



Robins Post  
Society of American Military Engineers  
Board Meeting  
17 March 2010

Board Members:

President	Col Nicholas Desport	Present
Vice President	Mike Coats	Absent
Treasurer	Griff Cox	Present
Secretary	Esther Lee	Present
Asst Secretary	Casey Spinks	Present
Executive Directors		
National Liaison	Ric Powers	Absent
Membership	Nancy Manley	Absent
Directors		
Programs	Ken Branton	Present
Programs	Laurel Cordell	Present
Education and Mentoring		
Financial	Kevin Long	Present
National Security	Joe Ballard	Absent
	Shawn Politino	Present
NCO/Sr Enlisted		
Events/Small Business	Steve Hvizdzak	Absent
Sustaining Membership	Paul Koch	Present
Others:		
Former Post President	Becky McCoy	Present

Colonel Nicholas Desport, Post President, initiated the meeting at 1100 hours.

Upcoming Meetings:

The next General Meeting has been scheduled for 19 May 2010. The Earth Day Golf Tournament will take the place of the April General Meeting.

Programs/Program News:

Ms. Esther Lee and Mr. Ken Branton discussed the presentations that are in place for the remainder of the year. The Earth Day Golf Tournament has been scheduled for 23 April 2010 and a tour is tentatively scheduled for the May 2010. The board discussed other potential presentations for upcoming meetings. **It was decided that Col Desport would give a presentation on the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) during the June meeting.** The board discussed providing free pizza

during this meeting. **Additionally, Mr. Otis Hicks and/or Ms. Becky McCoy will give a presentation on the 78<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Group (CEG) in August.** The SAME golf tournament will be held in October and a tour of a facility on base (location to be determined) will be held in November. A General Meeting will not be held during December. Presentations are still needed for the July and September meetings.

Ms. Laurell Cordell informed the post officers that the atrium at the Horizon's Club has been reserved for SAME meetings for the remainder of the year.

Col Desport noted that the Director of Education and Mentoring position is vacant and that he is open to ideas for candidates to fill the position. *Ms. McCoy will contact Readiness about a potential candidate.*

#### Streamers:

Ms. McCoy informed the board that the streamers received last year have already been placed on the flag. The new streamers the Robins Post received will be presented to the Post at the upcoming National Conference.

#### Finance:

Mr. Griff Cox reported that the Robins Post financial information is included in the March 2010 flyer. Currently, the Robins Post checking account has a balance of approximately \$8,000 and the savings account has a balance of approximately \$6,000. The post will be making a donation to the 116<sup>th</sup> fund for supporting the families of deployed military personnel in the near future. Discussion ensued about supporting an additional family and/or organization. Post personnel will look further into this.

Mr. Kevin Long discussed the investment account. The account has a balance of approximately \$75,000, which is about the same amount as two years ago. Mr. Long stated that he and Mr. Paul Koch will re-evaluate the account versus the current market as well as discuss the account with the account manager, Smith and Barney. They will provide written recommendations regarding the account to the post officers for review and approval. It was also discussed that this money could be used for post member leadership development.

#### Post Membership:

Mr. Koch provided a status updated on sustaining membership. In 2009, ten firms had sustaining memberships expire. Out of these ten firms, six firms have renewed their membership and four firms still need encouragement. Upcoming in 2010, ten more firms sustaining memberships will expire. Mr. Koch will keep the officers updated on the firms that renew their membership. Additionally, two firms have completely dropped their sustaining memberships; however, three additional firms have joined SAME. Ms. McCoy stated that the Robins Post now has more sustaining members than it has in past years.

#### National Security:

No update was provided.

#### Education and Mentoring:

Ms. Casey Spinks reported that the applications for the SAME scholarship and summer camps are available. Col Desport stated he would announce this during the General Meeting.

Ms. Cordell suggested that a mentoring or aid program for young engineers may be beneficial to young engineers in the area and may help boost young engineer membership.

Events and Small Business:

No update was provided.

SAME National:

No update was provided.

General Topics:

The board discussed difficulties for new members and/or meeting attendees gaining access to the base. Currently, civilian employees will sponsor personnel onto the base, but at times this process is broken.

The meeting was closed and dismissed at approximately 1145 hours.

**Bold** = Board decisions

*Italics* = Tasked actions to be taken