



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

18 February 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Sergeant Audie Murphy Club General Membership Meeting – February

1. The meeting convened at 1205 on 18 February 2014 at the ECR, 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 (*Appt*)
 - d. Treasurer: 1SG Miller (*Field*)
 - e. PAO: SSG Johnson (*Not present*)
 - f. Historian: SFC Taylor
 - g. Advisors: CSM Watson

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

3. Chapter strength is currently 69 members, with no members deployed.
4. The minutes from the January 2014 general member meeting were addressed and affirmed.
5. Treasurer's Report as of:
 - a. Current balance: \$1,988.74 in account. With another \$270 in reserve for foreign awards purchase.
 - b. Annual dues are \$50 and are due to the Treasurer.
6. 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.

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- b. SAMC Monthly Meeting NCODP Project Manager: All Members

Details: The club will conduct small NCODPs at the conclusion of each monthly meeting to promote NCO awareness of changes to Army policy and doctrine. The discussion should be NLT 15 minutes in length. An FY schedule of topics will be published by SFC Gold for volunteers.

7. 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.

- b. Audie Murphy Shadow Box Project Manager: SFC Spencer

Details: SFC Spencer has purchased the two missing awards from the Sergeant Audie Murphy shadow box in the 3ID at Division Headquarters; Belgian Croix De Guerre with Palm and French Legion of Honor (grade of Chevalier). Price for both awards was \$201.24, Pioneer Services donated \$270 towards the purchase of the foreign awards.

- c. 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.

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

- d. America's Second Harvest Bags for Seniors Project Manager: SFC Spencer

Details: SAMC assisted with packing 1500 bags of food for seniors on 25 January for America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia in Savannah needs.

Participants: SFC Spencer, SFC White, SFC Biglin, SFC Taylor, D., SFC Taylor, K., SSG Webb, SFC Kirven, 1SG Miller, SGT Brice, SSG Simmington, SFC Biglin, SSG Cannon

- e. Bluffton JROTC Competition Project Manager: SFC Spencer

Details: 3ID COMREL Chief (MAJ Hammond) contacted us regarding supporting the Bluffton JROTC Competition on 11April2014 (Friday). Five high schools will be participating and the

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events include: Drill & Ceremony, Academics, Rope Bridge, APFT, Litter Carry Relay, Logistics Relay, and a Truck Pull. They need 25-30 judges for the event.

Volunteers: SFC Simmington, CSM Harris, CSM Ledesma, 1SG Hankins, SFC Larson, 1SG Sanford, SSG Webb, SFC Kirven, SFC Jones, SSG Riddick, SFC Spencer, 1SG Saimbert, SSG Williams

f. Medallion Replacement POC: SFC Spencer

Details: Many members have asked about getting replacement medallions due to loss. The POC that was passed on from the prior president is no longer in business. SFC Spencer researched the following info to facilitate requesting a new medallion. The member will need to submit:

- Memorandum for Record:
- SUBJECT: Replacement of Sergeant Audie Murphy Club/Award Medallion.
- Must include Members Rank, Name, Personal Mailing address and reason for replacement.
- Must be signed by Member
- Copy of certificate or award

Once provided to me I can forward to FORSCOM for verification. FORSCOM will validate and send the information to the distributor. The member will need to pay for the replacement of the medallion. Currently about \$20 plus Priority Shipping.

g. Monthly SAMC Run: Project Manager: SFC White

Details: SAMC will conduct a chapter run to promote participation and encourage camaraderie amongst the members. The run will happen quarterly in conjunction with the induction ceremony, and will be held the day prior to the ceremony.

8. New Business:

a. Induction Ceremony POC: SFC Spencer

Details: Induction Ceremony to be planned for 7 members that were selected downrange but not yet inducted. More to follow, awaiting DCSM guidance on specific date. All members to be inducted must turn in their medallion and certificate.

Inductees: SGT Brice (92nd EN BN) & SSG Webb (3 SB), SSG Green (3SB), SSG Cannon (4IBCT), SFC Beard (4IBCT), SGT Reavenell (4IBCT), SFC Stevens

b. 3rd Quarter Division SAMA Board POC: SFC Spencer

Details: Board will be held on 2APR14. The MOI will be distributed once published from 3ID. Continue to seek out potential candidates and prepare them for the upcoming boards.

c. Carwash Fundraiser – 1 March 2014 Project Manager: SFC Lester

Details: Club to conduct a car wash fundraiser ISO raising money to cover incidental expenses of the SAMC Ball. Max participation is needed to support the event, with members bringing supplies to support the endeavor. Time will be from 1100-1500 on Saturday, 1 March 2014 at Pep-Boys in Savannah.

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9. Upcoming Events:

- a. Induction Ceremony –March 2014 (Tentative)
- b. SAMC Car Wash Fundraiser – 1 March 2014
- c. WLC Graduation – 14 March 2014
- d. 3rd QTR Division SAMA Board – 2 April 2014
- e. Bluffton JROTC Competition – 11 April 2014
- f. WLC Graduation – 16 April 2014
- g. SAMC Scholarship Ball – 20 June 2014
- h. Arlington Trip – September (Tentative)
- i. 4th QTR Division SAMA Board – 20 August 2014

10. **Next meeting will be held 18 March 2014 at 1200, in the ECR, Building 1, Ft Stewart, Georgia.**

11. 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.

12. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1232 with members returning to their places of duty.

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

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Members in attendance not listed above:

1SG Hankins
1SG Sanford
SFC Flowers
SFC Gold
SFC Hatton
SFC Lester
SFC Sylla
SSG Williams
SSG Allred

Guests in Attendance:

SFC Carter
SSG Heyer
SGT Aponte Torres