

SAME – Charleston Post  
Luncheon Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2010

1. The luncheon meeting started at 11:30 am
2. Col Kirk opened the meeting.
3. Max Carroll gave the invocation.
4. Col Kirk thanked NAVFAC for the tour of their Child Development Center last month. It was a very successful tour and more will be planned.
5. Col Kirk announced that at the following few meetings, the streamers will be explained so everyone knows why we try to achieve them.
6. Blair Goodman announced the following:
  - a. On September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, there will be a tour of the Sustainability Institute's Green House Learning Center. This tour will be open to all Post members. More information is available on the website.
  - b. The Post is now assisting a family through the 'Greencare for Troops'. Post members are needed to help in the lawn care on a bi-weekly basis so please see Blair to sign up.
7. Jenn Hayes announced the 'Race for the Cure' which will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a Post 'team' so please sign up online and register with the Charleston Post.
8. The raffle to help with the scholarship fund could not be held today due to technical difficulties. It will continue next month. If your company would like to sponsor a raffle, see Jenn Hayes.
9. Russell Patterson introduced Shanda Johnson with SPAWAR.
  - a. Ms Johnson explained the purpose of their K-12 outreach program. SPAWAR recognized the growing lack of scientists, engineers and mathematicians in at risk students so they started a program to encourage students to enter these fields. They do this by going into schools to mentor students who may be interested in technical fields. Part of the program includes the First Lego League robotics competition. Each year, the competition focuses on a different theme (transportation, biomedical, power).
  - b. Project Lead the Way is a middle and high school engineering program that teaches students to be leaders and to make meaningful contributions to the world.
  - c. A Lunch Buddy program also exists to create a mentorship position between an adult and student. This allows time to make a difference in a child's life that may not have a mentor at home.
  - d. Engineers are needed for the program.
  - e. For additional information: <http://ndep.us/LabsSPAWAR-Atlantic.aspx>

Fifty-one people attended the meeting.

The next meeting is October 21, 2010.

Minutes Recorded by Paul F. Mills