

Personnel - General  
FORSCOM SERGEANT AUDIE MURPHY CLUB AT FORT HOOD

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**SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.** The proponent of this regulation is the Assistant Chief of Staff (ACofS), G1. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements to the Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood, ATTN: AFZF-GA, Fort Hood, Texas 76544-5056.

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OVERVIEW

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| Purpose       | This regulation implements the principles and policies of the FORSCOM Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC), as recognized by FORSCOM Circular 215-88-9 (FORSCOM Sergeant Audie Murphy Club), and provides administrative instructions for the continuation of the SAMC at Fort Hood.   | 1a |
| General       | Sergeant Audie Murphy was an noncommissioned officer (NCO) who, as a squad leader, consistently demonstrated the highest qualities of <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• leadership,</li><li>• professionalism, and</li><li>• regard for the welfare of the soldier.</li></ul> The FORSCOM SAMC is an elite organization of NCOs whose demonstrated performance is characterized by that of Sergeant Audie Murphy. (His story is at appendix B). | 1b |
| Applicability | This regulation applies to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• III Corps and Fort Hood staff agencies</li><li>• subordinate commands and</li><li>• tenant activities</li></ul>  | 1c |

RESPONSIBILITIES

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| General                      | Responsibilities are assigned to ensure that the highest standards of the FORSCOM SAMC are continued, and the requirements are met that support the FORSCOM SAMC and the president of the FORSCOM SAMC at Fort Hood. | 2a |
| CSM, III Corps and Fort Hood | The CSM, III Corps and Fort Hood, will preside as the president and exercise primary staff responsibility for the FORSCOM SAMC at Fort Hood.   | 2b |

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\*This regulation supersedes FH Reg 672-3, 13 June 1986, with C1, 10 November 1986

G1 SGM,  
III Corps

The G1 SGM, III Corps, as directed by the CSM, III Corps and Fort Hood

- coordinates actions necessary to convene the quarterly FORSCOM SAMC board at Fort Hood, and consolidates nominations from the CSMs or 1SGs of the participating III Corps and Fort Hood subordinate commands and tenant activities.
- prepares tasking requirements, for approval of the CSM, III Corps and Fort Hood, to conduct the quarterly FORSCOM SAMC at Fort Hood induction ceremony.
- budgets for and coordinates the procurement of items to be presented at the induction ceremony through the ACof S, G3/PTM, and Directorate of Contracting.
- prepares memorandums of introduction, for signature by the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood, when FORSCOM SAMC members are scheduled for permanent change of station (PCS) from Fort Hood.
- maintains the official membership role and records of the FORSCOM SAMC at Fort Hood.

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CSMs & 1SGs

The CSMs or 1SGs of III Corps and Fort Hood subordinate commands and tenant activities

- convene quarterly boards to select outstanding NCOs to compete for membership before the FORSCOM SAMC board at Fort Hood.
- continue to emphasize the FORSCOM SAMC as an important part of the III Corps and Fort Hood NCO development program.
- use all available publicity to provide maximum recognition of FORSCOM SAMC members. Appendix D provides some suggestions for recognition and utilization of FORSCOM SAMC members.

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CORTRAIN  
CSMs

CSMs of CORTRAIN commands will establish and participate in a FORSCOM SAMC at their location.

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FORSCOM  
SAMC  
Members

FORSCOM SAMC members at Fort Hood will provide a copy of PCS orders, upon receipt, to the G1 SGM, III Corps, for preparation of the commanding general's memorandum of introduction to the gaining command.

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ADMINISTRATION

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Nomination  
Boards

Nomination boards conducted by subordinate commands or tenant activities will

- be convened quarterly.
- be chaired by the CSM or 1SG of the subordinate command or tenant activity.

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Nomination Boards  
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- screen their candidates and submit nominations for appearance before the selection board of the FORSCOM SAMC at Fort Hood.
- not establish quotas.

NOTE: Boards do not need to select nominees if personnel do not meet the required standards of excellence.

- forward 6 copies of each nomination package to HQ III Corps, ATTN: AFZF-GA, not later than 10 days prior to the convening date of the FORSCOM SAMC board at Fort Hood.
- nomination packages will consist of a nomination worksheet, biographical sketch, and a completed hometown news release, using guidance found in appendix E.

NOTE: Negative reports, if applicable, are required.

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FORSCOM SAMC Board at Fort Hood

The FORSCOM SAMC board at Fort Hood will

- convene quarterly to make the final selection of candidates for induction into the FORSCOM SAMC at Fort Hood.
- be chaired by the CSM, III Corps and Fort Hood, as president, unless an alternate is designated .
- consist of the president and four additional CSMs as designated by the president.
- select candidates for membership by unanimous vote.

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Candidates

Candidates will

- be escorted before the board by their first line supervisor.
- bring their leadership book, DA Form 2A (Personnel Qualification Record, Part I), DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record - Part II), and their Military Personnel Record Jacket (MPRJ), with them for board members' review.
- wear the Army green service uniform (Class A) with all authorized awards and accouterments.

