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## **Col. Ronald B. Brown, CPC, DBIA, F.SAME, USA (Ret.), awarded SAME's Gen. Walter O. Bachus Gold Medal**

ALEXANDRIA, VA— SAME is pleased to announce Col. Ronald B. Brown, CPC, DBIA, F.SAME, USA (Ret.), as the recipient of the Society's most prestigious Gen. Walter O. Bachus Gold Medal award.

Brown's military career spans more than 30 years, starting as a private, moving up to an NCO, attending Officer Candidate School after completing his undergraduate degree and eventually retiring from the U.S. Army at the rank of colonel. The program he oversaw in Latin and Central America, which included multiple initiatives necessary to stabilize security there, resulted in the reduction of the infant mortality rate in the region from 40 percent to less than 10 percent throughout his tenure.

As an SAME member for more than 30 years, Col. Brown has served in myriad roles and responsibilities at six different SAME Posts, and also at the regional and national level. As Vice Chair of the SAME National Education Committee, Brown co-founded the SAME National Engineering and Construction Camps program, one of SAME's most successful strategic mentoring initiatives worldwide. He was Chair of the National K-12 Outreach Committee until 2007, when he was selected as the founding Chair for the National SAME Engineering and Construction Camps Committee.

Col. Brown also instituted the SAME National Education and Construction Camps Scholarship for the top camp graduates pursuing engineering careers. In his role as a voting member of the SAME National Board of Direction, Col. Brown serves as National Vice President and Chair of the Society Executive Team. Brown also served as Chair of the Fundraising Committee for renovations to SAME's headquarters, the historic Century House. The committee raised \$300,000, part of which will be used to develop a gallery of military engineering leaders. He is currently the Senior Vice President and a National Profit Center Manager of Sundt Construction Inc. in Tempe, Ariz.

The SAME **Gold Medal** was first awarded in 1920. The medal is given to a SAME Member who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills in support of the SAME mission. In the spring of 2005, the SAME Board of Direction changed the name of the Gold Medal in honor of **Brig. Gen. Walter O. Bachus, P.E., F.SAME, USA (Ret.)**, who served as SAME Executive Director from 1978 to 1993, and who was a two-time recipient of the SAME Gold Medal.

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