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History. This printing publishes a new regulation.

Summary. This regulation establishes procedures and eligibility in regard to the Military District of Washington (MDW) Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC).

Applicability. This regulation applies to all elements of MDW with soldiers assigned or attached, active Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard. It applies specifically to the staff elements with responsibilities for managing and administering this program.

Supplementation. This regulation may be supplemented at the installation level. Proposed supplements must be submitted for approval to Commander, MDW, ATTN: ANPE, 103 Third Avenue, Fort Lesley J. McNair, DC 20319-5058.

Suggested improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER), MDW. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to Commander, U.S. Army Military District of Washington, ATTN: ANPE, 103 Third Avenue, Fort Lesley J. McNair, DC 20319-5058.

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1. Purpose

This regulation provides information and administrative instructions for the MDW Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC). Appendix A is a brief biography of Sergeant Audie Murphy.

2. References

a. AR 600-8-105, Military Orders.

b. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.

c. FM 25-101, Battle Focus Training.

d. MDW Form 1062 (United States Army Military District of Washington Sergeant Audie Murphy Award) (Certificate).

3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

4. General

Induction and membership in the MDW SAMC is a reward for noncommissioned officers (NCOs) whose leadership achievements and performance merit special recognition. The SAMC is a means of recognizing those NCOs who have contributed significantly to the development of a professional NCO corps and a combat ready Army. Members exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development, welfare of soldiers, and concern for families of soldiers.

5. Eligibility

All MDW active Army component, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard NCOs in the rank corporal through sergeant first class, who directly supervise at least two soldiers are eligible to compete for membership in the MDW SAMC. The MDW Command Sergeant Major (CSM) may at his discretion allow tenant units on MDW installations to be eligible to compete for membership in the MDW SAMC.

6. Procedures

a. The command sergeant major (CSM) at each MDW subordinate command, e.g., Continental U.S. Army (CONUSA)/installation/unit, will exercise primary staff responsibility for the SAMC at that level. Responsibility will not be delegated to lower levels. Responsibilities will include chairing on the final selection board each quarter. The MDW CSM will be the president of the board as well as oversee the monitoring, tracking, and recording of SAMC members. In addition, responsibilities will include

publishing a memorandum of introduction signed by the principal commander for gaining commanders of SAMC members departing the command. A sample memorandum of introduction is at appendix B.

b. The SAMC selection process will be in four phases:

(1) Phase 1 - Commander's and CSM's Evaluation/Nomination: Unit commanders and CSMs who recommend NCOs for membership in the SAMC will screen and evaluate candidates prior to their appearing before initial selection board. A sample format for commander's evaluation/nomination is at appendix C.

(2) Phase 2 - Performance Record: The SAMC performance record is based on recorded accomplishments of the candidates and their subordinates (when applicable) and must be enclosed with the commander's evaluation/nomination. A sample format of the performance record is at appendix D.

(3) Phase 3 - Initial Selection Board: An initial selection board will be conducted at unit level under direction of the unit senior NCO. Board members will be provided a copy of the commander's evaluation/nomination and the performance record. The board will be composed of voting members senior to the candidate and will include at least one voting member of the same sex as the candidate being considered. Numerical scoring on the sample score sheets at appendix E will determine if a candidate should continue in the selection process. Candidates selected to continue will be scheduled to appear before the final selection board. Requests to appear before the final selection board will be by memorandum to SAMC final selection board president, signed by the appropriate commander.

(4) Phase 4 - Final Selection Board: The SAMC final selection board will be composed of the MDW Command Sergeant Major as president and three or more command or staff sergeants major appointed by the president, and a recorder without vote. At least one board member must be of the same gender as the candidate being considered. The board may be reduced by one sergeant major when replaced by a SAMC voting member senior to the candidate being considered. The final selection board will determine through a question and answer protocol if the candidate has reached a level of knowledge in a range of subject matter to warrant induction into the SAMC. Candidates successfully meeting standards of final selection board will be selected for induction into the SAMC. The inductee is introduced to the local SAMC chapter and presented appropriate awards. Quotas will not be established. The final selection board need not select candidates if they do not meet required standards. The board president will counsel candidates not selected for induction. Final selection boards for candidates assigned to duty stations at other than MDW installations will be convened by the CONUSA of that geographical area or MDW major subordinate command on that

installation. Similarly, each CONUSA must ensure their selection boards consider MDW NCOs not assigned to a MDW major subordinate command, e.g., CONUSA/ installation/unit. The CONUSA final selection boards may be consolidated when coordinated between state adjutant general (AG) national guard and Army reserve CSMs as appropriate.

7. SAMC administration

a. The MDW Command Sergeant Major will exercise overall program administration at major Army command (MACOM) level.

b. Subordinate commands will have procedures in place to administer the program at local level within the appropriate CSM office and will prepare the following SAMC awards for new inductees:

(1) MDW Form 1062 (United States Army Military District of Washington Sergeant Audie Murphy Award) (Certificate), signed by the MDW Commanding General and Command Sergeant Major. Certificate is approved for filing in accordance with (IAW) AR 600-8-105 in both military personnel records jacket (MPRJ) and official military personnel file (OMPF). Copies of certificates should be forwarded to servicing personnel service center/ military personnel division/military personnel office (PSC/MPD/ MILPO) for processing/filing.

