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INTERNAL CONTROL PROVISIONS. This regulation does not contain management control procedures.

- 1. PURPOSE.** This regulation provides information and administrative instructions for the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) within Eighth United States (U.S.) Army.
- 2. APPLICABILITY.** This regulation applies to all Eighth U.S. Army subordinate commands, assigned or attached units, and tenant units.
- 3. REFERENCES.**
 - a. Required publications. The following are required publications:
 - (1) AR 670-1 (Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia). Cited in paragraph 5c(2) and appendix I.
 - (2) FM 22-100 (Army Leadership). Cited in appendix I.
 - (3) FM 23-9 (M16A1 Rifle and M16A2 Rifle Marksmanship). Cited in appendix I.
 - (4) FM 25-100 (Training the Force). Cited in appendix I.
 - (5) FM 25-101 (Battle Focused Training). Cited in appendix I.
 - b. Related publication. The following are related publications:
 - (1) AR 600-8-22 (Military Awards).
 - (2) Eighth Army Reg 672-1 (Outstanding United States Army Noncommissioned Officer, Soldier and KATUSA Program).

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c. Required forms.

- (1) DA Form 705 (APFT Scorecard). Cited in appendix E.
- (2) DD Form 2266 (Hometown News Release Information). Cited in paragraph 7a(2) and appendix E.
- (3) EA Form 525 (SAMC Membership Card). Cited in paragraph 5c(3).
- (4) EA Form 527 (Eighth U.S. Army Sergeant Audie Murphy Award). Cited in paragraph 5c(1).

4. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS.

a. Abbreviations.

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|------------|---|
| (1) ACoS | Assistant Chief of Staff |
| (2) CSM | Command Sergeant Major |
| (3) ERB | Enlisted Record Brief |
| (4) KATUSA | Korean Augmentation to United States Army |
| (5) MSC | Major Subordinate Command |
| (6) NCO | Noncommissioned Officer |
| (7) SAMC | Sergeant Audie Murphy Club |

b. Terms.

(1) Sergeant Audie Murphy. The name of a Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) who, as a squad leader, consistently demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership, professionalism and regard for the welfare of his soldiers. A brief biography of Audie Murphy is at appendix A.

(2) Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. An elite organization of NCOs whose demonstrated performance and inherent leadership qualities and abilities are characterized by those of Sergeant Audie Murphy. The SAMC emblem is represented at appendix B along with an explanation of the lineage.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Commanders of Eighth U.S. Army major subordinate commands (MSCs), assigned or attached units, and tenant units will--

(1) Establish criteria, policies, and procedures to govern nomination of candidates for induction into the Eighth U.S. Army SAMC from within their MSC.

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(2) Nominate candidates for induction into the Eighth U.S. Army SAMC to their respective brigade-level Initial Selection Board.

b. The Command Sergeants Major (CSMs) 2ID, 19th TSC, and 1st Sig Bde will--

(1) Convene quarterly Eighth U.S. Army final selection boards to consider nominees for induction into the Eighth U.S. Army SAMC. Appendix C depicts how units are aligned.

(2) Serve as presidents of the Eighth U.S. Army Final Selection Boards.

(3) Provide a recorder without vote for quarterly Eighth Army final selection boards.

(4) Publish Memorandum of Instruction for SAMC board and induction ceremony when required.

(5) Within 3 working days of the board, provide ACoS, G1 (EAGA-PP) the SAMC Induction Worksheet (Appendix D) for soldiers selected for induction into the Eighth U.S. Army SAMC.

(6) Counsel candidates not selected for induction who appear before the Eighth U.S. Army Final Selection Board.

(7) Exercise final authority for approval of any policy or procedural exceptions, to include SAMC member removal actions.

(8) Inform the Eighth U.S. Army ACoS, G1 of gaining units of assignment of departing SAMC members within their MSCs no later than 30 days prior to the member's scheduled departure date.

c. The Eighth U.S. Army Assistant Chief of Staff (ACoS), G1 will--

(1) Prepare EA Form 527 (Eighth U.S. Army Sergeant Audie Murphy Award) signed by the Eighth U.S. Army Commanding General and CSM.

