



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS Maneuver Center of Excellence  
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31904

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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05 June 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) Award Selection Board

1. References.

- a. TRADOC Regulation 600-14, TRADOC Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, 1 February 1999.
- b. TRADOC Regulation 600-14 C1, TRADOC Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, 15 February 2005.

2. MCoE hosts the quarterly Sergeant Audie Murphy Selection Board in order to select highly exemplified NCOs stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia on 090025JULY2014.

3. Purpose. The TRADOC SAMC is a privilege earned by a few exceptional noncommissioned officers. The SAMC is a means of recognizing those NCOs who have contributed significantly to the development of a professional NCO Corps and combat ready Army. Members exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of Soldiers and concern for families of Soldiers.

4. SAMC eligibility applies to NCOs between the ranks of Corporal (E-4) through Sergeant First Class (E-7).

5. TRADOC Soldiers previously inducted into the Sergeant Morales Club will be entitled to honorary induction into the SAMC. Substantiation of membership is the responsibility of the NCO and must include either a letter of introduction from the losing command or certificate of membership in the Sergeant Morales Club. Former Morales members will receive the membership card only. Sergeant Morales Club members wishing to receive the SAMC Medallion must appear before the final selection board.

6. Candidates must complete all selection phases prior to appearing before the SAMC final Selection board.

7. SAMC board packets will be submitted in the format as outlined in Enclosure 1. Each packet will consist of the following items in the order listed, placed in a powder blue double-pocket folder:

- a. Cover nomination memorandum signed by MSC/BDE CSM.

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- b. Unit Commander's Nomination Worksheet (MCoE SAMC Form A2).
- c. Updated DA Photo.
- d. Military biography (typed one page, single spaced, Times New Roman 12 Font, not a biographical sketch).
- e. Updated Enlisted Records Brief (ERB).
- f. Last 2 NCOERs, DA Form 2166-8 (must have a rating of 2/1 or 1/1 and among the best).
- g. Current APFT, DA Form 705 scorecard (minimum score of 270 or above), and DA Form 5500 if required (both must be within 30 days).
- h. Current Weapons Qualification Scorecard (no more than 6 months prior to the final selection board date).
- i. Hometown News Release (typed and signed DD Form 2266).
- j. Research paper consisting of an overview of the SAMC's history, an overview of the MCoE SAMC charities and functions, and why the Noncommissioned Officer desires to be a member. The research paper will be typed, minimum of one (1) page but not to exceed two (2) pages, single spaced, Times New Roman 12 Font.

8. Packets will be submitted NLT 18 July 2014 to the SAMC Packet Submission NCOIC. Packets will be reviewed for accuracy and turned in to the MCoE CSM's office. Candidates whose packets do not meet the standards will be rejected. Questions may be directed to e-mail: [jason.r.taylor50.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jason.r.taylor50.mil@mail.mil).

9. Nominees will report to SFC Jason Taylor on 15 July 2014 at the Smith Gym parking lot at 0600 for the APFT; upon completion of the APFT, nominees will be released until 0900. From 0900, UTC nominees will conduct SAMC Member-led board preparation. Nominees who do not attend will not be eligible to attend the final selection board. Nominees unable to attend must provide a letter outlining the reason for their absence signed by their Command Sergeant Major.

- a. Phase 1 will consist of an APFT, Packet, and Leaders book review.
- b. Phase 2 will consist of a full dress ASU inspection.
- c. Phase 3 will consist of one-page hand-written essay on a topic given the day of the preparation board.
- d. Phase 4 will consist of a board identical to final board, only in ACU uniform .

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e. Candidates will recite the NCO Creed and TRADOC Audie Murphy Biography during board preparation.

f. Candidates will receive a SAMC Sponsorship letter (MCoE SAMC Form A3) stating the nominee is board ready. However, if the nominee is deemed not ready he/she will be provided with an outline of the deficiencies and will not attend the final selection board.

g. The SAMC Committee will provide a copy to the candidates a SAMC memorandum stating the reasons for non recommendation.

10. SAMC Final Selection Board Proceedings.

a. SAMC Final Selection Panel Board will convene on 090004June 2014 at McGinnis-Wickam Hall, Wood Conference Room on the 5th floor. Candidates will receive an in-brief 30 minutes prior to the board convening.

b. Uniform for candidates will be the ASU with Leader's Book. All candidates must bring a leaders book that is used on a daily basis.

c. Sponsors for the SAMC candidates will be their 1SG or a SAMC member within their organization. Uniform for sponsor will be the ACU (SAMC Members will wear their ACU's with medallion).

d. Board members and subject groups are as follows.

Board Members	Subjects
CSM Guden, Timothy (MCOE)	Board President
CSM Williamson, Michael (3-16 CAV)	Group 1
CSM Edwards, Nyeedra (30 <sup>th</sup> AG)	Group 2
CSM Coroy, James (199 <sup>th</sup> )	Group 3
CSM Overton, Vaughn A. (4 <sup>th</sup> RTBn)	Alternate


e. Board members are to select a line of questioning that will determine the candidate's skill as a leader of Soldiers. Soldier and NCO of the Year type questions do not satisfy this requirement. Board members will be provided the necessary equipment as needed to satisfy their question requirements. Recommended that the questions be situational based.

f. Board members will report 30 minutes prior to the board convening. Units providing board members will coordinate for the alternate board member if unable to attend.

g. The Board President will identify selected candidates for induction at the completion of the Panel Board.

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