

## THE SAMC CREST

The Crest was designed by one of the original organizers of the club, Mr. Don Moore, Illustrator of Killeen, Texas. The crest depicts the symbols of the majestic American Bald Eagle superimposed over the olive branch-wreath, saber, and lightning bolt. In front of the eagle are the U.S. Army staff sergeant stripes. The eagle firmly clutches in both claws a powder blue banner, the color of infantry. On the banner are displayed words: Loyalty, Caring, Discipline, and Professionalism.



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**FORT LEE, VIRGINIA**

**SERGEANT AUDIE**

**MURPHY CLUB**

## **BIOGRAPHY OF** **AUDIE L. 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 read more like fiction than fact. He lived only 46 years, but made a lasting impression on American history. Audie was born on a share-cropper'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 Para-troopers 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 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 one Belgian and three French medals. Lieutenant Audie Murphy is 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 is "To Hell and Back", adapted 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 17 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 Shriner (Mason) 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 two days later on Memorial Day.

## **STUDY HALLS**

### **Available**

**\*\*\*Please contact POC first\*\*\***

**ALU:** Wednesday 12-1300 Heiser Hall room  
2209 (SSG Hubbard)

**QM:** Thursday 1230-1330 at PWD SFC  
Martin, Maureen

**OD:** 1SG Thompkins, Zeggory

**KENNER:** SSG Crabbe, Tiffany

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Please check like and follow our  
Facebook page to see the most up to  
date volunteer events as these change  
frequently.**

## **CANDIDATE** **REQUIREMENTS**

1. Candidates must have a current APFT within 6 months with a score of 240 or better with a minimum of 80 points per event.  
\*\*\*NCOs with a valid permanent profile will be excluded from the 240 overall score, but must have 80 points in all authorized APFT events\*\*\*
2. Candidates must have a weapons qualification within 6 months.
3. Candidates must have conducted 20 hours of volunteer service within the current FYI logged in VMIS
4. Candidates must be in the rank of CPL through MSG with at least six years of service
5. Candidates must supervise at least two Soldiers.  
\*\*\*Waiverable by BN CSM\*\*\*\*\*
6. Candidates must display exemplary physical fitness, leadership, and marksmanship skills.
7. Candidates must be mature and share the values of their profession and their unit.
8. Candidates will possess no derogatory actions in their records as a Sergeant or above in the last 24 months.
9. Candidates must exercise sound leadership principles and display examples of professional Army ethics.
10. Candidates must strengthen and develop the Seven Army Values in Soldiers and display the Warrior Ethos.