



North Winds

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September 2009 Edition

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME) Meeting 24 September, 2009
Anchorage Moose Lodge
BOD Meeting 25 September 2009
0630 @ Country Kitchen Restaurant

ALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE EDITOR BY THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

This month's sponsor is:



This Month's Speaker:

This month's speakers will be Lt. Aaron Anderson and Sgt. Dandy Prak with USARAK's 6th Engineer Battalion. They will present a demonstration of the Army's new Tele-Engineering and Automated Route Reconnaissance Kit, with associated reach back capabilities.

President's Column

Should you like to comment, please pass on your thoughts to our secretary, Jaci Mellot, at jaci.mellot@hdrinc.com

Thanks for all you do for our post.
Tim Gallagher
Post President

PROCEEDINGS:

The following were present:

Mr. Bill Kontess, Mr. Andy Larson, Mr. John Magee, Ms. Jaci Mellott, Mr. Alan Quesnell, Mr. Dave Bennett, Mr. Bruce Steely, Ms. Vivian Tokar, Mr. Chris Turletes

- Ms. Vivian Tokar –1st Vice President opened the meeting at 0651. Ms. Tokar opened the post mail at the meeting—we received \$100 from the Region to defray “operating expenses” and we received our check back from the SeaBee's camp since our camper was not accepted.
- Treasurer: Ms. Kathy Jacobson
 - No update
- Newsletter: Mr. Andy Larson
 - Mr. Larson is seeking more articles for the newsletter.
- Programs:
 - Mr. Dave Bennett is still working on programs for the rest of the year.
 - Mr. Dave Bennett is continuing to work on a small business piece as one of the programs goals.
 - Next program—6 Engineers Motor Pool. Mr. Dave Bennett, Major Fenoseff and Andy Larson will coordinate by 10 September on the meeting announcement to include access requirements, RSVP requirements, and advertising what type and cost of lunch will be available for purchase from the Booster Club.
 - BOD made a suggestion to donate \$100 to the 6th Engineer Battalion Booster Club at an appropriate time

before, during or after the September meeting. The donation is to recognize their support of SAME Anchorage Post (since they will be handling the lunch for the September meeting) and to help them further their goals of supporting the troops of the 6th Engineer Battalion. Alan Quesnell motions, Dave Bennett seconds the motion. Mr. Tim Gallagher's approval is needed to move forward.

- Mr. Bruce Steely is available for a J-Bear presentation should the 6th Engineers Motor Pool presentation need to be rescheduled from September to a later date. The JBER Memorandum of Agreement will be signed by October 1st. By this date both bases will be running their missions together. J-Bear can present in December if not needed sooner.
- Mr. Chris Turletes mentioned he is working to have students from the AE club and this year's campers present on the scholarship program.
- Mr. Chris Turletes to speak with Grant Baker regarding giving an update on the programs at UAA. Mr. Turletes to provide updated status to Mr. Dave Bennett.
- Publications:
 - Mr. Tad Dean will announce the 6th Engineers Battalion on the website.
 - Ms. Vivian Tokar mentioned the December paper mailings would be the Post Christmas-New Year card to members and include the banquet signup sheet.
- Seminars:
 - No update. Mr. Craig Lance was unavailable.
- Membership:
 - No update. Mr. Bill Kontess asked the BOD to respond on membership status, goals set for the post, and collection of write-ups for streamers.

- Banquet:
 - No update.
- Talley Fund:
 - New Talley Fund Chairperson is Mr. Tim Gould. The Talley Fund is up. Specific dollar amount is unavailable at this time.
 - After Action:
 - The post has received mail regarding insurance for the 2007 Regional Conference. The letter was given to Mr. Bill Kontess to investigate if any action is required.
- Awards:
 - No update.
- Scholarships:
 - Mr. Chris Turletes to post scholarships info in October.
 - The scholarship program helps to develop best practices for K-12.
- Other:
 - Mr. Chris Turletes mentioned the UAA electrical engineers program became accredited from 2007 to present.
 - The new ConocoPhillips Science Building opened at UAA on August 24th.
 - SAME now has a contact for the Alaska Design Council; can be used to advertise meetings.
 - American Engineers of Architects to present on September 17, 2009. Opportunities for continuing education credits and joint hours are available. Mr. Dave Bennett to post information to the website.
 - Mr. Kontess asked if there were any gaps on readiness, and if so, could the BOD create a meeting to prepare for next year.

- Goals:
 - No update

- Ms. Vivian Tokar, 1st Vice President, closed the BOD meeting at 0751.

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