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2010-2011 Phoenix Post Officers

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2010-2011 POST OFFICERS ELECTED

Elections for the 2010-2011 Officers for the SAME Phoenix Post were held at the May 27th Post Membership Meeting.

The results of the election were as follows:

Post President

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In accordance with Post Bylaws, the newly elected officers were sworn in dur-

ing the June 24th Post Meeting by the SAME Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President, John Shaler.

In addition to the installation of the new Post Officers, the following Post Operations Committee

Chairs have been appointed by Post President Gastelum to continue serving in their respective committees: Tom Roach (Scholarships), Jay Norton (Future Cities), and Gary Sheppard (Golf Tournament).



Installation of 2010-2011 SAME Phoenix Post Officers

Upcoming Post Events

July Post Meeting

July 22, 2010

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Registration

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch/Meeting

Topic: Update on Luke AFB Projects

Speaker : Lt Col. John Thomas, BCE,
Luke Air Force Base

Location: Falcon Dunes Golf Clubhouse
15100 W Northern Ave, Waddell AZ

August Post Meeting

August 26, 2010

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Registration

12:00 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch/Meeting

Topic: To Be Announced

Speaker : To Be Announced

Location: Marriott Residence Inn

Lunch Costs

Lunch costs at Meetings are:

\$20 for Sustaining Members

\$10 for Individual Members

\$5 for Government Employees, Military, Civilian, or Students

Please pay with cash or check, payable to: **SAME Phoenix Post**. *We are not set up to take credit card payments.*

Reservations

RSVP's are appreciated. Please RSVP to the Post Secretary at aricketts@lswphx.com or via the Post website at:

www.samephxaz.org/calendar-of-events

SAME History

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is the premier professional engineering association in the United States for connecting architects, engineers and builders in the public sector and private industry, uniting them to improve individual and collective capabilities for national security.

Its goal is to unite A/E/C entities and individuals in the public and private sector to prepare for – and overcome – natural and man-made disasters, acts of terrorism and improve security at home and abroad.

In 1919, Maj. Gen. William M. Black, USA, the Army's Chief of Engineers, appointed a nine-officer board to consider the formation of an "association of engineers" that would preserve, and expand upon, connections formed in war and promote the advancement of engineering and its related professions. Early in 1920, the first SAME Posts were established.

The Phoenix Post of SAME was chartered in 1967 and has grown over the years to become a Medium Post with over 200 members.



President's Message

By Siokey Gastelum-Galvez, MBA -- Post President



Dear Members,

I look forward to serving you for the May 2010-2011 fiscal year. For my first President's message, I would like to thank you, the membership, for the confidence and opportunity you have given me as your new Post President, I hope to exceed all of your expectations.

In the month of our Nation's birth, let's remember to thank our military personnel for doing what they have to do in order for us to keep our lifestyles. Dedicate a few minutes of your day to pray for our soldiers' safe return home. As you barbeque and watch the fireworks, take a few minutes to ponder what it means to you personally to be an American and be part of tradition.

In the spirit of democracy and resolution, we the board of directors, are looking into changing the format of the meetings; increasing our military membership; increasing the training we provide to our military engineers; forming a Student Chapter at ASU; developing an Industry Training program; and expanding our involvement with Future Cities and other

organizations, in order to fulfill SAME National's Goals.

I would also like to thank our Immediate Past President, Dave Akers, for all of his hard work and dedication to the Post and look forward to his advice in our upcoming endeavors.

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to get more involved with the Post, please do not hesitate in contacting me or anyone of the Board members. You can reach me via email: sgastelum@kleinfelder.com, or contact me at 480.763.1200. I look forward to meeting you at our events!

Sincerely,

Siokey Gastelum-Galvez
Phoenix Post President



Frankfurt to host SAME University

SAME National -- The SAME University (SAME U) will be held in Frankfurt, Germany, from July 12th through the 14th.

SAME U offers a collection of educational workshops geared to architects and engineers, construction and project managers, designers, contractors and contracting professionals working with DOD and other federal agencies.

From LEED to Design-Build to Project Management, all workshops address timely topics affecting the industry while providing information specific to the DOD market.

In addition, SAME has brought together the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) and the International Facilities Management Association

(IFMA), to provide review courses that may assist professionals in getting the Certified Construction Manager and the Certified Facility Manager designations.

SAME U allows participants to choose two-day or three-day seminars for intense training with applications specific to DOD.

For Questions regarding courses, cost, location please contact Lorrie Cerny, Professional Development Manager at lcerny@same.org or 703.549.3800 ext 151. For Registration Assistance, please contact Belle Febbraro at bfebbraro@same.org or 703-924-2616.