(2) Provide a membership medallion, approved for wear with the class A uniform during SAMC official functions only (in accordance with AR 670-1, paragraph 28-13d).

(3) Prepare EA Form 525 (Sergeant Audie Murphy Membership Card).

(4) Prepare introductory memorandums for departing SAMC members for signature by the Eighth U.S. Army Command Group.

(5) Maintain Eighth U.S. Army SAMC Database of inductees.

d. The Eighth U.S. Army Public Affairs Officer will provide media coverage and photography support of awards presentation ceremonies, as required.

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e. The Brigade CSMs will--

(1) Convene SAMC Initial Selection Boards to coincide with outstanding noncommissioned officer, soldier and Korean Augmentation to United States Army (KATUSA) boards to consider recommending candidates for induction into the Eighth U.S. Army SAMC.

(2) Serve as members of Eighth U.S. Army Final Selection Boards.

(3) Forward nomination packets for candidates recommended for induction into their Eighth U.S. Army Level Final Selection Board President. The documents required for the nomination packet are listed at Appendix E.

(4) Counsel those candidates who are not recommended to the Final Selection Board.

(5) May publish a memorandum of introduction signed by the MSC commander for gaining commanders of SAMC members departing their command; in lieu of, requesting an introduction letter from the Eighth U.S. Army Command Group. A sample letter is at appendix F.

6. POLICY.

a. Induction and membership in the SAMC is a reward for 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 and welfare of soldiers and concern for families of soldiers.

b. Eligibility. All NCOs in the ranks of Corporal through Sergeant First Class.

c. Quotas for SAMC inductees will not be established.

d. Honorary membership.

(1) Selected personnel who fit the image of a SAMC member but would not normally be allowed to compete may be awarded honorary membership.

(2) 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. However, they will not receive an award certificate or medallion.

(3) All recommendations for honorary members will be forwarded through the ACofS, G1 SGM to the Eighth U.S. Army CSM for approval.

e. Unit files and military personnel records will be reviewed to verify the existence or absence of disciplinary action. A ration control and Provost Marshal Office check must be conducted and any derogatory information addressed. Commanders may provide a statement instead of hard-copy records. Minor violations should not automatically disqualify soldiers from being nominated.

7. PROCEDURES. The SAMC selection process will be in four phases.

a. Phase 1 - Commander's evaluation/nomination. Commanders who recommend NCOs for membership in the SAMC will screen and evaluate candidates prior to appearance before an initial selection board.

(1) A sample format for the commander's evaluation/nomination is at appendix G.

(2) A DD Form 2266 (Hometown News Release Information), a performance test of the recommended individual, and an enlisted records brief (ERB) will be attached to the commander's evaluation/nomination.

b. Phase 2 - Performance test. The SAMC performance test is based on recorded accomplishments of the candidate and his/her subordinates (when applicable) and must be attached as an enclosure to the commander's evaluation/nomination. A sample format of the performance test is at appendix H.

c. Phase 3 - Initial Selection Board. A brigade-level Initial Selection Board will be conducted.

(1) Initial selection boards will be held in conjunction with quarterly outstanding NCO, soldier and KATUSA boards.

(2) CSMs will appoint board members, ensuring that the board is composed of members senior to the candidate. Additionally, the board will include at least one voting member of the same sex as the candidate being considered.

(3) Numerical scoring on subject matter contained on the score sheet at appendix I will determine if a candidate should continue in the selection process.

(4) Candidates selected to continue will be scheduled to appear before the Eighth U.S. Army Final Selection Board. Requests to appear before the Eighth U.S. Army Final Selection Board will be by memorandum to the Eighth U.S. Army Final Selection Board president, signed by the appropriate commander. Nomination packets described in appendix E will be attached as enclosures to all appearance request memorandums.

d. Phase 4 - Final Selection Board. The Eighth U.S. Army Final Selection Boards will convene quarterly (in the months of September, December, March, and June). Requests for appearance and nomination packets will be submitted no later than the 5th workday of the months indicated.