NOTE: Escorts will also wear the Class A uniform.

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Induction Ceremony

The FORSCOM SAMC induction ceremony at Fort Hood is

- conducted quarterly after the FORSCOM SAMC at Fort Hood board has made a final selection of members to be inducted.
- officiated by the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood.

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MEMBERSHIP

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Membership

Membership in the FORSCOM SAMC is a unique reward for NCOs whose leadership achievements merit special recognition.

It is a means of recognizing those NCOs who have contributed significantly to developing a professional NCO Corps and a combat effective Army.

Members exemplify a special leadership characterized by a personal concern for the

- needs,
- training,
- development, and
- welfare of the soldier.

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Criterion

NCOs in the rank of corporal through sergeant first class or platoon sergeant and who directly supervise a minimum of two soldiers are eligible for membership.

NOTE: NCOs assigned to instructor duty will count the number of students they are currently instructing as the number of personnel being supervised.

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Honorary Membership

Honorary membership is also based on the highest standards for concern and support to the soldiers of III Corps and Fort Hood, and will only be awarded by the president of the FORSCOM SAMC at Fort Hood.

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Recognition

NCOs selected for membership will

- be inducted into the FORSCOM SAMC at an official ceremony. Nominees who are unable to attend the first scheduled Fort Hood quarterly induction ceremony after board selection, will be inducted at an appropriate ceremony by the commander of the subordinate command or tenant activity that the NCO is assigned to.
- be presented a FORSCOM SAMC certificate of membership.
- be presented a FORSCOM SAMC coin attesting to excellence.
- be considered for a military award by the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood.
- upon receipt of PCS orders, be introduced as a FORSCOM SAMC member by the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood, to the commanding general of the gaining command.

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Removal of Members

Recommendations for the removal of members from the FORSCOM SAMC at Fort Hood

- will be submitted through command channels to the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood, for final determination.
- may be disapproved at any level of command and returned through command channels with the specific reason for disapproval.
- will be fully documented as to the reason for removal.
- will be forwarded to the individual concerned, for an opportunity to respond to the proposed action, prior to being forwarded to the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood, for final determination. Individuals may submit rebuttal statements on their behalf.

Removal from the FORSCOM SAMC

- will include the return of the FORSCOM SAMC certificates and coin for cancellation.
- will include the revocation of any awards presented to the individual in recognition of gaining FORSCOM SAMC membership.

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FOR THE COMMANDER:



NEAL T. JACO  
 Brigadier General, USA  
 Chief of Staff

T. J. LEONARD  
 COL, AG  
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- 5 Appendices
- A. References
  - B. Autobiography of Audie Murphy
  - C. Memorandum of Introduction
  - D. Utilization of FORSCOM SAMC Members
  - E. FORSCOM SAMC Nomination Package

DISTRIBUTION:

IAW FH Form 1853, A  
 Plus AFZF-GA (50)  
 IM-Pubs (100)  
 IM-AO (2)  
 IM-ARI (1)

APPENDIX A

REFERENCES

- AR 350-17 (Noncommissioned Officer Development Program (NCODP))
- AR 600-9 (Army Physical Fitness and Weight Control Program)
- AR 600-20 (Army Command Policy)
- AR 601-280 (Total Army Retention Program)
- AR 608-8-2 (Suspension of Favorable Personnel Actions (FLAGS))
- AR 670-1 (Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia)
- AR 672-1 (Awards of Trophies and Similar Devices in Recognition of Accomplishments)
- AR 672-5-1 (Military Awards)
- FM 22-100 (Military Leadership)
- FM 22-600-20 (The Army Noncommissioned Officer Guide)
- FORSCOM  
CIR 215-88-9 (FORSCOM Sergeant Audie Murphy Club)

## APPENDIX B

## THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AUDIE MURPHY

Audie Leon Murphy was a legend in his own time - war hero, movie actor, writer of country-western songs and poet. His biography reads more like fiction than fact. He lived only forty-six years, but he made a lasting imprint upon American History.

Audie was born on a sharecropper farm in North Texas on June 20, 1924. As a boy he chopped cotton for \$1 a day and was noted for his feats of daring-do and for his accuracy with a gun. He had only 5 years of schooling and was orphaned at sixteen.

After being refused enlistment in both the Marines and the Paratroopers for being too small (5'5") and underweight (110 lbs.), he enlisted in the U.S. Army a few days after his eighteenth birthday. After basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and advance training at Fort Meade, Maryland, Audie was sent overseas. He was assigned to the famous 15th Infantry Regiment of the 3d Infantry Division and fought in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany. He earned a battlefield commission for his courage and leadership ability. Audie spent some 400 days in the front lines and earned thirty-three military awards, citations, and decorations, including every medal for valor that America gives as well as 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 as a producer. He acted in forty-four films, starring in thirty-nine of them. His best known film was "To Hell and Back" adapted from the best-selling book of his war experiences by the same name. Most of his movies, however, were westerns. Audie Murphy was voted the most popular western actor in America in 1955 by the motion picture exhibitors.

