



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORT RILEY
580 1ST DIVISION ROAD
FORT RILEY, KS 66442-7000

AFZN-CSM (R)

21 October 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Instruction (MOI) for the 1st Quarter FY 11Fort Riley Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) Board

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide detailed guidance for the selection of new members to the Fort Riley Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.
2. Fort Riley will conduct the 4th Quarter FY 10 Sergeant Audie Murphy Board at 0900 on 15 December 2010, at Bldg 580, in the Main Conference Room. The mission is to select outstanding Noncommissioned Officers from Fort Riley to represent the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.
3. Each candidate will be accompanied by a Sergeant Audie Murphy Club member or his/her First Sergeant. Uniform for sponsors and candidates is the Class A uniform or Army Service Uniform. The uniform for board members and the recorder is the ACU. Candidates and sponsors will report at 0830.
4. Board members will ask situational questions. Their areas for questioning will consist of the following:

BOARD MEMBERS

CSM Darrell Wallace
President of the Board
CSM Jefferson Moser
CSM Michael Evans
CSM Wylie Hutchison
SGM Raymond Kenny
SGM Brian Hauke

SUBJECT AREAS

History of Sgt Audie Murphy, Leaders Notebook
Army Programs, Maintenance,
Leadership, Duties and Responsibilities of a NCO
Quality of Life, Soldier's Creed, Sexual assault/harassment
Enlisted Promotions, Training
Drill and Ceremony, NCO Creed

BOARD RECORDER

SPC Moore (without vote)

5. Candidates appearing before the board are required to bring their Leader's Book.
6. During the SAMC Board the candidate will recite the biography of Sergeant Audie Murphy which is represented in Enclosure 1. The selection board will determine through a question and answer system if the candidate has reached a level of knowledge in a range of subject matter to warrant induction into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. Candidates successfully meeting standards of the final selection board will be selected for induction into the SAMC.

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7. As per FORSCOM Regulation 215-7; at least one board member must be of the same sex 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.

8. **COMPETITOR NOMINATION PACKET.** Units shall forward candidate packets to the Office of the 1st Infantry Division Command Sergeant Major, Bldg. 580, Command Group Suite, Office 335F **NLT 1700 Hrs, 8 December 2010 – NO EXCEPTIONS.** Incomplete packets and packets submitted after the closing date will be returned to the unit.

9. Packets will be assembled in the following order and placed in a folder (See checklist at Enclosure 3):

A. Recommendations from the Brigade CSM, Battalion CSM, and Company First Sergeant.

B. Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Performance Worksheet verified by Company Commander. (Enclosure 2)

C. Biographical Summary (Please include spouse first and last name).

D. ERB **(UPDATED)**

E. APFT card within the last six months.

F. Weapons Qualification Card

10. My point of contact for this memo is Mrs. Ruth Dupree at 239-2407/2722.

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//

- 3 Encls
1. Sergeant Audie Murphy Biography
2. SAMC Performance Worksheet
3. Packet Check list

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Division Command Sergeant Major-R

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CSM, each MSC/ Sep BN

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's farm in North Texas on June 20, 1924. As a boy, he chopped cotton for one dollar a day and was noted for his feats of derring-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 of the 3rd Infantry Division where he fought in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany. He earned a battlefields 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 medal. 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, both as 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 bestselling 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. The song was recorded by over 30 pop singers, including Jerry Wallace, Dean Martin, and Porter Wagoner. 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 mountain top 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.

ENCLOSURE 1

PERFORMANCE WORKSHEET EXAMPLE

AFZA-1SG

date

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMA Selection Board

SUBJECT: SAMA Performance Test

1. The following performance test results are submitted for _____, a SAMC candidate:

NAME _____ SSN _____ UNIT _____

DOR _____ DOB _____ ETS _____ PMOS _____

NOES _____

NUMBER OF SOLDIERS SUPV _____

NAME ADDRESS NEXT OF KIN _____

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS _____

PERSONAL PERFORMANCE ACHIEVEMENTS:

APFT _____ WEAPON QUAL _____

SUBORDINATE PERFORMANCE:

ACHIEVEMENTS: _____

APFT _____ WEAPON QUAL _____

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

AWOL _____ UCMJ _____ DWI _____

3. The following additional comments are provided

Commander
Signature Block

Enclosure 2

Sgt Audie Murphy Board Packet Checklist

Recommendation Memos

Co ISG

Bn CSM

Bde CSM

Performance Worksheet

- Verified by Commander

Biography

ERB

APFT Card

- Dated within the last 6 months

Weapons Qualification Card