



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

20 May 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Sergeant Audie Murphy Club General Membership Meeting – May

1. The meeting convened at 1210 on 20 May 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 (*Field*)
  - e. PAO: SSG Johnson
  - f. Historian: SFC Taylor
  - g. Advisors: None Present

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

3. Chapter strength is currently 68 members, with 0 member deployed.
4. The minutes from the April 2014 general member meeting were addressed and affirmed.
5. Treasurer's Report as of:
  - a. Current balance: \$3850.06 in account, with \$900 of it from ball ticket sales.
  - b. Annual dues are \$50 and are due to the Treasurer.
6. Elections:
  - a. Elections were postponed until June, due to the low turnout at the meeting. With all the units currently in the field, there were not enough members present to conduct a proper election. Elections will now be at the June meeting, we need max participation for elections. There will be now only 5 governing council positions as we passed vote to combine the PAO and Historian into one 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.

b. SAMC PCS Plaque

Project Manager: SFC White

Details: The plaque will only be presented to members in good standing with the chapter (i.e.; dues are current, and has been a participating member in club activities).

c. Monthly Meeting Rotation

POC: SFC Flowers

Details: The monthly rotational meeting will be held once each Quarter; on the first month of that Quarter (July, October, January, April). It was voted and passed that the July meeting will take place at HAAF. More to follow on exact location of HAAF.

d. New Comers Brief

Project Manager: SFC Larson/SFC White

Details: The SAMC will have a table at the 3ID 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). SFC Larson reported, the first time event generated a great amount of interest. Member will attend, and host the station on a rotational basis. The time frame is from 1015 -1200, uniform is ACU and medallion. The next upcoming date is 4 June 2014.

Volunteers: Needed

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. SFC Biglin researched room rates (\$50-\$73 per room), and will follow up with POC in DC in attempts to coordinate tours for the club members during the trip. Members addressed the possible plans to utilize 15 passenger GOV's instead of the Charters.

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b. SAMC Scholarship Ball

Project Manager: SFC White

Details: The SAMC Scholarship ball has been CANCELLED. Due to low participation and ticket sales (only tracking less than 40 tickets sold) it was a unanimous vote of the members present to cancel the ball. All members who have sold tickets need to ensure they refund the money back to the individuals that have purchased tickets and give them our sincerest apologies and thank them for their support. All other money earned (i.e. car washes) will still be used to support our scholarship efforts. We will look at other avenues of approach to raise money to make the scholarship happen.

c. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> ABCT which potential members can attend.

d. Carwash Fundraiser

Project Manager: SFC Kirven

Details: The club conducted a car wash at Pep-Boys in Savannah, GA on 17<sup>th</sup> of May from 1100-1300. Due to the low amount of support from chapter members and traffic the car wash was cut short and raised only \$150 in the 2 hours.

*Participants:* SFC Kirven, SFC Spencer, SFC White, SFC Taylor, 1SG Minor, SFC Cunningham, 1SG Saimbert

9. New Business:

Project Manager: SFC White

a. SAMC Banner

Details: SFC White will use club funds to purchase a permanent club banner which will be used for all future functions and New Comers Fair's. The club voted, and passed voted.

b. Hinesville Carwash Fundraiser

Project Manager: Needed

Details: With the rise and fall success of the Carwash Fundraisers, the club proposed that we have one in the local Hinesville area. It is anticipated that this will drive further success, and reach the FSGA community and local community. More to follow location and dates.

10. Upcoming Events:

a. 3ID Newcomers Brief – 4 June 2014

b. 4<sup>th</sup> QTR Division SAMA Board – 20 August 2014

c. Arlington Trip – September (Tentative)

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11. Next meeting will be held Tuesday 17 June 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 1246 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:**

SFC Gernandt  
SFC Simmington  
SFC Larson  
SFC Allred  
SFC Biglin  
SSG Johnson

**Guests in Attendance:**

SSG Bennett (Candidate)  
Mr. Zach Walden (First Command Financial)  
Mr. Howard Rush (First Command Financial)  
Ms. Christina Walters (First Command Financial)