

Design/Build Workshop A Success

With the assistance of Kristin Duckworth of SAME National Continuing Education Department, the Lake Michigan Post organized a 2-day workshop on Design/Build Strategies for DOD projects. The local coordinator for this SAME National Continuing Education Workshop was SAME LMP member Raj Rajaram.

The seminar was well attended with 24 participants of which 13 were from the private sector and the remaining attendees represented the Air Force, NAVFAC and the Army Corps of Engineers. The seminar leader, Ms. Leandra Thompson, provided several examples of Design/Build projects and how to write Performance Specifications. She stressed the Best Practices for Design/Build projects and how to ensure that communications among the parties is properly maintained during project implementation. She described the risk transfer process from the owner to the Design/Build team during projects.

SAME LMP 2008 Membership Directory Renewals and Updates

It's time to make sure this year's Membership Directory listings are correct. This Directory is given only to current SAME Members.

If you are interested or thinking about becoming a Member this is the time to join! For no additional cost, you and your company will be listed in this year's directory.

Have you renewed and/or updated your membership? Are you listed on the Lake Michigan Post roster? Changed company, phone number, or e-mail? If your company is a Sustaining Member, have you listed or edited the current names of the company representatives? Has your company listed the number of allowed representatives?

This needs to be done by October 31st so we can distribute the directories in November.

If you have any questions about your membership please contact: Al Esche aesche@eschelee.com 847-394-1550.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 20

Annual joint meeting Chicago and Lake Michigan Posts, election slate presented. Note different day than usual – third Thursday – Regional overviews by Commanding Officers – USACE Chicago District – COL Vincent Quarles and NAVFAC Midwest – CAPT Jake Washington – and non-DOD perspective from Charles Hardy – GSA Region V. For information contact Communication Committee Chair Emma Kowalenko at ekowalenko@kowalenkogroup.com

Dec 11

Annual holiday luncheon, GIS at Great Lakes presentation, and white elephant gift exchange at usual location – Highland Park Country Club, 11:30 am. Visit website for details. Final voting for LMP Officers and Board Members.

Annual USACE Small Business Conference – December 8-10, Memphis TN, Co-Sponsored by SAME National. For Details Visit <http://same.org/>

Dec 8
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Visit Our Website for Updates <http://www.same-lakemichigan.org/>

Interested in submitting an article for our next edition? Contact Emma Kowalenko 312-853-0500 ext 24 or ekowalenko@kowalenkogroup.com



Lake Michigan Post Elections



As is usual here the seasons have changed overnight and summer has been swept out on a gusty west wind bringing a fall chill and a recognition that it's time to put away the golf clubs, pull the boat out of the water and get back to work. And for our Post one of the items on our *to do* list is the recruitment of new leaders for important positions on committees and our Board. Our schedule will be to call for nominations between now and our joint meeting with the Chicago Post on November 20th, and to announce the election winners at our December 11th Post Meeting. New leaders will be formally inducted at the January 8th meeting. Please send in your nominations by Monday November 17th. We are looking for candidates to fill the following positions:

- President ♦ Vice President ♦ Secretary ♦ Board Members ♦

We are also looking for volunteers on the following Committees:

- Programs ♦ Outreach (Includes Scholarship Committee) ♦ Membership ♦ Golf ♦ Yellow Ribbon ♦
- Readiness ♦ Communication ♦ Young Members ♦ 2011 Regional Conference Planning

Whether you are ready to take a leadership role or just help out in a small way, your willingness to volunteer would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to nominate yourself, or another worthy member of the Post. Please send your nominations or suggestions to me at johno@fgmarchitects.com.

Thank you in advance for your efforts, we have a great Post, and have had a wonderful year with many interesting and rewarding activities. Let's all pitch in together to ensure that next year is even better.

John Ochoa, President, Lake Michigan Post

Appreciation Award to CDR Steven Schulte

Commander Steven Schulte of Zion-Benton Township High School District 126 was given a Lake Michigan Post Award of Appreciation for his dedicated involvement in mentoring candidates for the Student Camp Scholarships program sponsored by the Lake Michigan Post and his participation in Math Counts competitions organized by the LMP Outreach Committee.



For Committee Chair Contact Info – Check our website or contact our Post secretary Nathan Cross at nathan.cross@navy.mil or Communication Committee Chair Emma Kowalenko, ekowalenko@kowalenkogroup.com

Yellow Ribbon Goal: 700 Lbs. of School Supplies!

Local area Navy and Army officers such as LT Jeremy Theis of NAVFAC MW and LtCol Fredric Kaehler of USACE Chicago District will be receiving 700 lbs of school supplies and toys to distribute to children in Iraq and Afghanistan over the Christmas season.

