



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

21 January 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Sergeant Audie Murphy Club General Membership Meeting – January

1. The meeting convened at 1200 on 21 January 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
 - d. Treasurer: 1SG Miller
 - e. PAO: SSG Johnson
 - f. Historian: SFC Taylor
 - g. Advisors: SGM Gunn

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

3. Chapter strength is currently 73 members, with no members deployed.
4. The minutes from the December 2013 general member meeting were addressed and affirmed.
5. Treasurer's Report as of:
 - a. Current balance: \$2,518.76 in account.
 - 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 February 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 White 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) near the end of May 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. SSG Simmington volunteered to assist SFC Gold in trip coordination.

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

Details: SFC Spencer has located a vendor to purchase 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). Pioneer Services donated \$270 towards the purchase of the foreign awards which is being held in the account. Awaiting response from DCSM on awards.

- c. SAMC Scholarship Ball Project Manager: SFC White

Details: The club will host a ball. The tentative date is 28 March 2014, but is subject to change. The estimated cost for the event is \$6, 377.20 (for an estimated 300 guests), which covers the food, location and take-away gift. The estimated price per ticket is \$40 (subject to change). SFC Gold will coordinate in finding a DJ for the event. SSG Aust provided contacts for two MoH recipients for possible guest speaker. 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. SFC Larson will coordinate with legal regarding the sponsorship. The Fort Gordon and Fort Benning SAMC Chapters will be invited to the event as well as Fort Stewart Soldiers. The club discussed giving tickets to the event for the 3ID NCO of each quarter.

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

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

Details: America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia in Savannah needs assistance with packing 1500 bags of food for seniors on 25 January. Members would need to arrive at 0745 for briefing. We will pack bags from 0800-1100 for distribution to seniors in need. Casual attire with SAMC shirt and closed toes shoes.

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Volunteers: Majority of members/guest present.

8. New Business:

- a. Bluffton JROTC Competition Project Manager: SFC Spencer

Details: 3ID COMREL Chief (MAJ Hammond) contacted us regarding supporting the Bluffton JROTC Competition on 11 April 2014 (Friday). Five high schools will be participating and the 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: Volunteers will submit their name to SFC Spencer for tracking.

- b. Induction Ceremony POC: SFC Spencer

Details: Induction Ceremony to be planned for 3 members that were selected downrange but not yet inducted. More to follow, awaiting DCSM guidance.

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

- c. Medallion Replacement

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.

- d. Monthly SAMC Run/PT: Project Manager: SFC White

Details: SFC White brought forth the idea for a month SAMC run within the Chapter to promote participation and encourage camaraderie amongst the members. The members voted for the run, but suggested a quarterly run. SFC White will develop a plan of action for the upcoming event.

9. Upcoming Events:

- a. America's Second Harvest Event – 25 January 2014
- b. WLC Graduation – 7 February 2014
- c. SAMC Scholarship Ball – March 2014 (Tentative)
- d. WLC Graduation – 14 March 2014

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- e. Bluffton JROTC Competition – 11 April 2014
- f. WLC Graduation – 16 April 2014
- g. 3rd QTR Division SAMA Board – 21 May 2014
- h. Arlington Trip – May 2014 (Tentative)
- i. 4th QTR Division SAMA Board – 20 August 2014

10. Next meeting will be held 18 February 2014 at 1200, in the ECR (3rd FLR), 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 1238 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 Maties
MSG Kumnog
SSG Green
SSG Webb
SGT Brice
SFC Flowers
SFC Simmington
SFC Taylor
MSG Hughes
SSG Cannon
1SG Doss
1SG Vernon
SSG Shelton
SSG Allred
SFC Jones
SSG Riddick
1SG Sanford
MSG Weeks
SFC Gold
SSG Johnson
SFC Hatton
1SG Saimbert
SFC Biglin

Guests in Attendance:

SSG Jackson
SSG Heyer