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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."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Julius C. "Jake" Washington, CAPT, CEC, USN



Dear LMP Members,

It is with mixed emotions that I pen my final message to you as your Post President. By the time most of you read this, I will have turned the Post Charter and Gavel that signify the presidency over to my very worthy successor, Emma Kowlenko just as John Ochoa did for me the previous year. And as I stated during our December meeting and in the "State of the Post" brief, I cannot believe how quickly the year has gone!

We did some great things in 2009, as I outlined recently, and I have every confidence that Emma, CDR Mark Geronome and the rest of the 2010 leadership team will build upon what we have done and take our post to the next level!

I am pleased and encouraged by the tangible accomplishments we made together – in membership, programs, sponsorship, philanthropy, education, networking, and supporting our troops, among others. I am further pleased with the progress we made in preparing to host the 2011 Regional Conference, promoting small business development, joining forces with the Chicago Building Congress and on and on....

Let me also say again what an honor it has been to return to the Midwest, Great Lakes, and Lake Michigan Post, coming full circle from my previous time here from 1997 through 2000. Quoting a couple of my favorite comedians from one of my favorite movies, my return as felt in many ways like a "mission from God."

The fact that we have achieved all we did through 100% volunteerism from a group of very busy people makes what you have done all the more impressive. I have been honored to serve our country and our profession alongside you all and look forward to continuing to do all I can to support Emma and her team in 2010.

Sincerely,

CAPT. Jake Washington

2010 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Congratulations to the 2010 Elected Officers and Directors

Officers

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| President | Emma Kowalenko |
| Vice President | CDR. Mark Geronome |
| Treasurer | Steve Blinderman |
| Asst. Treasurer | Ens. Bo Mee Sin |
| Secretary | Ens. Chris Thomas |
| Asst. Secretary | Ens. Donal Huls |

Elected Directors

2010 - 2011*

- Robert Soos, Chair 2011 Regional Conference Committee
- Ken Endress, SAME Fellow, Chair Outreach Committee
- Al Esche, Chair Membership
- Bernard Ben Carew, N.C.O. Representative
- John Ochoa

*Directors in Place - Term 2009-2010

Anthony Bilotti
Jeff Markey, SAME Fellow
Jim Powell

THANK YOU TO THE 2009 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



From Left: President Captain Jake Washington, Treasurer Steve Blinderman, Vice President Emma Kowalenko, Secretary LTJG Nathan Cross, Elected Directors - 2009 - 2010*, Anthony Bilotti, Jeff Markey, Jim Powell, *Directors in Place - Term 2008-2009 (not shown), Al Behring; Ken Endress; Al Esche

SAVE THE DATE - SAME MIDWEST REGIONAL ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

Networking Event for Construction, Architecture, Engineering, Environment, and Related Services

THE construction related services event of the year for companies, both small and large, interested in growing their business directly with the government or through government prime contractors.

Do not miss this opportunity to learn about upcoming procurements and how to get your business ready to compete. Topics will target assisting small and large businesses at all experience levels.

WHEN
March 10-11, 2010

HOSTED BY
SAME Lake Michigan and
Chicago Posts
Wisconsin Procurement Institute
NAVFAC Midwest
USACE Chicago District

WHERE
Illinois Beach Resort and
Conference Center
Zion, IL

MORE INFORMATION
[http://b2gconnect.org/
eventdetail.asp?ID=229](http://b2gconnect.org/eventdetail.asp?ID=229)

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READINESS COMMITTEE UPDATE: ANTHONY BILOTTI ASKED TO LEAD COMMITTEE

Anthony Bilotti was asked to form a Technical Advisory Committee for the Emergency Management and Continuity Planning program of the University of Illinois at Chicago. This graduate-level certificate program is offered through a collaborative effort of the School of Public Health and the College of Business Administration. <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oe/emergencymanagement/>

Anthony Bilotti served as Co-Director of the program in 2007. The purpose of the new advisory committee will be to examine the curriculum

and offer changes/enhancements to the program structure, curriculum, and course offerings.

Two other SAME members will comprise the TAC: Capt Eric S. Odder-stol USN (Ret) and Lt Col Frederick A. Kaehler USACOE (Ret). Both are members of Lake Michigan and Chicago posts. The TAC will attempt to develop links with SAME to enhance the program offerings and utilize the extensive real-world experiences of members.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY/TOYS FOR TOTS



Captain Washington and the 2 Marines graciously accept the LMP Toys for Tots donation. We would like to Thank all the LMP members for supporting the Toys for Tots initiative.



Steve Blinderman of Blinderman Construction brings in the holiday season with a new ski jump suit. Do you think he will hold on to this or will it end up in next year's White Elephant exchange?



Our New President Emma Kowalenkol of Kowalenko Consulting is enjoying the White Elephant exchange and ends up with a nice bottle of Port.

Calendar of Events

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| 29 Jan 10 | 10:00 am - SAME Board Meeting - LMP - Highland Park CC | 22 Feb 10 | LMP for Army Engineering/Construction Camp Application Deadline |
| 29 Jan 10 | 11:30 am - Lake Michigan Post Monthly Luncheon - Highland Park CC. Please be there for the induction of the new officers and board members. | 6 Mar 10 | Illinois MATHCOUNTS Competition-Holiday Inn, Matteson, IL |
| 30 Jan 10 | Chicago Post Meeting - Induction of the new officers. Please be there. See Chicago Post website for details. | 12 Mar 10 | LMP College Scholarship Application Submission Deadline |
| 11 Feb 10 | 11:30 am - Lake Michigan Post Monthly Luncheon - Highland Park CC. | 19 Mar 10 | LMP for Air Force Engineering/Construction Camp Application Deadline |
| 20 Feb 10 | Lake Co MATHCOUNTS Competition-College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL | 16 Apr 10 | LMP for Navy Engineering/Construction Camp Application Deadline |

2011 SAME REGIONAL CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 11-13, 2011

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Please consider joining the planning committee. For further details and volunteer information, please contact Co-Chair, Robert Soos at 847-276-3050 or RSoos@archdev.net or Dean Geers at 847.918.4013



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