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September Post Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2011

Location: Wigwam Resort, Litchfield Park AZ

Meeting Minutes by: Jeanne Sapon – SAME Phoenix Post Secretary

Meeting Topic: U.S. Energy Goals and the Vision for Energy at Luke AFB

Board Members in Attendance:

President – Siokey Gastelum-Galvez
1st Vice President – Neil Wentz
2nd Vice President – April Ricketts, P.E.
Treasurer – James Schleich, P.E.
Secretary – Jeanne Sapon

Notes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM. By President Gastelum-Galvez
2. Attendance was at 60.
3. President Gastelum-Galvez opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. President Gastelum-Galvez made an announcement that the Phoenix Post would be the host of the upcoming Regional Conference in the Spring. She asked for volunteers to help with the event and noted that other regional Posts were doing the same. She mentioned that there was a Programs Committee meeting immediately following the regular Post meeting and everyone was invited to attend if they could volunteer to help with the conference.
5. Vice President Wentz introduced Mr. Robert Worley who is in charge of the energy, environmental and housing at Luke AFB. He has an extensive resume including serving as Luke's MSG Commander from 2000-2002. His presentation today covered Asset Optimization and Energy Responsibility.
6. Mr. Worley gave a rousing presentation about how the Base is currently working to minimize their energy bills and save dollars. He presented the following information:
 - a. U.S. Energy Goals throughout the last few decades
 - b. The Air Force is the largest energy user in the Department of Defense
 - i. It costs approximately \$1 billion/year to power bases
 - c. The Vision of his department is to reduce demand through conservation. To increase supply through alternative sources. Create a culture change that promotes energy conservation.
 - d. Base Initiatives included spending \$3-4 million/year in energy projects
 - e. Since the beginning of this effort, the Base has decreased energy usage as follows:
 - i. FY09 – decreased 0.5% - Luke was #3 in the AETC Command
 - ii. FY10 – decreased 8% - Luke was #1 in the AETC Command

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- iii. FY11 – decreased 9% - Luke was #1 again in the AETC Command
 - f. AETC (Air Education & Training Command) is comprised of 12 Bases worldwide
 - g. They have reduced their use of potable water by 34%
 - h. Mr. Worley introduced the group to their new environmental mascots:
 - i. Watt Warrior
 - ii. Crystal Waters
 - iii. Rita Meter
 - i. He announced the plans to build a large solar array on Base that will be the largest in the Department of Defense
 - j. He announced that the Base is holding a Solar Vendor Day on October 6th from 8 am to noon at Falcon Dunes Golf Club
- 7. President Gastelum-Galvez thanked the speaker for his presentation and gave him a SAME gift.
- 8. Base personnel who were present (Tauny Woo, Robert Worley and Neil Wentz) introduced staff from their departments who were present so that SAME members could make proper introductions
- 9. President Gastelum-Galvez made an announcement to Post members that want PDH credits for the meeting to sign the sheet at the front desk as they leave the meeting.
- 10. She also reminded the membership about the Programs Committee and Conference planning meeting immediately following.
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

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