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Summary: This regulation provides guidance for administering the MDW Sergeant Audie Murphy Award (SAMA) and the Dr. Mary E. Walker (DRMEW) Award.

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Chapter 1 General

1-1. Purpose

This regulation provides information and establishes administrative procedures for the MDW Sergeant Audie Murphy Award (SAMA) established under the provisions of AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, para 1-7, and chapters 10 and 11 as part of the CDR's Award Program.

1-2. References

Required and related publications, prescribed and referenced forms are in the appendix.

1-3. Abbreviations and terms

- a. Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are in the glossary.
- b. Sergeant Audie Murphy: The name of a Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) who, as a squad leader, consistently demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership, professionalism and regard for the welfare of his Soldiers. Figure 1-6 is a brief biography of Sergeant Audie Murphy. MDW's Sergeant Audie Murphy Award: A special MDW certificate of achievement for NCOs whose demonstrated performance and inherent leadership qualities and abilities are characterized by those of Sergeant Audie Murphy.

Chapter 2

General Overview of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award

2-1. MDW Audie Murphy Award

The MDW Sergeant Audie Murphy Award is an MDW authorized award in accordance with (IAW) AR 600-80-22, Chapter 11, regarding Command-level awards. The SAMA is an elite award for NCOs whose leadership achievements and performance merit special recognition. The SAMA is a means of recognizing those NCOs who have contributed significantly to the development of a professional NCO Corps and a combat ready Army. Awardees exemplify leadership, characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of Soldiers and concern for families of Soldiers. All opportunities for a service member to compete for the award will be published and released via a Memorandum for Record through the MDW G-1 at the direction of the MDW Commanding General (CG) or Command Sergeant Major (CSM). The SAMA is a once in a career achievement award. If the service member engages in misconduct resulting in award revocation, the service member will not be eligible to compete for the award again during their military career.

2-2. Distinction: Sergeant Audie Murphy Award verses the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

- a. This regulation covers the criteria, policies and procedures for the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award.
- b. This regulation does not cover the operation of Sergeant Audie Murphy Clubs (SAMCs), which are private organizations (POs). As a PO, the SAMC must comply with the PO regulatory guidance contained in AR 210-22. The Joint Ethics Regulation, Federal Tax Code and applicable Army Regulations govern all Sergeant Audie Murphy Club activities, such as fundraising and membership.

Chapter 3 Eligibility and Selection Criteria

3-1. Eligibility

- a. All Active Army, USAR and ARNG Soldiers in the ranks of Corporal through Master Sergeant/First Sergeant, based on MDW installations or attached to MDW units, are eligible for the SAMA.
- b. ARNG Soldiers who are not in Title 10 status or assigned to a MDW unit may compete for the MDW SAMA while in Title 32 status upon approval of an exception to policy (ETP). The ETP must be submitted to CSM, U.S. Army MDW through the MDW G-1, Sergeant Major (SGM). The State ARNG CSM must favorably endorse all ETP requests. The ARNG SAMA board packet submitted to the MDW CSM for award approval must contain evidence of compliance with all four phases of the SAMA selection process.
- c. Service members of other armed services may compete for the MDW SAMA if they are assigned or attached to a MDW unit in a joint-forces or coalition status.

3-2. Selection Criteria

The board policies and procedures will be followed as outlined in para 4-3., Phase 3 Selection Boards. The following are key attributes valued in the selection process.

- a. Serves as a leader of character, competence and commitment; who is an example for subordinates, peers and supervisors alike.
- b. Be mature and share the values of their profession and their unit with others.
- c. Exercise sound judgment and leadership principles.
- d. Display examples of professional Army ethics.
- e. Strengthen and develop the seven Army Values in Soldiers.
- f. Display the Warrior Ethos.
- g. Display exemplary physical fitness and marksmanship skills.
- h. No adverse action within 24-months of the initial boarding process.

Chapter 4

SAMA Selection Process

4-1. Phase 1

Senior NCO's Evaluation/Nomination: Senior NCOs who recommend NCOs for the award of SAMA will screen and evaluate candidates prior to appearance before initial selection board. Recommenders must ensure candidates are medically deployable and have at least six months' time on station left at the time of packet submission. All ETPs for TOS requirement must be submitted to the MDW SAMC President for approval by the MDW CSM.

4-2. Phase 2

Performance Test: The SAMA performance test is based on recorded accomplishments of the candidate and their subordinates (when applicable) and must be enclosed with the Senior NCO's evaluation/nomination.

4-3. Phase 3

Initial Selection Boards: Two selection boards will be conducted at installation level under the direction of the installation's CSM or delegated representative; e.g., Battalion/Brigade or Brigade/Installation. Board members will be provided a copy of the candidate's packet.