Post Raises Money for Scholarships

By Bruce Kay, P.E. -- Post Vice-President Membership



The Phoenix Post raised more than \$14,000 for scholarships in the Spring and Fall Golf Outings last year. In spite of economic times, the turnout was impressive, although a little below capacity.

Gary Sheppard, the Golf Tournament Chairman, has been the "go-to" guy for many years now, and always manages to get great deals with the Falcon Dunes golf staff.

Sponsorships from our sustaining members and non-member firms, and of course mulligans, are an important source of the scholarship funds, and are greatly appreciated.

At least 5 incoming freshmen will be receiving scholarships in 2010, because of the generous support of our military, engineering, architecture and construction and colleagues.

Thank you for your support.

We'll see you in October!

Looking Forward to a New SAME Year

By Gabriel Groves -- Post Vice-President Programs



Greetings Phoenix Post!

I recently have been elected as VP of Programs for the S.A.M.E. Phoenix Post. My goal for the coming year is for one of expansion and growth, as I and my fellow Board Members focus our efforts on increasing membership, enhancing fellowship, and providing increased training opportunities for Luke AFB's young military engineers.

A little bit about myself...

I've served as a Computer Programmer and an instructor while on active duty for the United States Army, prior to beginning my 31 years of service as a DoD civilian. I have

over 20 years of contracting experience and am a Contracting Officer with unlimited warrant authority. At the beginning of my contracting career, I completed 3 years of Copper Cap internship at the Space & Missile Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA.

I then spent 9 years at Hanscom AFB, MA, as a lead negotiator and contract manager in support of various major weapons systems programs. And for the past 9 years, I've been assigned to the 56th Contracting Squadron, where I serve as Chief of Infrastructure Flight, here at Luke AFB, AZ. My contracting flight handles all civil engineering services, construction, SABER, and architectural-engineering contracts.

In addition to being a member in SAME, I am an active member of the American Indian Heritage Committee and the Asian Pacific Heritage Committee at Luke AFB.

My Journey from Marine to Post Treasurer

By James Schleich, P.E. -- Post Treasurer



Some of you may have seen me at Post meetings helping the Past-Treasurer Bruce Kay collect your money. For those of you who I have not met, I'd like to introduce myself.

I was enlisted in the USMC from 1987 to 1991. In 1994, I started college and in 2000 received a BSCE degree from the University of Nevada, Las

Vegas. I became active in the Phoenix Post of SAME in 2007, joined as an Individual Member in 2009, and you elected me to be the Phoenix Post's Treasurer for this 2010-2011 year.

As Treasurer, my duties will include maintaining all of our financial documents and preparing the 2010 tax return. As a Board member, I will have a vote in determining what we as a post want to accomplish this year.

Newsletter Reboot

By April Ricketts, P.E. -- Post Secretary



Back by popular demand, the Post Newsletter is back in business!

Aside from my normal duties of being the Post Secretary, I will be working tirelessly as the editor of the Phoenix Post newsletter to ensure that the membership is up to date on Post activities and announcements.

My goal is to publish an edition of the Phoenix Post Newsletter every two months. Each issue of the Newsletter will include information about upcoming events, interesting arti-

cles, and photographs from Post meetings.

The Post Newsletter is for you -- the membership. As such, I am very interested in shaping the newsletter format in a way that is beneficial to you. If you have any feedback (good or bad) about the newsletter, if there are features you'd like to see, or if you are interested in writing an article, please let me know.

For those of you interested in writing for the Newsletter, articles can be technical, non-technical, humorous, poetic, or even non-articles (such as cartoons or crossword puzzles)...so dust of the ol' typewriter and let's get to work!

Post Sustaining Members

Thank You to our Post's
Sustaining Member Companies:

- AAR/Thompson Designers
- Agate Steel, In.
- AMEC
- Ayers Associates
- Beck Environmental and Remediation, Ltd.
- BEM Systems, Inc.
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- Crafcro, Inc.
- DLR Group
- Durrant Group, Inc.
- Eaton Corporation
- Fortis Networks
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- HDR
- Huitt-Zollars
- Innovative Technical Solutions
- Jacobs
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- Terrane Engineering
- URS Corporation
- Weston Solutions, Inc.
- WHPacific, Inc.

Post Scholarship Award Committee Update

By Tom Roach -- Post Scholarship Chairman

The Phoenix Post Scholarship Award Committee met on June 22 to review 34 applications for Post scholarships. The Post awards four "Standing" scholarships with values of \$5,000, \$3,000, and two \$1,500 to prospective college freshmen majoring in engineering programs at institutions in Arizona. A fifth \$1,000 scholarship can be awarded to a former recipient entering their sophomore year.