Audie wrote the lyrics to sixteen country-western songs, the most popular of which was "Shutters and Boards," written with Scott Turner in 1962. This song was recorded by over thirty popular singers, including Jerry Wallace, Dean Martin, and Porter Wagoner. He was an accomplished poet; unfortunately however, 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 history of the United States.

APPENDIX C

SAMPLE OF MEMORANDUM OF INTRODUCTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Corsbie E. Saint, Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Europe, APO New York 09403

SUBJECT: Introduction of a Forces Command, Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Member

1. I am pleased to forward this introduction of Staff Sergeant John E. Doe, who has been assigned to your command. Sergeant Doe is a member of the Forces Command, Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and is the finest of III Corps and Fort Hood noncommissioned officers.
2. Membership in the Forces Command, Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is a primary indicator that Sergeant Doe has demonstrated the ability to meet the challenges of leadership and caring for soldiers. This organization was established to recognize those noncommissioned officers who best exemplify that special kind of leadership that shows a personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of the soldier - leadership that draws the very best from every individual. To attain membership in the Forces Command, Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Sergeant Doe had to exhibit the highest standards of leadership and achievement and be selected by a board of senior Command Sergeants Major.
3. I am pleased to personally introduce Sergeant Doe to you. I am confident Sergeant Doe will be an invaluable asset to your organization.

Encl  
(copy of PCS orders)

RICHARD G. GRAVES  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding

## APPENDIX D

## SUGGESTIONS FOR UTILIZING FORSCOM SAMC MEMBERS

- Interview FORSCOM SAMC members as possible officer candidate school or warrant officer candidates.
- Encourage their assignment to leadership positions that will allow them to further develop their leadership skills, preferably in their current units, where they are making important contributions.
- Assign them to teach classes on the NCO Development Program.
- Encourage their further participation in off-duty education programs as an example for younger soldiers.
- Have them accompany CSMs on unit visits and to talk to individual NCOs.
- Use their talents as:
  - Guest speakers at command information classes and seminars.
  - Speakers at NCO leadership schools.
  - Participants in various corps, division, and brigade ad hoc committees.
  - Participants in command field training exercises and command post exercises as controllers.
  - Attendees at selected command briefings.
  - Greeters for very important persons (VIPs) visiting local commands.
  - Guest speakers at education center graduations.
  - Participants in sponsorship and reception programs.
- Encourage their involvement in community activities (e.g., youth activities, Army Community Service, parents-teachers-students associations, sports programs).
- Encourage them to help identify potential FORSCOM SAMC members and to assist them in their preparation.

APPENDIX E

FORSCOM Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Nomination Package - - Worksheet

TO: CSM, \_\_\_\_\_ FROM: 1SG, \_\_\_\_\_  
Fort Hood, TX \_\_\_\_\_ Fort Hood, TX \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSAN: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
PMOS: \_\_\_\_\_ SQT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ SQT Date: \_\_\_\_\_ SMOS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time in Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ ETS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Duty Position and Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Personnel Supervised or, for Instructors, Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_  
Civilian Education: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Clearance: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1. Biographical Sketch
- 2. DD Form 2266

\_\_\_\_\_  
1SG, USA

FOR NOMINATION BOARD USE

Comments:

I (recommend/do not recommend) this NCO for membership in the FORSCOM SAMC.

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Signature of Board Member

The Nomination Board (recommends/does not recommend) this NCO for membership in the FORSCOM SAMC.

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(Typed Name/Grade) Board President: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL SELECTION BOARD USE

COMMENTS:

I (recommend/do not recommend) this NCO for membership in the FORSCOM SAMC.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Board Member

The final FORSCOM SAMC Board at Fort Hood (selects/does not select) this NCO for membership in the FORSCOM SAMC.

Board President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Soldier's Name:

Unit of Assignment:

Family Data (if Applicable):

Address:

Following above information, a synopsis of soldier's history, i.e., where they went to school, what kind of MOS training they received in AIT, where they have been stationed in the military, what type of units they have been assigned to, and list the soldier's significant accomplishments that would merit their being a member of the FORSCOM Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

The above information will be in paragraph format. Because the board members will be reviewing the biography while sitting on the board, try to limit information to one page, but do not leave out pertinent information just to shorten the biography. Include all information that you feel is important that pertains to this particular soldier.

Awards: List awards that the soldier has received.

Military Education: List resident courses, and correspondence courses, if applicable.

Civilian Education: List civilian education, such as high school diploma, colleges attended, degrees attained, etc.

Goals: State the personal goals of the soldier, as far as his military career is concerned or other endeavors the soldier may want to pursue.

NOTE: The last four sections are for ready reference of the board members and may contain information already given in the synopsis.