SAME turns 100 years old this year, and we'd like to celebrate the accomplishments of the US Military and SAME over the past century. We aim to also inspire additional participation from local military and industry partners as we begin our second century of service!

We'll celebrate in two parts this March:

1. On Thursday 19MAR, we'll host Dr. Sprenger of Mainz University to present the American presence in the Rhineland following WWI. This will cover some technical aspects (e.g., US Military Bridging of the Rhine), but will also cover many cultural aspects of Germans and Americans working and living together. These professional and personal relationships are still a very important aspect of our SAME Post today!

2. On Sunday 22MAR, we'll participate with the town of Nierstein remembering the 75th Anniversary of US Troops Crossing the Rhine. There will be a ceremony at the bridgehead's monument, and keynote speakers to include an American author who just finished the first English book on the topic. Nierstein is a beautiful wine town just 18 km south of Mainz. The US Army Engineers constructed a pontoon bridge across the Rhine there in just 18 hours which allowed 60,000 vehicles to pass in just a few days. The expedient crossing is credited with helping draw the war to a quick end and with less casualties.

As part of these events, we would also like to highlight noteworthy accomplishments and experiences of our SAME Post over the past years. We invite you to share with us your stories of SAME impacts and US Military accomplishments in Europe. Please email them to rhein.main.same@gmail.com and/or Scott.D.Turygan.civ@mail.mil.
100 Years Germany and USA, America's Presence after World War I; presentation, film scenes, & poster boards

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Date: Thursday, 19 March 2020
Timeline: 1130 - 1230: Presentation
1230 - 1315: Networking and optional lunch
Location: DFAC Conference Room, Clay Kaserne
RSVP: EventBrite (especially if an escort is needed)
Cost: Suggested donation of $10/10€ for industry and $5/5€ for government. All proceeds support community STEM events and scholarships. Receipts provided.
SAME Centennial Celebration, Part II

75th Anniversary of the Rhine River Crossing by US Troops in Nierstein; ceremony and keynote speakers

- SAME will join Nierstein in remembering the 75th Anniversary of US Troops Crossing the Rhine. There will be a ceremony at the bridgehead's monument followed by keynote speakers at a nearby winery. Speakers will include an American author who just finished the first English book on the topic, regional politicians, and SAME.

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Date: Sunday, 22 March 2020
Timeline: 1400 - 1730: Ceremony and speakers
Location: Ceremony at Rhine Crossing Memorial, 55283 Nierstein (49.871446, 8.344873); speakers at Guntrum Winery, Rheinallee 62, 55283 Nierstein
RSVP: EventBrite