

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club
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“As a noncommissioned officer I realize that I am a member of a time honored Corps, which is known as ‘the backbone of the Army.’”

Being a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers, is not something everyone is capable of doing. It is a rite of passage that a Soldier takes when they accept the responsibility and duty to place the weight of the mission, success or failure, on their shoulders; at the same time mentoring and preparing their Soldiers to be ready for any situation.

NCOs are the ones who set and enforce the standards among Soldiers; giving junior Soldiers an example of “what right looks like.”

There is a group of NCOs who exemplify this standard to the highest degree; the NCOs who have been inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

The SAMC is a unique group of NCOs who represent the highest echelon of NCOs in our Army.

They are selected through a process that allows only those NCOs who have set themselves apart to enter into their prestigious ranks.

Candidates participate in numerous selection boards, each time requiring the President of the Board to write them a letter of recommendation to attend the next board, before finally appearing before a board of all SAMC members.

When NCOs have finally completed all the tasks required and are inducted into the SAMC, they become a lifetime member of one of the most recognizable organizations in our Army.

The club was created in 1986, in honor of Sgt. Audie Murphy who served during World War II and was one of the most highly decorated Soldiers in U.S. history.

U.S. Army Central has its own SAMC chapter in Kuwait. The club meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.

The chapter has participated in numerous events here to include, Operation Thanksgiving, Operation Holiday, Sergeant Major of the Army Tours and other Morale, Welfare and Recreation events.

You will always find the members of the SAMC giving their time for the greater good of our organization, and the Army.

During the holidays when both the Army Chief of Staff and the USCENTOM commander came to Camp Arifjan, an NCO from the SAMC was the person responsible for giving their introductions to the masses, a distinct honor that not everyone will receive a chance to do.

“You lead from the front” is the motto of the SAMC and inherently the motto that all NCOs should strive to live by.

By living the motto of the SAMC club, and the example they set, I encourage all NCOs to challenge themselves everyday to be a better NCO, leader and member of our great Army.

It falls on us as NCOs to continue the rich tradition of those who have served before us. This starts with setting yourself apart from your peers by upholding the highest standards for yourself, your Soldiers and your country.