

CONSTITUTION

THE SERGEANT AUDIE MURPHY CHAPTER

"MARNE CHAPTER"

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this Private Organization is the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Fort Stewart Chapter, hereinafter SAMC Marne Chapter.

Section 2. The purpose of the organization is to raise funds and conduct activities for the morale of the soldiers and families assigned or attached to the 3rd Infantry Division.

ARTICLE II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. The SAMC Marne Chapter is a private organization, self-sustaining, an non-Federal entities, incorporated or unincorporated which operates and exists on the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield military installations only with the approval of the installation commander, acting through his/her designee, the Director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DMWR) by individuals acting exclusively outside the scope of any official capacity as officers, employees, or agents of the Federal Government. This approval is contingent upon the SAMC Marne Chapter compliance with DOD Instruction 1000.15 (20 December 2005).

Section 2. The SAMC Marne Chapter will comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, to include tax laws and codes, fire and safety regulations, environmental laws and other applicable statues and regulations. The SAMC Marne Chapter must seek private counsel or contact proper tax officials to ensure its compliance with all tax laws. AR 210-22, Para. 3-1e.

Section 3. All members will totally understand that they may be held personally liable if assets of the SAMC Marne Chapter are not sufficient to discharge all liabilities in the event of bankruptcy, insolvency or dissolution. Liability will be determined in accordance with the State and laws of applicable jurisdiction. The Department of the Army will not be liable for any liability incurred by the SAMC Marne Chapter, or by any member or members acting in its behalf.

SAMC Marne Chapter obligations incurred by an agent of the SAMC Marne Chapter, acting in an official capacity as the SAMC Marne Chapter's representative, which cannot be satisfied by the SAMC Marne Chapter's assets, will be paid by equal contributions from all SAMC Marne Chapter members at the time the obligation was incurred.

Section 4. SAMC Marne Chapter is in agreement to reimburse the Army for the utility expenses, unless the use is incidental. AR 210-22 Para. 2-1a(2)(e).

ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. The SAMC Marne Chapter President will be elected by a majority of the SAMC Marne Chapter membership at its annual meeting. The SAMC Marne Chapter President will be responsible for the SAMC Marne Chapter's custody, accounting and documentation.

Section 2. The SAMC Marne Chapter Vice President will be elected by a majority of the SAMC Marne Chapter membership at its annual meeting. The SAMC Marne Chapter Vice President will assist the SAMC Marne Chapter President in all his/her duties and assume the duties of the SAMC Marne Chapter President should the office become vacant.

Section 3. The SAMC Marne Chapter Secretary will be elected by a majority of the SAMC Marne Chapter membership at its annual meeting. The SAMC Marne Chapter Secretary will keep a record of the SAMC Marne Chapter council, general meetings, maintain a permanent file of all records pertaining to the SAMC Marne Chapter, write all correspondence for the SAMC Marne Chapter, and notify SAMC Marne Chapter members as to time and place for meetings.

Section 4. The SAMC Marne Chapter Treasurer will be elected by a majority of the SAMC Marne Chapter membership at its annual meeting. The SAMC Marne Chapter Treasurer will be responsible for the SAMC Marne Chapter fund custody, accounting and documentation. Report quarterly to the appropriate military or civilian supervisor concerning the SAMC Marne Chapter's financial status, or upon occurrence or suspension of irregularities associated with the SAMC Marne Chapter. A copy of this financial report will be provided to DMWR annually or upon change of SAMC Marne Chapter Treasurer or President.

Section 5. The SAMC Marne Chapter Historian will be elected by a majority of the SAMC Marne Chapter membership at its annual meeting. The SAMC Marne Chapter Historian will chronicle and maintain the history of the SAMC Marne Chapter.

Section 6. The SAMC Marne Chapter Public Affairs Representative will be elected by a majority of the SAMC Marne Chapter membership at its annual meeting. The SAMC Marne Chapter Public Affairs Representative will coordinate all publicity, advertising, and protocol for dignitaries. Conduct liaison with all outside agencies and the general public and perform the duties of parliamentarian at all meetings. Be responsible for the maintenance and coordination of the Chapter's Website.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active Member: Membership is restricted to soldiers actually assigned or attached to the 3ID Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield installation. Membership approval and eligibility is set forth in the by-laws.

Section 2. The SAMC Marne Chapter fully supports the government's policy on equal opportunity. There will be no membership discrimination based on age, race, color, sex, national origin or religion. The SAMC Marne Chapter will neither propagate extremist activities nor advocate violence against others or the violent overthrow of the government.

Section 3. Members will read the constitution and by-laws as a condition of membership.

ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATION

The SAMC Marne Chapter shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and its by-laws. DOD Instruction 100.15, FORSCOM Regulation 215-7, and other governing regulations and directives may be issued by the Installation Commander.

ARTICLE VI METHOD OF FINANCING

Section 1. The SAMC Marne Chapter is considered a self-sustaining, non-Federal entity. Its income will be obtained primarily through dues, contributions, service charges, fees or fundraising activities.

Section 2. All on post fundraising activities will receive prior written approval from DMWR, ATTN: Ms. Burns after written application.

ARTICLE VII ACTIVITIES

Activities of the SAMC Marne Chapter will be consistent with its stated purpose. Such activities may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Promote unit cohesion by sponsoring planned social activities.
- b. Provide a source of funds to assist soldiers and family members during times of tragedy.

ARTICLE VIII
MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

Section 1. Meetings shall be monthly in Building 1, Paul R. Smith room or at a location to be designated prior to the meeting time.

Section 2. An annual meeting of the general membership shall be held for the election of the SAMC Marne Chapter counsel. This annual meeting may coincide with a monthly meeting during the month of provided there is a quorum of members present. In the event a quorum is not present, a special meeting will be scheduled within 30 days from that date to effect election.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called, as required, by the SAMC Marne Chapter President. The SAMC Marne Chapter Secretary will send out notices in advance of said meeting.

Section 4. Should the SAMC Marne Chapter's net worth exceed \$2000.00 in value, the SAMC Marne Chapter must submit a fiscal statement or audit to the Installation Commander. At this time, the SAMC Marne Chapter must also request authorization from DMWR to operate as a formal PO or request an exception to policy for the fund overage.

ARTICLE IX
BY-LAWS

Section 1. The SAMC Marne Chapter shall establish by-laws from time to time as is necessary for the efficient operation of the organization.

Section 2. By-laws shall be conditionally effective upon approval by the SAMC Marne Chapter President and finally effective when adopted by a majority vote taken in an active membership meeting. Amendments to the bylaws are subject to the same procedure as stated in Article X.

ARTICLE X
ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT

Section 1. This constitution is adopted subject to the approval of a majority vote of the general membership of the SAMC Marne Chapter and subject to final approval by the Installation Commander.

Section 2. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the general membership.

ARTICLE XI
DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Upon receipt of notification from the Installation Commander or upon agreement of three-fourths of the membership, the SAMC Marne Chapter shall be dissolved.

Section 2. All funds contained in the treasury at the time of dissolution will be used to meet any outstanding debts, liabilities, or obligations. All organizational obligations incurred by the SAMC Marne Chapter President which cannot be satisfied by the SAMC Marne Chapter's assets, will be paid by equal contributions from all SAMC Marne Chapter members at the time the obligation was incurred.

ARTICLE XII
ADOPTION

This constitution was adopted by a majority vote of the active membership on **DATE 18 Feb 09**

Signature and Date
SAMC Marne Chapter President

Signature and Date
SAMC Marne Chapter Secretary