



**SERGEANT AUDIE MURPHY CLUB
"ROCK OF THE MARNE" CHAPTER
FORT STEWART, GEORGIA 31314**

16 April 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Sergeant Audie Murphy Club General Membership Meeting – April

1. The meeting convened at 1203 on 16 April 2014 at the CCR, Building 1, Ft Stewart, Georgia.
2. The following governing council and advisory board members were present:
 - a. President: SFC Spencer
 - b. Vice President: SFC White
 - c. Secretary: SFC Kirven
 - d. Treasurer: 1SG Miller
 - e. PAO: SSG Johnson
 - f. Historian: SFC Taylor
 - g. Advisors: CSM Ledesma

Included were members as indicated on the Secretary's Register Log for record.

3. Chapter strength is currently 70 members, with 1 member deployed.
4. The minutes from the March 2014 general member meeting were addressed and affirmed.
5. Treasurer's Report as of:
 - a. Current balance: \$3,143.36 in account.
 - b. Annual dues are \$50 and are due to the Treasurer.
6. Elections:
 - a. Due to the conflict time between WLC and the meeting, there was low attendance at the beginning of the meeting. Thus, the governing council elections were pushed to the May meeting. Max participation is requested. Please bring your nominations and/or let someone know if you are interested in holding a council position.

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7. Ongoing Projects:

- a. SAMC Polo Shirts/Tshirts/Decals Project Manager: 1SG Miller

Details: SAMC Polo shirt is navy blue with custom embroidery of SAMC logo, ROTM Chapter, Rank and last name; price is \$20. Options and prices for PT shirts are currently being worked, shirt will be powder blue moisture wicking with a small SAMA graphic on the front left breast and a large SAMC Crest on the back, female sizes are also available; Price will be \$20. New shirts have been procured from an alternate vendor however, none on hand for presentation during the meeting. Plans are in place for presentation during the March meeting.

8. Old Business:

- a. Arlington Visit Project Manager: SFC Gold/SSG Simmington

Details: ROTM SAMC is looking into a visit to the grave of Audie Murphy at Arlington. SFC Gold has priced bus charters at approximately \$900 for the trip. The club is looking at making this a 2 day trip (over a weekend) in the fall of 2014. The chapter will explore more possibilities for tours and opportunities for education of the club on the trip. We will look into a group booking rate at Ft Belvoir for room pricing and contact the White House Transportation Agency for tours available. Also discussed was opening it up to other chapters to get a mass event for SAMC members to participate in. No new update.

- b. SAMC Scholarship Ball Project Manager: SFC White

Details: The club will host a ball. The date is 20 June 2014. The price per ticket is \$45, with \$5 of every ticket sold going to the SAMC Scholarship Fund. SFC Gernandt made contact with the scholarship committee leader, Ms. Linda Smith at 1st Command. They are willing to match any funds raised for the ROTM SAMC Scholarship, doubling the scholarship value. The Fort Gordon and Fort Benning SAMC Chapters will be invited to the event as well as Fort Stewart Soldiers. CSM Watson has agreed to be the guest speaker. The ball committee will meet each Friday at 1315 at the 1st ABCT, BOC. Tickets on sale now, with SFC Flowers being the POC. We need all members support in selling the 500 tickets. SFC Flowers will be leaving for school next week, and SFC Taylor will continue to facilitate ticket issue to members for sale. SFC White will occupy space daily at the PX Food Court to help facilitate ticket sales. The next ball committee meeting will be Thursday the 24th at 1200 in the PX Food Court.

Volunteer Committee: SFC Taylor, MSG Hughes, SFC Flowers, SFC Gold, SFC White and SSG Johnson, SFC Spencer

- c. Bluffton JROTC Competition Project Manager: SFC Spencer

Details: The club supported the Bluffton JROTC Superintendent's Competition on 11 April 2014. Five high schools participated and the events included: Drill & Ceremony, Academics, APFT, Litter Carry Relay, and Logistics Relay.

Volunteers: CSM Ledesma, SFC Larson, SFC Kirven, SFC Jones, SFC Spencer, SSG Riddick, SSG Spencer (candidate)

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d. 3rd Quarter Division SAMA Board

POC: SFC Spencer

Details: Board scheduled for 2APR14 was canceled due to no packets turned in. Continue to seek out potential candidates and prepare them for the upcoming boards. Next board is 20AUG14. CSM Ledesma is in the process of developing a study guide and study hall for 2nd BDE which potential members can attend.

e. Monthly Meeting Rotation

POC: SFC Flowers

Details: SFC Flowers will bring for vote the idea of rotating the monthly meetings with them being sponsored by the various BDE DFAC's within FSGA/HAAF. This will serve multiple purposes. Initially, to promote comrade within the organization over lunch, and also the ability to "be seen" which will entice membership. The club voted, and rotational meetings will be held once each Quarter; on the first month of that Quarter. More to follow on the first hosting brigade/location.

f. DCSM Change of Responsibility

POC: SFC Kirven

Details: The SAMC has been tasked by Division to provide 2 SAMA members to present roses to the incoming/outgoing spouses of the DCSM at Cottrell Field on 4 April 2014. Maximum participation of the club is requested to attend the ceremony. *Uniform:* ACU's with medallion.

Volunteers: SFC Green and SGT Brice

9. New Business:

a. Carwash Fundraiser

Project Manager: SFC Kirven

Details: Schedule another car wash to include presale tickets. Last car wash raised \$1012.00 in total in the 4 hours. Location will be at Pep-Boys in Savannah, GA on 17th of May, time 1100-1500. We have plenty of supplies remaining from the last car wash, but additional hoses, banners/signs, and motivation is greatly appreciated. SFC Kirven will send via email distro the flyer and specifics.

b. SAMC Plaque

Project Manager: SFC White

Details: SFC White presented the proposed plaque for departing SAMC members upon PCS. The plaque will only be presented to members in good standing with the association (ie; dues are current, and has been a participating member in club activities). It was unanimous on the style and details of the design.

c. New Comers Brief

POC: SFC Larson

Details: SFC Larson proposed the idea to have a SAMC member present at each Newcomers Brief. This will serve as a welcome to incoming members to Fort Stewart, as well as draw interest from possible future members. There will be a rotation set for current members to occupy a table at Club Stewart (on the 1st and 3rd Weds of each month). They will have the current MOI and additional information about the Marne chapter (phone roster and meeting dates/times).

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10. Upcoming Events:

- a. Fort Stewart Newcomers Brief – 7 May 2014
- b. SAMC Carwash Fundraiser – 17 May 2014
- c. 4th QTR Division SAMA Board – 20 August 2014
- d. SAMC Scholarship Ball – 20 June 2014
- e. Arlington Trip – September (Tentative)
- f. 4th QTR Division SAMA Board – 20 August 2014

11. Next meeting will be held Tuesday 20 May 2014 at 1200, in the CCR, Building 1, Ft Stewart, Georgia.

12. Notes and Comments: As always, thank you to all the members for the hard work and dedication to our club and the communities we support.

13. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1252 with members returning to their places of duty.

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KARL W. KIRVEN JR.
SFC, USA
SECRETARY, ROTM SAMC

Members in attendance not listed above:

1SG Saimbert
1SG Crawford
1SG Matias
1SG Weeks
MSG Kumnog (VTC)
SFC Taylor, K.
SFC Larson
SFC Stephens
SSG Riddick
SSG Coyle
SSG Shelton
SGT Brice

Guests in Attendance:

SSG Bennett-Candidate
SSG Lavasseur-Candidate