(1) The Eighth Army Final Selection Boards will be composed of the President of the boards, (2ID CSM, 19th TSC CSM, and 1st Sig Bde CSM) and the CSM or Sergeants Major appointed by them, and a recorder without vote. At least one board member must be of the same sex as the candidate being considered.

(2) Candidates will appear before the final selection board in the class A uniform. Uniform for board members is at the discretion of the SAMC final selection board presidents.

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(3) The final selection boards will determine through a question and answer system if the candidate has sufficiently reached a level of knowledge in a wide range of areas to warrant induction into the SAMC.

(4) Candidates successfully meeting the standards of the Eighth U.S. Army Final Selection Boards will be selected for induction into the SAMC. The inductee will be introduced to the local SAMC chapter and presented with appropriate awards.

(5) The Eighth U.S. Army Final Selection Boards need not select candidates if they do not meet required standards.

e. Requests for removal of SAMC members will be submitted to the Eighth U.S. Army CSM for evaluation and final determination.

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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'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 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 pounds), he enlisted in the United States 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 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 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 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. 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 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

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.

APPENDIX C

EIGHTH U.S. ARMY SAMC FINAL SELECTION BOARDS

The following boards are established as the Eighth U.S. Army SAMC final selection boards:

DIVISION I

2ID CSM PRESIDENT

1ST BRIGADE
2^D BRIGADE
DISCOM
DIVARTY
DIVISION TROOPS
2ND AVN BDE
2ND ENG BDE
JSA
NCO ACADEMY

DIVISION II

1ST SIG BDE CSM PRESIDENT

1ST SIG BDE
501ST MI BDE
8TH PERSCOM
18TH MEDCOM
17TH AVN BDE
8TH MP BDE
175TH FINCOM
TROOP COMMAND
AFKN
SOCKOR
CID

DIVISION III

19th TSC CSM PRESIDENT

20TH SPT GP
34TH SPT GP
23rd SPT GP
501st CSG
Area I SPT ACT
Area III SPT ACT
6th CAV BDE

APPENDIX D

SAMC INDUCTION WORKSHEET

NAME: _____ RANK: _____
(last, first and middle names) Promotable? Y / N

UNIT: _____ LOCATION: _____

_____ MAJOR COMMAND: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

DUTY PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

PRIOR AWARDS: _____

FAMILY MEMBER INFORMATION:

SPOUSE'S FULL NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S ADDRESS: _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES: _____

FATHER'S FULL NAME: _____

FATHER'S ADDRESS: _____

MOTHER'S FULL NAME: _____

MOTHER'S ADDRESS: _____

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This worksheet is for internal use by individuals having a need to know. Personal information contained herein will not be disclosed to outside sources without the permission of the individual concerned. This worksheet will be safeguarded in accordance with AR 340-21, paragraph 4-4.

DATA REQUIRED BY PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301, U.S.C. 8012, and E.O. 9397.

PRINCIPAL USES: Gather data for recognition of the achievements of Army personnel.

ROUTINE USES: This information is used to process inductee's packet for membership.

DISCLOSURE: Information collected on this worksheet is voluntary.

APPENDIX E

NOMINATION PACKETS FOR SAMC CANDIDATES

1. In order for a candidate to appear before the Eighth U.S. Army Final Sergeant Audie Murphy selection board, nomination packets containing the following documents must be turned in to the appropriate headquarters. The packets will be constructed in the following order:

- A. Commander's Evaluation/Nomination
- B. Chain of Command recommendations (as a minimum the First Sergeant, the Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and the Brigade Command Sergeant Major)
- C. Biographical Sketch
- D. Updated copy of Enlisted Records Brief (ERB)
- E. Copy of current Weapons Qualification Scorecard
- F. Copy of current DA Form 705 (APFT Scorecard)
- G. Verified Height and Weight Data, current within 3 days
- H. SAMC Performance Test Results
- I. One-page essay, written by candidate on an Army Values
- J. DD Form 2266 (Hometown News Release Information) with original signatures

(Nomination packets, the original plus six complete copies, must be turned into the selection authority by the suspense date established in the board Memorandum of Instruction.)

