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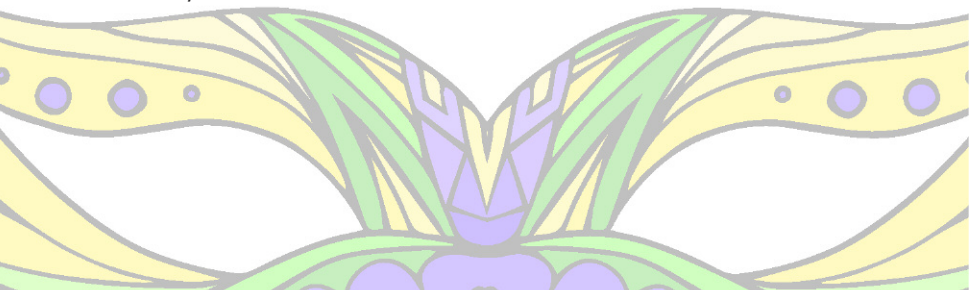


April 19th-21st

Southeastern Fastener Association and Southwestern Fastener Association will cohost a Spring Conference April 19th-21st, 2017. The event will be at the Astor Crowne Plaza located at the corner of Bourbon and Canal streets where you can experience adventures of New Orleans. To get a head start on reserving your room (rate is \$169), call 504-961-0500 and refer to SFA/SEFA.

The conference will feature an Opening Reception, Industry Presentations, Golf Outing, Awards Dinner, Table Top Show and more!

Watch for more details early January.




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Wishing all of our SEFA Membership, their families and fastener friends a very Happy & Healthy Holiday Season

The SEFA Board of Directors

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President Note

Terry Windham

Dixie Industrial Finishing Co. Inc.

In October I attended the National Industrial Fastener and Mill Supply Expo, in Las Vegas, and I have a renewed excitement about the SEFA spring conference (in conjunction with the Southwestern Fastener Association) coming in April of 2017 to New Orleans.

I really enjoyed my time in Vegas at the SEFA booth, meeting some of our current members and discussing the upcoming spring event. There was also a lot of interest from "outsiders", potential SEFA members, who really seemed excited about the possibility of giving us a test run in New Orleans.

We had to reprint more of our spring conference brochures, for the show, because of the interest in the event. So my encouragement to each of you reading this would be to reach out to non-members that you deal with on a regular basis and encourage them to get involved and join us in New Orleans. It is an exciting and fun place to have our conference. With the Southwestern Association participating also, it will be bigger than ever and a great networking opportunity. We will also be holding a Table Top Show.

In fact the Board just returned from a Board Meeting at the Astor Crowne Plaza, where the conference will be held. The location is great as it's within walking distance of many great restaurants and shops. You walk right out onto Bourbon St. as you exit the hotel.

I love forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans!

Happy and Safe Holidays to All!!

Terry

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SEFA Membership Dues & Scholarship Program

SEFA 2017 dues invoices were recently mailed out. When paying your dues, please consider donating to the SEFA Scholarship Funds. Scholarships will be awarded at the Spring Conference.

Be sure to let your employees/co-workers know about the SEFA Scholarship opportunity. Scholarship applications are due March 1st. Applications may be downloaded from the SEFA website: www.theseffa.com

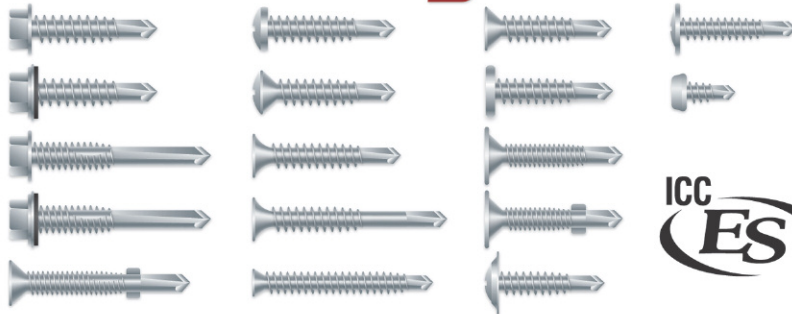


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Fastener Information Directory Available to SEFA Members

The SEFA now offers their members an education tool to assist employees with various facets of the fastener industry. This book will provide basic information on several facets of the industry. Some of the chapters you will find in this book are:

Fastener Components

Standardized Specials

Thread Design & Terminology

Sockets

Metrics

Primary & Secondary Operations

Materials

Heat Treatment

Platings & Coatings

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During the 2 day event participants received technical training on topics such as plating specifications, heat treating specifications, and PPAP documentation and process. Regarding manufacturing processes, this training seminar focused on hot forging with tours provided by Birmingham Fastener and Ameribolt. SEFA would like to thank Birmingham Fastener and Ameribolt not only for educating participants about hot forging and conducting tours, but also for hosting this event. Looking forward to seeing you at SEFA's next training seminar.



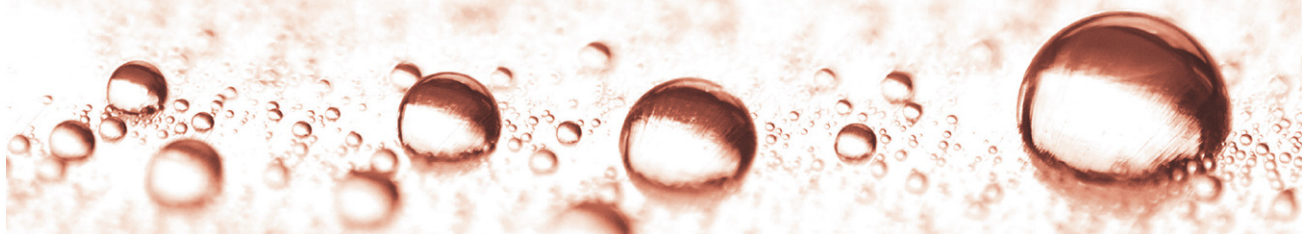
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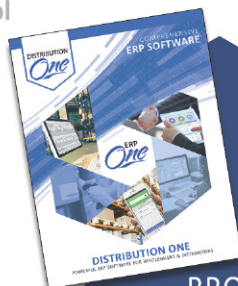


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Hall of Fame and Young Fastener Professional Awards

Congratulations to **Bruce Wheeler** (Star Stainless Screw Co.) for his induction into the Fastener Hall of Fame joining many other industry leaders who have been inducted over the years. This year the first ever Young Fastener Professional Award was given to **Ryan Kertis** (Stelfast Inc.).

Both Bruce and Ryan were recognized at the recent National Industrial Fastener and Mill Supply Expo, in Las Vegas. Their leadership and contributions to the fastener industry earned them these

prestigious recognitions. To read more about Bruce and Ryan visit <http://www.fastenershow.com/press/fastener-industry-leader-inducted-into-hall-of-fame-young-fastener-professional-get-industry-recognition-in-first-ever-award/>

SEFA congratulates Bruce and Ryan who both are also members of SEFA.



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SEFA Members Enjoy NIFMSE in Las Vegas

Many of our members exhibited at this year's show.



New Orleans Style

April 19-21, 2017



SEFA/SFA SPRING CONFERENCE



**Watch for details on
the 2017 Spring
Conference
in January!**

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