



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

15 October 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Sergeant Audie Murphy Club General Membership Meeting – October

1. The meeting convened at 1200 on 15 October 2013 at the Paul R. Smith Conference Room, 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 Ledesma

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

3. Chapter strength is currently 62 members, with 7 members deployed.
4. The minutes from the September 2013 general member meeting were addressed and affirmed.
5. Treasurer's Report as of:
 - a. Current balance: \$1222.82 in account.
 - b. Annual dues are \$50 and are due to the Treasurer.
6. 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 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.

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- b. SAMC Study Hall Project Manager: SFC Gold

Details: The club is continuing to conduct study group sessions every Friday from 1200-1300 at the Soldier Service Center conference room (Building 253). SFC Gernandt will disseminate the information to candidates. Members are encouraged to attend and assist in training.

- 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. The member conducting the next NCODP will be identified at each meeting with the subject being discussed. This month SFC Spencer covered QMP and retention. Next month SFC Gernandt will cover changes to Army PRT.

7. 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.

- 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 is willing to assist in purchasing the awards for the shadow box.

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

Details: The club is set to volunteer at the Veteran's Day BBQ at the Carl Vinson VA Hospital in Dublin, GA. The club will carpool from the Fort Stewart PX at 0830 on 11 November 2013, uniform ASU with SAMA. The estimated time of return is 1530. SFC Gernandt will coordinate with the hospital and develop further details. The club currently has 16 members identified to participate in the event.

- d. SAMC Standards Excellence Fundraiser Competition Project Manager: SFC Gernandt

Details: SFC Gernandt spoke to the club about the suggested uniform inspection and manual of arms fundraiser during Marne Week. Members present suggested conducting the event as a competition on the fourth day of Marne Week without an entry fee and conducting a cash or prize raffle in conjunction with the event as a fundraiser. SFC Gernandt has coordinated through Division Legal and MWR to determine the requirements for the project. SFC Gernandt has also draft a MOI for the event to present to the Division CSM for approval.

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- e. 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 and Fort Benning SAMC Chapters to invite them to the event.

- f. Kandahar SAMC Donation POC: MSG Ganaway

Details: Kandahar SAMC Chapter has raised funds of approximately \$1000, and is looking to donate the funds to the ROTM SAMC. 1SG Miller is awaiting further contact from MSG Ganaway.

- g. SCSM Pegues Retirement Ceremony POC: SFC Spencer/SFC White

Details: The club supported the retirement ceremony of our Senior Enlisted Advisor, SCSM Pegues on 26 September 2013 and presented him with an engraved BBQ set for his support and dedication to our chapter.

8. New Business:

- a. 1st Quarter Division SAMA Board POC: SFC Spencer

Details: Board was held on 16 October 2013 at 1030 at 1IBCT. One candidate attended and was not selected. The fiscal year's board schedule has been published and sent out to all members. The next board is scheduled for 15 January 2014. Continue to seek out potential candidates and prepare them for upcoming boards.

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

Details: The club voted unanimously to conduct a food drive at the member's 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 framed certificate of appreciation from the club.

- c. Present Wrapping Fundraiser Project Manager: SFC Kirven

Details: The club voted unanimously to 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 will coordinate with MWR to determine the club requirements.

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d. 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, MTF on wear of medallion. Members must attend all rehearsals.

- 151000-1200NOV13 (SAMC NCOIC)
- 181030-1130NOV13
- 191300-1700NOV13

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

e. 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.

9. Upcoming Events:

- a. 1st QTR Division SAMA Board – 16 October 2013
- b. WLC Graduation – 31 October 2013
- c. Veteran's Day BBQ at VA Hospital – 11 November 2013
- d. Twilight Tattoo – 20 November 2013
- e. Give Thanks Food Drive – Through 22 November 2013
- f. WLC Graduation – 4 December 2013
- g. 2nd QTR Division SAMA Board – 15 January 2014
- h. SAMC Scholarship Ball – March 2014 (Tentative)
- i. 3rd QTR Division SAMA Board – 21 May 2014
- j. 4th QTR Division SAMA Board – 20 August 2014

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10. Next meeting will be held 19 November 2013 at 1100, 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 1251 with members returning to their places of duty.

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LOREN ALEXANDER GERNANDT
SFC, USA
SECRETARY, ROTM SAMC

Members in attendance not listed above:

SSG Aust, Celeste
SSG Biglin, Kevin
SGT Coyle, Evan
SFC Gold, Monique
MSG Hankins, Roger
SFC Kirven, Karl
MSG Matias, Luis
SFC Larson, Roger
SSG Shelton, Taiwan
SFC Smith, Roy
SFC Sylla, Witzer

Guests in Attendance:

Joe Ford
Terry Trace
Lou Pace
Zack Walden
Solomon Clift
SSG Louby, Richard