(2) Membership medallion, approved for wear with Class A uniform during SAMC official functions only (IAW AR 670-1, para 28-13d).

(3) Membership card.

c. Presentation of local awards may be appropriate as deemed necessary by the commander, e.g., local gift certificates and prizes.

d. Public affairs officers at all levels will arrange for press coverage, such as local media coverage and hometown news releases. Photographs of members should be prominently displayed.

e. A list of suggestions for recognizing and utilizing SAMC members is at appendix F.

f. The MDW CSM will conduct program reviews of all subordinate SAMC preliminary proceedings and coordinate program inbriefs for all incoming garrison commanders. The MDW CSM will exercise final authority for approval of any policy or procedure exceptions to include SAMC member removal actions. Request for removal of SAMC members will be submitted to MDW CSM for evaluation and final determination.

g. The MDW Command Sergeant Major Board will be responsible for ensuring sufficient certificates, medallions, and membership cards are available to present new inductees.

h. The SAMC emblem is represented at appendix G, along with an explanation of the lineage.

8. Honorary membership

a. Honorary membership may be extended to selected personnel who fit the image of a SAMC member but would not normally be allowed to compete. Careful evaluation must be taken by the approving authority to ensure that the spirit and intent of the program is preserved.

b. Sergeant Morales members in good standing will be extended honorary membership. They will receive a membership card and the opportunity to participate in all SAMC activities. They will not receive a certificate of achievement or medallion.

Appendix A
The Biography of Audie Murphy

Audie Leon Murphy was a legend in his own time. A war hero, movie actor, writer of country and western songs, and poet. His biography reads more like fiction than fact. He lived only 46 years, but he made a lasting imprint on American history. Audie was born on a sharecropper farm in northern Texas on June 20, 1924. As a boy, he chopped cotton for 1 dollar a day and was noted for his feats of daring do and his accuracy with a gun. He had only 5 years of schooling and was orphaned at age 16. After being refused enlistment during World War II, in both the Marines and Paratroopers, for being too small (5'5") and underweight (110 lbs.) He enlisted in the U.S. Army a few days after his 18th birthday. After basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and advanced training at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, Audie was sent overseas. He was assigned to the famous 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, where he fought in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany. He earned a battlefield commission for his courage and leadership ability as well as citations and decorations including every medal for valor that America gives. He was also awarded three French and one Belgian medals. Lieutenant Audie Murphy was the highest decorated soldier in American history. Discharged from the Army on September 21, 1945, Audie went to Hollywood at the invitation of movie star James Cagney. He remained in California for the rest of his life and was closely associated with the movie industry as both an actor and a producer. He acted in 44 films, starring in 39 of them. His best known film was "To Hell and Back," adopted from the best selling book of his war experiences by the same name. Most of his movies were westerns. In 1955, Audie Murphy was voted the Most Popular Western Actor in America by the Motion Picture Exhibitors. Audie wrote the lyrics to 16 country and western songs, the most popular of which was "Shutters and Boards," written with Scott Turner in 1962. Over 30 pop singers, including Jerry Wallace, Dean Martin, and Porter Waggoner recorded the song. He was an accomplished poet; unfortunately, only a few of his poems have survived. In 1950, Audie joined the 36th Infantry Division ("T-Patchers") of the Texas National Guard and served with it until 1966. He was a Mason and a Shriner and belonged to several veterans' organizations. Audie Murphy was killed in a plane crash on a mountaintop near Roanoke, Virginia, on May 28, 1971. Fittingly, his body was recovered 2 days later on Memorial Day. Audie could very well be the last American war hero. He was the greatest combat soldier in the 200-year plus history of the United States.

Appendix B
Sample Memorandum of Introduction

(Letterhead Stationery)

Office Symbol (Marks Number) (Date)

MEMORANDUM FOR XXXXXX
XXX
XXX

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Introduction

1. It is with personal pleasure that I forward this memorandum of introduction to Sergeant James R. Jones, Jr., 111-22-3333, currently assigned to your command. Sergeant Jones is a member of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington (MDW) Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, and one of the Army's finest noncommissioned officers.

2. The MDW Sergeant Audie Murphy Club was established to recognize noncommissioned officers who best exemplify that special kind of leadership and professionalism characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development, and welfare of soldiers. Membership is granted only to those who have demonstrated the ability to meet those challenges in an exceptional manner.

3. Sergeant Jones exhibited the very highest standards of leadership and achievement and was selected for membership in this prestigious club of military professionals.

4. Enclosed is a copy of Sergeant Audie Murphy's biography that clearly sets the standards by which club members are evaluated.

