



Lake Michigan Post

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Leadership Conference Debriefing

"Thanks for sending me to the SAME Leadership Workshop. I learned a lot."

**New
Membership
Rules**



**List Lake
Michigan
Post as Your
Post**



**List All of
Your Allowed
Individual
Members**

The new real time data base – Association Management System – will be used by S.A.M.E. National from now on. It will have real time membership information as well as a place to post events and e-mail them to our roster. Links to "PayPal" are now available. There is also a separate program for Post Leaders called Chapter Leader Access System (CLAS) that will help us keep track of our members very efficiently.

There are new membership forms online and new rules for Sustaining Members (SM). Each company SM will only have one renewal date that will cover all offices. The SM membership will include five (5) "free" Individual Members (IMs).

IMs can belong to more than one post and firms can add additional sites. Winning member streamer will be based on total number of IMs. So each SM needs to ensure they fill their quota of "free" IMs and list these for the Post or Posts they belong to. Dues will be distributed to posts based on the number of IMs. So it behooves SMs to list all of the IMs allowed for each Post.

It was recommended that the "Scholarship Fund" be changed to an "Education and Mentoring Fund" so it can be used more diversely.

*Capt. Bob Gibbs – President S.A.M.E.
Lake Michigan Post*

2007 Is Lake Michigan Post Membership Year!

Induction of New Officers and Board

On January 11, 2007 Jim Hagan the S.A.M.E. Regional Vice President gave the Executive Director's Report to S.A.M.E. Lake Michigan Post members and luncheon guests. He cited statistics of S.A.M.E. growing membership roster that now numbers over 100 Posts nationwide. There are more than 3600 members from the Armed Services and over 11,000 total members. The financial picture for the organization looks good though the recruitment of more members is always desirable. The top goal for 2007 is National Security and Emergency Response with objectives to educate Society members, foster dialogue and relationship building between private sector and governmental entities, and to promote opportunities to Sustaining Members to accomplish national security and emergency response programs. Another goal is Education and Training, A third goal is to foster inter-disciplinary, inter-agency, inter-services, public and private sector sharing of knowledge, and the last is to recognize internal and external accomplishments of members.

Jim Hagan conducted the induction ceremony and recognized three LMP members with RVP medals. The awardees included LT James Shefchik for taking over the challenging functions of Post Secretary several months into the year (2006); Jim Ostrander for his extraordinary efforts for the Yellow Ribbon Committee that extended to US Troops in Afghanistan, and Emma Kowalenko the Post's Communication Chair for facilitating communication and outreach through a monthly newsletter, fliers, surveys, and the website.



Executive Committee -- President - Captain Bob Gibbs; Vice President - John Ochoa; Treasurer - Steve Blinderman; Secretary – LT James Shefchik; Elected Directors – Al Behring; Ken Endress; Al Esche; CDR Beth Hartmann; Jeff Markey

Committee Updates

Please Check our Website for All Forms and Applicable Links.

MATHCOUNTS: More volunteers are needed for the Lake County Chapter and Illinois Competitions, February 17th and March 10th respectively.

College Scholarships: Deadline for submissions is March 1st. LTJG Janner (christopher.janner@navy.mil) is LMP point of contact for applications. Sustaining members please push the program among employees within your companies.

SAME Engineering and Construction Camps: (USAF - Colorado Spring, CO and Navy Seabees – Port Hueneme, CA). Deadline for submission of applications to Lake Michigan Post is March 30th. High school students presently in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades are eligible to apply.

Applications are to be submitted to Ken Endress at ken.endress@navy.mil

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The upcoming programs at LMP will discuss interesting design and construction projects.

- The February 8th presentation of "Battle Stations 21" will be followed by a tour to the simulator site at Naval Station Great Lakes.
- The March 8th program will be by Tom Collins of Collins Engineers. He will discuss underwater construction challenges encountered in Kwajalein island and in Okinawa.
- On April 12th, Robert Leick of GAS and Associates, Chicago, will discuss the Building Information Modeling (BIM) software as used for structural design of complex buildings.
- On May 10th, a panel of experts will discuss the Green Building legal requirements, and present case studies of LEED Certified projects.
- Our Golf outing is planned for June 15th.
- For the fall we plan exciting programs in step with our readiness, mentoring, and educational goals including GIS, the Annual Small Business Expo, and our Second Annual Picnic and Yellow Ribbon Supplies Collection.

Check our website for updates – If you want to join this committee please contact Raj Rajaram at rjaram@techknow-eng.com

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"Our 2006 Streamer Nominations were submitted. Thanks to all of you for making this possible... especially to Mike Betz, John Ochoa, and Ken Endress for the great inputs!"
CDR Tony Edmonds

Our Committee is considering collaboration between the Lake Michigan and Chicago Post committees to maximize efficiency since many members join both posts. The Chicago Post will share the Fast Start Plan with Lake Michigan members while the LMP Readiness group will address other needs, such as training. As we move forward to develop the program, we will be guided by the SAME streamer criteria, recently updated by the Board. In addition to the creation/ update of the Fast Start Plan, other criteria to be acted upon include:

- Training opportunities for emergency preparedness, response, and business continuity.
- Joint program activities for Lake Michigan and Chicago Post members.
- Communication and collaboration with non-member organizations and individuals with expertise in emergency response such as local universities, Argonne National Laboratory, FEMA, Lake County Bureaus, City of Chicago Departments, utility companies, other professional societies.

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Phil Oh of the Lake Michigan Post (Afghanistan) reported, "Kids love Polaroid pictures because they have never been photographed ... We are handing out pencils and candies. I love seeing their cute faces brighten up when they get a pen or piece of candy. I just wanted to thank you for your support and hopefully we can make a little difference in making Afghanistan a better place to live. "



Yellow Ribbon Goodwill Travels Far as Crayons Contributed by Chicagoland School Children Are Handed to a Tiny Child Thousands of Miles Away

Make a Difference that Can Be Felt Around The World.
Contact Jim Ostrander at j.ostrander@pecorp.com

