



# UNDER THE OAK TREE



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## 2ID'S ELITE CLUB: TOP-NOTCH NCOs ONLY

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The 2nd Infantry Division recently conducted its first Sergeant Audie Murphy Club board and induction ceremony as a separate and distinct division chapter.

During the ceremony approximately 100 guests witnessed the induction of five new members into the elite club. The 2nd Infantry Division was originally part of the 8th U.S. Army SAMC, but in 2011 we began the transition process and the Warrior Division's very own SAMC Chapter was officially established in February 2012.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club originated at Fort Hood in 1986, and was named after Sgt. Audie Murphy – the highest decorated Soldier in U.S. history. Murphy is also known as America's greatest combat Soldier. The SAMC motto is "You Lead from the Front." – Audie Murphy.

Induction and membership in the 2nd ID SAMC is a reward for noncommissioned officers 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 their Families. Command sergeants major recommend NCOs for appearance before the SAMC board and subsequent membership in the SAMC screen and evaluate candidates prior to appearance before the division-level selection board.

The SAMC board is a two-day event broken down into five phases/events which include the APFT, weapons assembly, EST 2000 qualification, an essay and the actual board. Each Soldier must show proper proficiency and pass each stage in order to move on to the next. SAMC inductees are considered to be the top one percent of the noncommissioned officers corps and are often called upon for their knowledge and professionalism.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is the only NCO club formally recognized by the Army and documented in a Soldier's permanent records. The members are also authorized to wear the SAMC silver medallion, which is worn around the neck on a powder blue ribbon.

The rewards are greater than the medallion, though. Once a member, SAMC NCOs are called upon to devote their time and effort in tasks to better both our Soldiers, and our Army. It is the job of every Soldier to strive for perfection in all they do, and SAMC NCOs serve as role models and inspiration to assist our Soldiers fulfill that goal.

The 2nd Infantry Division SAMC members volunteer with on-and off-post activities that better our communities, and they support all official Division functions.

If you really want to make a difference in your unit and in our Army, I encourage you to compete for membership in this prestigious club. It is not easy and many have tried more than once, however the rewards will always outweigh the effort.

There are currently 46 SAMC members in the 2nd Infantry Division Chapter. If you want to know more, talk to our current members.

You can also visit the 2nd ID SAMC website page at [www.facebook.com/2IDSAMC](http://www.facebook.com/2IDSAMC), or call Master Sgt. Xavier Jones at 010-6399-0654.

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