GSA Deputy for Construction, gave an overview of activities at this non-DOD agency with the renovation of legacy buildings as well as new construction. Presentations are on our website <http://www.same-lakemichigan.org/>

Leslie Bush and John Ochoa respective Presidents of the Chicago and Lake Michigan Posts presented a \$1500 check to Jim Elliott of DiveHeart one of the Charities for which the two Posts collected donations at the joint summer Chicago River and Lake Michigan Cruise. DiveHeart trains physically disabled veterans in diving methods.



Interested in contributing news or ideas for our next edition? Contact Emma Kowalenko 312-853-0500 ext. 24, [ekowalenko@kowalenkogroup.com](mailto:ekowalenko@kowalenkogroup.com)

**Please Cast Your Ballots by E-Mail or at Luncheon Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

The slate is as follows:

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Three Directors 2009-2010*</u>
President	CAPT Jake Washington	Anthony Bilotti
Vice President	Emma Kowalenko	Jeff Markey
Treasurer	Steve Blinderman	Jim Powell
Secretary	LTJG Nathan Cross	<i>*Directors in Place – Term 2008-2009 AI Behring; Ken Endress; AI Esche</i>

Write-In Candidates \_\_\_\_\_

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Coming Soon!!!

SAME Lake Michigan Post will again award

**College Scholarships** ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to undergraduate college students.

Requirements will soon displayed on <http://www.same-lakemichigan.org/>

Deadline for applications is April 10, Contact Ken Endress [ken.endress@navy.mil](mailto:ken.endress@navy.mil)

**Save the Date!!! March 12<sup>th</sup>**

SAME Lake Michigan Post in Collaboration with Chicago Post and Wisconsin Procurement Institute will host a full day Small Business Conference and Expo at the Illinois Beach Conference Center featuring educational tracts, teaming and networking opportunities, and exhibits. Watch for updates on our website and newsletters <http://www.same-lakemichigan.org/>

**Membership**

In December the Fall Membership Directory was been mailed to the persons listed on the National SAME Roster for the LMP. If you do not receive a directory by the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting you are not listed as a current LMP member please let Alan Esche know. If you think your membership is current though there is no listing. It is our intention to distribute a 2009 Spring Directory after the Post elections and renewals are complete. If you have revisions please email them to Alan Esche at [aesche@eschelee.com](mailto:aesche@eschelee.com)

Jan 22

**Note Change of Thursday to Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – This meeting only. New Officer and Board Members Induction – Update from SAME National – Luncheon beginning at 11:30 am – Highland Park Country Club**