The 2008 Yellow Ribbon Campaign consists of a drive to collect toys and schools supplies for use by Chicago Area service men and women to present to children in Afghanistan and Iraq. For the third year, SAME Lake Michigan Post members have also worked together to collect supplies from local stores who want to take part by either donating or selling their goods at cost for this drive. Some have also organized drives within their local community organizations.

The children in Iraq and Afghanistan don't have much according to service men and women who have served there such as LT Stephen Lepper who gave a presentation at the annual BBQ school supplies and toys collection. Last year, the Lake Michigan Post sent a lot of soccer balls, and this year, many gave school supplies and stuffed toys such as Beanie Babies.

Already 375 lbs of goods have been shipped and in the next two months another 400 lbs will follow. The drive began on September 16th with a kickoff barbecue at the Naval Station Great Lakes Beach House on Lake Michigan. Guests brought donated items or paid \$5. These monies and the \$1500 collected at the 50/50 raffle during the June Golf Outing are used for buying additional items and for shipping costs.

Get involved, get your local community organization involved. The drive continues. Contact Yellow Ribbon Committee Chair Jim Powell for details at jim.powell@amec.com.

Message from the Outreach Committee

College scholarship application submissions will be due mid-March 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year. Scholarship awards will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Application information will be available in November 2008.

MATHCOUNTS Competitions for our local area and Illinois will be held 14 February and 14 March, 2009 respectively.

SAME Engineering and Construction Camps are scheduled at Air Force Academy Camp, 26 June - 2 July 2009, and the Navy Seabee Camp, July 19 - 25, 2009. Do you know of a high school student that is interested in engineering, architecture/construction/environmental, and/or military service. This is one way for him/her to be energized about the future. Details about the camps will be available in early 2009 on the National SAME website. Can you volunteer to assist at the camps as a mentor/group leader?

Are you interested in the Future City and Bridge Building Competitions? Step forward to assist the Post in sponsoring a team. Contact Ken Endress, LMP Outreach Chair at ken.endress@navy.mil, to share your ideas.

Do you know students that could benefit by becoming SAME Student Members (at no cost)? Ask them to check out this link: <https://www.same.org/14a/forms/form.cfm?id=72> Encourage them to select LAKE MICHIGAN as their primary POST. Our Post is looking for college students to send to a Student Leadership Workshop. See future events list.

Planning Ahead – Motivating Future Leaders

Future Events:

Post Leaders Workshop, Feb 11-12, 2009, Los Angeles, CA

Student Leadership Workshop, Feb 11-12, 2009, Los Angeles, CA

SAME Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo, May 12-15, 2009, Salt Lake City, UT

Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Regional Conference, Aug 11-12, 2009, Detroit, MI

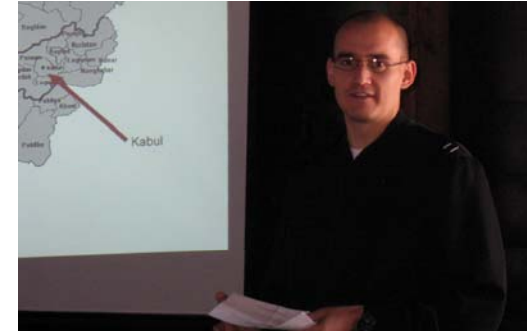
LT Lepper received a B.A. in Mathematics from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas and a M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Wichita State University. He completed Officer Candidate School and was commissioned an Ensign in October of 1999.

In May of 2007, LT Lepper deployed as an Individual Augmentee (IA) for one year to Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A) in Kabul, Afghanistan where he served as Program Manager for the \$400 million Afghan Border Police construction program.

In May of 2008, he reported to NAVFAC MW, where he is assigned as the Assistant Regional Engineer.

LT Lepper spoke to assembled SAME LMP Members the mission of his group and what his group did, working for three years building facilities for the Afghan National Police and Army, in a program costing approximately 2 billion dollars. He discussed some of the difficulties of engineering/construction in Afghanistan, the remote locations, war zone conditions, and the lack of experienced contractors. He noted the value of school supplies drives such as the SAME Lake Michigan Post Yellow Ribbon effort.

LT Stephen Lepper – Presentation at Yellow Ribbon Fundraising BBQ



Robert Whitworth – Student Presentation



Robert Whitworth a recipient of the Seabee Camp Scholarship in Port Hueneme California, shared his experiences at the Camp and the field trips highlighting technological advances and history of the Seabees. He prepared a series of photographs for distribution to BBQ attendees.

