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LT Phil Oh Gives Presentation At Annual Yellow Ribbon BBQ



LT Phil Oh, Civil Engineer and member of S.A.M.E. presented a fascinating overview of his deployment in Afghanistan where he supported Operations Enduring Freedom. He served as an Engineering Officer for the Provincial Reconstruction Team, Khowst.

Readiness and Homeland Security Committee October Report

Outreach

Carole Crawford, AnnaMaria Lambdis and Anthony Bilotti met with Kent McKenzie, Coordinator, Lake County Emergency Management Agency and Wayne Hunter, Homeland Security Director on August 16 at the EMA office in Libertyville. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the S.A.M.E. Readiness committee and, following the guidance provided by S.A.M.E. National, to offer the services of the Post membership to Lake County in emergency planning, response, recovery, and business continuity. To that end, the Readiness Committee will (1) compile a database of all LM Post capabilities; (2) offer the information to the county; and (3) serve in an advisory capacity through participation in countywide technical committee meetings.

Education and Training

The continuing education of SAME members to make us better prepared to respond to disasters and subsequent public agency requirements is part of the Readiness Committee mission. Current items to report include:

1 - Members are completing the FEMA online course titled Incident Command System 100, an introduction to the concepts and structure of emergency planning. At least three Readiness Committee members will have completed this course by year's end – Cmdr. Beth Hartmann, Jim Powell, and Anthony Bilotti.

2 – Anthony Bilotti attended the University and Agency Partnership Initiative meeting sponsored by the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. The three day event brought together educators and practitioners from across the country dedicated to advancing homeland security education. An excerpt from the NPS website states “The Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) makes available through the partnership its curriculum, distance learning technology, Homeland Security Digital Library, and all other resources. In return, partners share their curriculum and specialized expertise with the UAPI partners”. LM Post members can learn more about NPS programs by visiting the website at:

<http://www.chds.us/?home> – Submitted by Anthony Bilotti – Readiness and Homeland Security Committee Chair

LMP BBQ School Supplies Drive in Support Of Our Troops and Children Affected By War

The Toy and School Supply Drive sponsored by the Yellow Ribbon Committee was a great success. Through the combined efforts of our entire Post, we collected over 750 pounds of supplies that were sent to CDR Alex Barlas. The committee originally started through the efforts of Jim Ostrander now has a standing theme for our end of summer picnic, toy and supplies for children impacted in the War on Terror. This year the supplies went to Iraq and CDR Barlas will have the "fun" of distribution throughout the coming months. Special thanks go to the Jewel in ? and Target in ? for their assistance in our collections. In addition, without the assistance of the USPS in North Chicago we were able to get all of the packages sent in one group. Lastly, thanks to the yellow ribbon committee including Dominic Kempson, AnnaMaria Lambidis, Jeff Markey, Emma Kowalenko, Jim Lisak, Kristin Meek, Jim Ostrander, CDR Beth Hartmann, Ken Endress, Tony Bilotti, for their assistance, planning, and execution for this event.

Submitted by Jim Powell, Yellow Ribbon Committee Chair



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
Joint Meeting Hosted by the Chicago Post Nov
14th – Rock Bottom Brewery – State and
Grand Avenues in Chicago**

Nov 14

Joint Meeting Chicago and Lake Michigan Posts – Hosted by Chicago Post –At the Rock Bottom Brewery – State and Grand Avenues – Contact Rob Foster for details – rofoster@ameritech.net

Dec 14

Holiday Meeting – Gift Exchange – Toy Collection for Toys for Tots. Details of the latter and of the LMP Elections and other Activities in November Newsletter or Contact Raj Rajaram at rajaram@techknow-eng.com

**For the 2007 Small Business
USACE Conference
Registration Information Visit
the S.A.M.E. National Website
<http://same.org/>**



Look for our photo gallery of current S.A.M.E. Lake Michigan and Chicago Post events – River Cruise – Yellow Ribbon BBQ – Small Business Expo

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