



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

19 November 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Sergeant Audie Murphy Club General Membership Meeting – November

1. The meeting convened at 1533 on 19 November 2013 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 Gernandt
 - d. Treasurer: 1SG Miller
 - e. PAO: SSG Johnson
 - f. Historian: SFC Taylor
 - g. Advisors: CSM Watson, CSM Gunn, CSM Harris, CSM Ledesma, CSM Mellott, CSM Streeter

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

3. Chapter strength is currently 69 members, with 8 members deployed.
4. The minutes from the October 2013 general member meeting were addressed and affirmed.
5. Treasurer's Report as of:
 - a. Current balance: \$1386.86 in account.
 - b. Annual dues are \$50 and are due to the Treasurer.
6. Election:
 - a. SFC Kirven was elected with a majority vote (28) for Secretary.
7. Ongoing Projects:
 - a. SAMC Polo Shirts/Tshirts/Decals Project Manager: MSG 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

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and a large SAMC Crest on the back, female sizes are also available; Price will be \$20. There are also SAMC decals available for SAMC members to park in reserved SAMC spots.

- b. SAMC Study Hall Project Manager: SFC Gold

Details: The study hall is temporarily suspended. Members will continue to mentor and study with their candidates at the unit level to prepare them for the board.

- c. 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 the next meeting.

8. Old Business:

- a. Arlington Visit Project Manager: SFC Gold

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.

- 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.

- c. Veteran's Day Celebration Project Manager: SFC Gernandt

Details: The club volunteered at the Veteran's Day Celebration at the Carl Vinson VA Hospital in Dublin, GA and was recognized by the VA for their support.

Participants: CSM Ledesma, 1SG Hudgins, 1SG Miller, SFC Simmington, SFC Gernandt, SFC Kirven, SFC Spencer, SSG Aust and two volunteers.

- d. SAMC Scholarship Ball Project Manager: SFC White

Details: The club will host a ball. The tentative date is 21 March 2014, but is subject to change. The estimated cost for the event is \$5025 (for an estimated 200 guests), which covers the food and location. The estimated price per ticket is \$18 (subject to change). SFC White will look into further details for the event. 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 has contacted 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. SFC Gernandt will contact the Fort Gordon

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and Fort Benning SAMC Chapters to invite them to the event. The club discussed giving tickets to the event for the 3ID NCO of each quarter.

- e. Kandahar SAMC Donation POC: MSG Ganaway

Details: Kandahar SAMC Chapter donated \$800 to the ROTM SAMC.

- f. SAMC Give Thanks Food Drive Project Manager: SFC Spencer

Details: The club has been conducting a food drive at the unit level ISO raising donations to support the local food bank during the Thanksgiving season. Donations will be collected and donated in mass to America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Savannah at a date close to Thanksgiving. A friendly competition will occur between Brigades/Separates to see which members can get the highest weight of food donated. The unit that donates the most will receive a plaque from the club. Final collection date and time off drop off will be disseminated this week.

- g. Present Wrapping Fundraiser Project Manager: SFC Kirven

Details: The club will conduct a present wrapping fundraiser at PX before Christmas. Profits will be split between a donation to the Toys for Tots Foundation and club funds. SFC Kirven has been coordinating with MWR to determine the date available for the club.

- h. Twilight Tattoo Project Manager: SFC Spencer

Details: 3ID requested that members of the club participate as ushers in the Twilight Tattoo event on 20 November 2013. Uniform is ACU with beret and medallion. Members must attend all rehearsals. Participating members must be present at Cotrell Field at 1600 on 20NOV13.

Volunteers: SFC Spencer (NCOIC), SFC White, SFC Gernandt, SSG Shelton, SSG Johnson, SFC Smith, 1SG Hankins, MSG Matias, SFC Kirven, SSG Biglin, SFC Larson

9. New Business:

- a. Changes to Club Bylaws Project Manager: SFC Spencer

Details: SFC Spencer addressed a number of deficiencies within our current club bylaws. The governing council will review the bylaws and bring suggestions to next month's meeting for the club to vote on. All proposed changes will be submitted to CSM Watson and legal for review.

- b. 2nd Quarter Division SAMA Board POC: SFC Spencer

Details: Board will be held on 15 January 2014. Changes are to come with the MOI to replicate what is being done by XVIII ABC. Continue to seek out potential candidates and prepare them for upcoming boards.

- c. Christmas Food Vouchers PM: SFC Spencer/SFC White

Details: The club voted unanimously to spend the \$800 donation given by the Kandahar SAMC on \$25 food vouchers to the Commissary to be given to the Brigades to support Soldiers in need during the holiday season.

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d. Tree Lighting Event

Project Manager: SGT Brice

Details: The club discussed supporting the Tree Lighting Event by providing hot chocolate and candy canes for the children. SGT Brice will look into the cost of these items and get the information back to the club.

9. Upcoming Events:

- a. Twilight Tattoo – 20 November 2013
- b. Give Thanks Food Drive – Through 22 November 2013
- c. WLC Graduation - 26 November 2013 @ 1100
- d. 2nd QTR Division SAMA Board – 15 January 2014
- e. SAMC Scholarship Ball – March 2014 (Tentative)
- f. 3rd QTR Division SAMA Board – 21 May 2014
- g. Arlington Trip – May 2014 (Tentative)
- h. 4th QTR Division SAMA Board – 20 August 2014

10. Next meeting will be held 17 December 2013 at 1200, Paul R. Smith Conference Room, 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 1700 with members returning to their places of duty.

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CELESTE R. SPENCER
SFC, USA
PRESIDENT, ROTM SAMC

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Members in attendance not listed above:

1SG Hankins
1SG Hudgins
1SG Jones
1SG Minor
1SG Rolls
1SG Saimbert
1SG Sanford
MSG Brown
MSG Ganaway
MSG Hulum
MSG Matias
MSG Weeks
SFC Billingsley
SFC Byers
SFC Crawford
SFC Gilmore
SFC Gold
SFC Hatton
SFC Jonas
SFC Kirven
SFC Larson
SFC Lester
SFC McGill
SFC Millare
SFC Montgomery
SFC Renaud
SFC Simmington
SFC Smith, B.
SFC Smith, R.
SFC Strouss
SFC Swenson
SFC Sylla
SFC Wertz
SSG Allred
SSG Aust
SSG Biglin
SSG Edwards
SSG Green
SSG Henning
SSG Shelton
SSG Waiters
SSG Webb
SSG Williams, N.
SGT Brice

Guests in Attendance:

None