



# The Flyer

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## SAME Conference

The Kaiserslautern Post hosted the Society of American Military Engineers European Regional Education & Training Conference from the 23 and 24 October 2003 at the Millennium Hotel SI-Centrum in Stuttgart, Germany. As in previous years, the conference was held in conjunction with the USEUCOM conference which started on the 21 October at Patch Barracks.

Both SAME members and non-members were invited to actively participate in the conference to learn more about the organizations supporting operations within the European Region.

About 130 people from the US and Europe as well as about 20 exhibitors attended to this event. Please view some pictures from the conference below. Please also look at the list of all sponsors generously contributing to this event and helping SAME Kaiserslautern to fund activities for the year 2004.

More info. in later additions of the Flyer, but for now a few pictures from the conference.



Banquet speaker David Wright (NATO) and Col Floyd (HQ USAFE)

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

### SAME EVENT: HOLIDAY PARTY

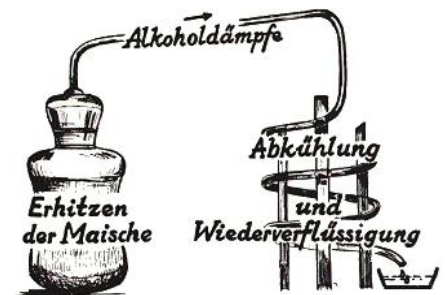
**What:** Holiday Party  
**Where:** Schnapps Brennerei in Albersbach  
**When:** Wednesday, Dec 17  
18:30 Social Hour  
19:30 Dinner  
**Pick-up:** To be confirmed  
**Cost:** Dinner €13  
Schnapps Probe €3 for 5 shots, €6 for 10 shots  
**Contact:** EMail Ann-Marie Doerhoff  
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Meetings are normally held the 4th Thursday of every month at the Officer's club on Ramstein. If you need access to the base, please contact

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## SAME XMAS EVENT

The SAME Holiday Party will be on Wednesday the 17th of December, at 18:30 in Reichenbach-Steegen (Albersbach) at a Schnapps Brennerei. The evening will include a schnapps probe.



Max participation is **65 people**, first come first serve. All SAME members and guests are invited.

Please sign up by 12<sup>th</sup> December with

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Check the Kaiserslautern Post WEB Site for more details and directions to the Schnapps Brennerei.

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## SAME Award for Col. (Ret) James T. Ryburn

Col (ret) James T (Tom) Ryburn was recently awarded the Society of American Military Engineers Newman Medal for 2002 at the SAME National Education and Training Conference in Seattle, Washington. The Newman Medal is named in memory of Maj. Gen. James B. Newman, Jr., past president of The Society and formerly Director of Installations, U.S. Air Force. The medal is offered as an annual Air Force award to a member of the Air Force Civil Engineer at Headquarters USAF, at Major Air Commands, Bases, or other Civil Engineering units, regular, reserve, National Guard, or civilian, on active or inactive duty or retired, in recognition of the most outstanding contribution to military engineering through achievement in design, construction, administration, research, or development.



*Major General Dean Fox the United States Air Force Civil Engineer congratulating Colonel Tom Ryburn USAF (ret) after awarding him the prestigious SAME Newman Medal.*

Recognized in the Air Force as the #1 combat engineer leader in Southwest Asia, recently retired Colonel Ryburn organized the first Combined Forces Air Component Command Engineer Directorate for CENTAF (Forward) at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, where he guided the largest engineer mobilization since the Vietnam conflict. He directed 150 projects at 14 forward operating locations and created an integrated construction priorities list valued at \$500 million for host nation, military construction, and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, a fast track program that brought a 35 percent increase in sorties but saved \$14 million a month in flying hour costs. He established GeoReach web-based planning tools, allowing commanders to virtually build 106 bases prior to deployment, and accelerated the first operational use of GeoReach during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He championed the largest upgrade of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) equipment in the Air Force and set a joint service standard for EOD robotics. He also promoted the creation of airborne RED HORSE squadrons. And, as the Deputy Civil Engineer for Air Combat Command, he led programming, construction, fire protection, emergency services, housing, and environmental programs in support of ACC's \$35 billion physical plant, the largest infrastructure program in the Air Force.

Col Ryburn is retired in the Kaiserslautern area.

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The article need not be very long, approximately 200-500 words maximum. If possible include a couple of images/pictures that might enhance to article.

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## **Why Join?**

- To learn about current and emerging capabilities and needs of government, military, and private sector engineers;
- To participate in professional, technical and educational workshops and conferences;
- To establish partnering, teaming and mentor-protégé relationships and other business development opportunities;
- To expand the capacity of government & industry to respond to emergencies & disasters;
- To receive professional publications produced by The Society and participate in its job referral/resume matching service and several affinity benefit programs.

To network and participate in engineering/business/education/military related activities such as helping to promote engineering in the local schools, tours of auto factories and WWII military sites, and of course the occasional wine probe.

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Sorting out the SAME Kaiserslautern Post flag and streamer awards



In depth discussions in the exhibition area during a break



Tom Ryburn wins the caterpillar digger (much better than SAME Newman Medal)



Thorsten Rösner the SAME Conference chairman in a quiet moment