



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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ATZB-CM

8 July 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Sergeant Audie Murphy Award (SAMA) 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.
- c. TRADOC Regulation 600-14 C2. TRADOC Sergeant Audie Murphy Award, 14 May 2012

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

3. Purpose. The TRADOC SAMA is a privilege earned by a few exceptional noncommissioned officers. The SAMA 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. SAMA 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. This includes a Battalion/Squadron board and Brigade board.

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7. SAMA 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.
- 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 2/2, 2/1 or 1/1 and among the best).
- g. Current APFT, DA Form 705 scorecard, 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 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 the Wednesday prior to the Board convening from 1300-1530 in the Thunderbolt Chapter room McGinnis Wickham Hall 5th floor to the SAMA 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: benjamin.p.connell2.mil@mail.mil or steven.d.valvano.mil@mail.mil.

9. Nominees will report the Monday prior to the board at Smith Gym front entrance desk at 0600 for the APFT; upon completion of the APFT, nominees will be released until 0900. From 0900, UTC nominees will conduct a series of events that may include, but are not limited to weapons maintenance (M4, M9, 240B, 249), Installation knowledge, and SAMA Member-led board preparation. Nominees who do not attend will not be eligible to attend the final selection board.

- a. Phase 1 will consist of an APFT, Skill Level I tasks, and NCO Packet review.

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

10. SAMA Final Selection Board Proceedings.

a. SAMA Final Selection Panel Board will convene at 1000 hrs, McGinnis Wickham Hall, Wood Conference Room on the 5th floor. Candidates will report to the Thunderbolt Chapter Room at 0930 McGinnis Wickham Hall on the 5th floor. Candidates will receive an in-brief 30 minutes prior to the board convening.

b. Board Schedule for FY 17:

1st QTR: 8 December 2016

2nd QTR: 16 March 2017

3rd QTR: 8 June 2017

4th QTR: 31 August 2017

c. Uniform for candidates will be ASU. Sponsors for the SAMA 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).

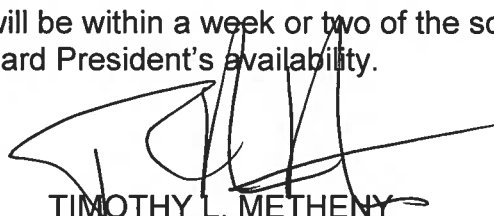
d. Board members and subject groups will be identified at least 30 days prior to the board convening.

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 provide the necessary equipment and materials 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.

h. All board dates are tentative, but will be within a week or two of the scheduled date. This will be subject to the Board President's availability.



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