The committee included Bruce Kay, Jay Norton, Steve Ross, Tom Roach, Capt. Kyle A. De Thomas, Lt. Kathryn J. Miles, and Lt. Christopher B. Warshaw. All the committee members noted the applicants were extremely well qualified this year and it was difficult to make a decision on the winners.

After review and extended deliberation the committee selected four students for the "Standing" scholarships. The committee will contact each recipient to verify their enrollment. Should a recipient change their major or enroll in an out of state school the scholarship will be awarded to one of three alternates.

If confirmed as currently selected, our scholarships will support students attending the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, and Northern Arizona University. They will major in general, electrical, environmental, and chemical engineering.

The Post did not receive any applicants for the "Follow On" sophomore scholarship.

One notable mention is Katherine Driggs Campbell. Ms. Campbell is an electrical engineering major entering her junior year at Arizona State University. She is a former recipient of a "Standing" scholarship and the "Follow On" scholarship last year. She is carrying an outstanding grade point average and submitted an application for a "Follow On" scholarship. Ms. Campbell is also working to start a Student Chapter of S.A.M.E. Based on her outstanding academic record, the Scholarship Committee is recommending to the Post Board of Directors that Katherine receive the \$1,000 scholarship for a second year.

Special thanks go to Gary Sheppard who chairs the golf tournament twice a year. He is so successful in the effort that the Post is able to fund the scholarship program and has significantly increased the number and value of scholarships awarded.

Michelle Obregon did all the work to draft and distribute the advertisement to high schools throughout the state. She received and screened all applicants and summarized the 34 qualifying applications for the committee. Her exceptional efforts were the key to the success of the program this year.

We will announce the winners in the next newsletter and on the Post website. Each recipient will be invited to the next Post luncheon.



The Phoenix Post Scholarship Award Committee Members

Photographs from Phoenix Post June Meeting



June Post Meeting: Post President Siokey Gastelum and Rocky Mountain Region RVP John Shaler



June Post Meeting: Newly elected V.P. Programs Gabriel Groves introducing the June Meeting Featured Speaker.



June Post Meeting: The featured speaker, Craig Sorenson, gave a presentation on Customized Modular Construction Processes.



June Post Meeting: SAME National Vice President & Chair Ron Brown addresses the Post membership.



June Post Meeting: 2009-2010 Post Officers were acknowledged for their hard work and dedication to the Phoenix Post.



June Post Meeting: The membership welcomes the 2010-2011 SAME Phoenix Post Officers

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Phoenix Post**

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**We Want You...To Write for
the Newsletter!**

We are always looking for interesting articles to publish in the Phoenix Post Newsletter.

If you would like to submit an article, please email it to:

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SAME Mission, Vision, and Values

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.”

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.”

VALUES

Integrity: Unwavering commitment to always do what is right, regardless of consequences.

Patriotism: Support our National ideas and take pride in our country.

Public Service: Recognize the critical contribution that public servants play in supporting the economic and environmental needs of the Nation.

National Security: Recognize the dedication of our National Security team comprised of uniform services, civil service and contractors in defending freedom.

Technical Competence: Deliver high-quality solutions.

Excellence: Strive for the highest standards of performance in all actions, both personal and professional.

Environmental Stewardship: Preserve, protect, conserve and restore our National resources through sustainable development.

SAME Phoenix Post Events Calendar for 2010-2011

The SAME Phoenix Post holds meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month. Unless indicated otherwise, Post meetings are held at the Marriott Residence Inn, located at 7350 N. Zanjero Blvd (just north of the Arizona Cardinal Stadium) in Glendale.

EVENT DATE	LOCATION	EVENT TOPIC	TIME
Jan 2010	<i>No Meeting This Month</i>		
2/25/10	Residence Inn	“Future Cities” Presentations	12:00 PM
3/5/10	Falcon Dunes Golf Course	Spring Golf Tournament	
4/22/10	Residence Inn	Hidden Valley Disasters	12:00 PM
5/27/10	Residence Inn	Impacts of Groundwater Withdrawal Induced Subsidence	12:00 PM
6/24/10	Residence Inn	Customized Modular Construction	12:00 PM
7/22/10	Falcon Dunes Golf Clubhouse	Update on Luke Air Force Base Projects	12:00 PM
8/26/10	Residence Inn	TBD	12:00 PM
9/23/10	Residence Inn	TBD	12:00 PM
Oct 2010	Falcon Dunes Golf Course	Fall Golf Tournament	TBA
10/28/10	Residence Inn	TBD	12:00 PM
Nov 2010	Residence Inn	TBD	12:00 PM
Dec 2010		Post Annual Holiday Party	TBA