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Signature Block
Major General, USA
Commanding

Appendix C
Sample Format for Unit Commander Nomination

(Letterhead Stationery)

Office Symbol (Marks Number) (Date)

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, U.S. Army Military District of Washington, 103 Third Avenue, Fort Lesley J. McNair, DC 20319-5058

SUBJECT: Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Nomination and Worksheet

NAME:_____SSN:_____
_
GRADE:_____PMOS:_____SMOS: _____ DATE: _____
UNIT: _____
DUTY PHONE:_____ MONTHS AT PRESENT JOB:_____
DUTY POSTION AND DATE ASSIGNED: _____
TIME IN SERVICE:_____ ETS: _____
CIVILIAN EDUCATION: _____ MILITARY EDUCATION: _____
_____ _____
_____ _____
SECURITY CLEARANCE: _____
NO. PERSONS SUPERVISED: _____

2 Encls
1. DD Form 2266
2. Bio Sketch

(CDR SIGNATURE BLOCK)
_____
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Appendix D
Performance Record

(Letterhead Stationery)

Office Symbol (Marks Number) (Date)

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMC Selection Board

SUBJECT: SAMC Performance Record

1. The following performance records are submitted for _____ _____, an SAMC candidate:

NAME: _____ SSN: _____
UNIT: _____ DOR: _____ DOB: _____
ETS: _____ PMOS: _____ NCOES: _____
NUMBER OF SOLDIERS SUPERVISED: _____
NAME/ADDRESS NEXT OF KIN: _____
_____
AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: _____
PERSONAL PERFORMANCE ACHIEVEMENTS: _____
APFT: _____ WEAPON QUAL: _____
SUBORDINATE PERFORMANCE ACHIEVEMENTS: _____
APFT STANDARD: _____ WEAPON QUAL AVG: _____
APFT AVERAGE: _____

2. The following information concerning discipline of subordinates is provided:

AWOL: _____ UCMJ: _____
DUI/DWI: _____

3. The following additional comments are provided: _____
_____
_____

(CSM SIGNATURE BLOCK)
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Appendix E

SAMC Score Sheets **SAMC BOARD SHEET**

NAME DATE RANK UNIT:

Common Scored Areas	**GO / NO GO**
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	_____
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	_____
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xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	_____
Group 1	
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Group 2	
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Group 3	
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Group 4	
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xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	_____
Group 5	
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xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	_____
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	_____
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	_____

I DO/ DO NOT RECOMMEND SM FOR SAMC _____

(Signature of Board Member)

REMARKS:

Appendix F
Suggestions for Recognizing and Using SAMC Members

F-1. Interview SAMC members as possible officer candidate school or warrant officer candidates.

F-2. Encourage assignments to leadership positions that will allow SAMC members to develop leadership skills.

F-3. Assign to instructor duties or positions and teach NCO development classes.

F-4. Encourage further participation in off-duty education programs to set an example for younger soldiers.

F-5. Accompany sergeants major on unit visits and talk to individual NCOs.

F-6. Use their talents as:

a. Guest speakers at command information classes and seminars

b. Speakers at NCO leadership schools

c. Participants in various corps, division, and brigade ad hoc committees.

d. Attendees at selected command briefings.

e. Greeters for VIPs visiting local commands.

f. Participants in sponsorship and reception programs.

F-7. Encourage their involvement in community activities, e.g., Youth Services, Army Community Service, and Parent Teacher Associations.

F-8. Encourage them to help identify potential SAMC member.

Appendix G
Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Logo and Lineage

S*A*M*C: Initials separated by three stars which represent the Be, Know, and Do for the NCO.

SSG Rank Insignia: Reflects Audie Murphy's highest enlisted rank.

The Eagle: Our national bird and symbol of freedom, the intent of the club to be nationwide.

The Laurel: Represents the individual achievement of the NCOs in the club.

The Lightning Bolt: Represents swift and decisive action taken by the NCO.

The Sword: A historical reference, a tool for the NCO to cut to the heart of the matter, to lead the charge.

The Streamers: Indicate upon which we base our philosophy.

Glossary

Section I
Abbreviations

AG	adjutant general
APFT	Army Physical Fitness Test
BASD	basic active service date
CDR	commander
CG	commanding general
CSM	command sergeant major
CONUSA	Continental United States of America
DCSPER	Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, MDW
DWI	driving while intoxicated
ETS	estimated time in service
MACOM	major Army command
MDW	U.S. Army Military District of Washington
MILPO	military personnel office
MPRJ	military personnel records jacket
NCO	noncommissioned officer
NCOER	noncommissioned officer evaluation report
NCOES	noncommissioned officer education system
OMPF	official military personnel file
PMOS	primary military occupation specialty
PSC	personnel service center
SAMC	Sergeant Audie Murphy Club
SMOS	secondary military occupation specialty
SSN	social security number
UCMJ	Uniform Code of Military Justice

Section II
Terms

Sergeant Audie Murphy
The name of an NCO who, as a squad leader, consistently demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership, professionalism, and regard for the welfare of his soldiers.

The MDW Sergeant Audie Murphy Club
An elite organization of NCOs that have demonstrated the characterized performance and inherent leadership qualities and abilities of Sergeant Audie Murphy.