APPENDIX F

SAMPLE MEMORANDUM OF INTRODUCTION

(Appropriate Letterhead)

OFFICE SYMBOL

(DATE)

MEMORANDUM FOR (Soldier's Gaining Commander)

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Introduction

1. This memorandum of introduction is being forwarded for _____ who has been assigned to your command. He/she is a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and has earned the distinction of being one of the finest NCOs ever assigned to my unit.
2. Membership in the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is a primary indicator that _____ has demonstrated the ability to meet the challenges of leadership and caring for soldiers.
3. I am pleased to personally introduce _____ to you. I am confident he/she will be an invaluable asset to your organization

SIGNATURE BLOCK
OF MSC
COMMANDER

APPENDIX G

SAMPLE FORMAT FOR UNIT COMMANDER'S EVALUATION/NOMINATION

(Appropriate Letterhead)

OFFICE SYMBOL

(DATE)

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMC Selection Board

SUBJECT: Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Nomination/Evaluation

Recommend that the following soldiers be considered for membership and induction.

NAME: _____ SSN: _____ RANK: _____

UNIT: _____ DUTY PHONE: _____

PMOS: _____ SMOS: _____

DUTY POSN: _____ DATE ASSIGNED: _____

BASD: _____ ETS: _____

CIV ED: _____ MIL ED: _____

NUMBER OF SOLDIERS INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISES: _____

- 2 Encls
- 1. DD Form 2266
- 2. Performance Test

COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE BLOCK

APPENDIX H

PERFORMANCE TEST

(Appropriate Letterhead)

OFFICE SYMBOL

(DATE)

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMC Selection Board

SUBJECT: SAMC Performance Test

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

SSN: _____ UNIT: _____ DOR: _____

DOB: _____ ETS: _____ PMOS: _____ NCOES: _____

NUMBER OF SOLDIERS INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISES: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: _____

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: _____

PERSONAL PERFORMANCE ACHIEVEMENTS: _____

APFT: _____ WEAPONS QUAL: _____

SUBORDINATES' PERFORMANCE ACHIEVEMENTS: _____

AVG APFT: _____ WEAPONS QUAL: _____

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

AWOL: _____ # UCMJ: _____ OTHER: _____

3. The following additional comments are provided.

COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE BLOCK

APPENDIX I
SAMC SCORESHEET

NAME: RANK:
SSN:
UNIT:
APFT SCORE: DATE: WPN QUAL: DATE:

I. Common Scored Areas 5 pt Max each score Remarks

a. Reporting		
b. Uniform & Appearance		
c. Oral Expression		
d. Military Bearing		

Total: _____

II. Group 1 5 pt Max each score Remarks

a. Weapons Qualification		MM=1 Pt, SS=3 Pts, EX=5 Pts
b. Weapons		
c. Land Navigation		
* FM 23-9 BRM		
* Promotion Policy & Reg		

Total: _____

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III. Group 2

5 pt Max each score

Remarks

- a. NBC
- b. First Aid
- c. APFT
- * AR 670-1
- * FM 25-101 & FM 25-100

	80-229=1 Pt, 230-269=3 Pts, 270-300=5 Pts

Total: _____

IV. Group 3

5 pt Max each score

Remarks

- a. FM 22-100, Army Leadership
- b. Counseling
- c. Customs & Courtesy
- * NCOER
- * Leader's Notebook

Total: _____

V. Group 4

5 pt Max each score

Remarks

- a. PMCS
- b. Supply Economy
- c. Chain of Command
- * Standards of Conduct

Total: _____

VI. Group 5

5 pt Max each score

Remarks

- a. Soldier Support Activities
- b. Education Programs
- c. Sponsorship
- * SAMC History
- * History of the NCO

Total: _____

Recommend:

Yes / No

Board Member: _____

Total Score: _____