- a. Each candidate's packet will contain at a minimum:
 - (1) Senior NCO's Evaluation/Nomination and the performance test.
 - (2) ERB – no more than 30 days from the date of the board
 - (3) Current DA photo.
 - (4) A biography of the candidate.
 - (5) Weapons Qualification – no more than 180 days from the date of the board.
 - (6) DA Form 705 (Army Physical Fitness Test Scorecard) - no more than 60 days from the date of the final selection board. Candidates must score at least 90 points in each event as appropriate to their age and gender. The DA 705 must be verified by the Candidates 1SG in the Remarks column.
 - (7) DA Form 3349 (Physical Profile) if applicable - Candidates with a permanent profile in the third APFT event (2-mile run) with an alternate event identified are eligible to compete for the SAMA.
 - (8) DA Form 5500-R (Male), DA Form 5501- R (Female), Body Fat Content Worksheet (if applicable).
- b. The board will be comprised of voting members senior to the Candidate. The board may be reduced by one senior when replaced by a SAMA recipient.
- c. At least one board member must be of the same gender as the Candidate being considered.
- d. Candidates selected to continue will be scheduled to appear before the final selection board. Requests to appear before the SAMA final selection board will be submitted in memorandum format to the final selection board president, signed by the installation CSM or delegated representative.

4-4. Phase 4

Final Selection Board:

a. SAMA candidates will be considered by a final selection board appointed by the MDW CSM. The MDW CSM will serve as the President of the Board. Delegations will not be authorized. Five additional CSMs or SGMs from subordinate commands will be appointed by the President of the Board.

b. The MDW SAMC President will appoint a MDW SAMC-elected officer to serve as a non-voting board recorder.

c. The board may be reduced by one CSM/SGM when replaced by the MDW SAMC President or a SAMA recipient senior in grade to the Candidate being considered. Should an additional CSM/SGM need to be replaced, a memorandum will be submitted requesting permission to replace an appointed board member to the MDW CSM NLT 72 hours prior to the final selection board.

d. At least one board member must be of the same gender as the nominee being considered.

e. The final selection board will determine through a scenario-driven question and answer system whether or not the candidate has reached a level of knowledge in a range of subject matters to warrant the MDW SAMA. Candidates will be selected to receive the SAMA by a unanimous vote. If selection is not unanimous, the board members will discuss the candidate's performance and records. The board members will then revote on the candidate. If the candidate does not receive a unanimous vote after the second vote, then the candidate will not be awarded the SAMA. An example of a Memorandum of Instruction (MOI) can be located at Figure 1-1.

f. Final Phase packets consist of:

(1) A memorandum from the MDW SAMC President, or their designee, stating the Candidate has attended at least two SAMC volunteer events and attended at least two MDW SAMC meetings within 120 days of the final selection board.

(2) Weapons Qualification - no more than 180-days from the date of the final selection board.

(3) DA Form 705 – APFT will be administered by the MDW SAMC prior to the board. The results of the APFT will be reviewed by the MDW SAMC President, or their designee, before being passed to the board members for validation. Any Candidate who does not pass the APFT with at least 90 points in each event will not be authorized to compete in the SAMA board.

(4) DA Form 3349 (if applicable)

(5) DA Form 5500-R (Male), DA Form 5501- R (Female), Body Fat Content Worksheet (if applicable) - Any Candidate is not in compliance with AR 600-9 will not be authorized to compete in the SAMA board.

(6) Written exam results - administered by the MDW SAMC President. Candidates must score at least 80% or above in order to continue with the selection process.

(7) Written essay – current event topics provided by the Board President prior to the administering of the written exam. The essay allows board members to assess the candidate's cognitive critical thinking skills.

g. The final selection board need not select Candidates if they do not meet

required standards.

h. Non-selectees will be counseled by the board president or his designee.

i. The board recorder will forward a copy of the board minutes to include name, rank, SSN, MOS, and current unit of assignment of all new awardees to: CDR, JFHQ-NCR, MDW, Adjutant (ANPE-OP), Fort Leslie J. McNair, D.C. 20319-5058.

Chapter 5 Responsibilities

5-1. MDW G1

The MDW G1, with G1 SGM oversight, will exercise overall program administration at Direct Reporting Unit (DRU) level. This includes the follow responsibilities:

- a. The acquisition and processing of the SAMA, medallion, and DRMEW.
- b. Notification of SAMA board members.
- c. Maintain a record of board proceedings.

5-2. MDW G3

The MDW G3 will be responsible for distribution of the SAMA board Memorandum of Instruction to all subordinate units within the MDW.

5-3. MDW CSM

The MDW CSM will exercise final authority for approval of any policy or procedure exceptions, to include SAMA member removal actions.

5-4. Installation/MSE CSM

The CSM at each MDW subordinate command will exercise primary staff responsibilities for the SAMA at that level:

- a. Responsibility will include chairing initial selection boards each quarter, validating Candidates' board packets and the oversight, monitoring, tracking, and recording of SAMA/SAMC members at the installation/MSE level.
- b. In addition, responsibilities will include distributing the SAMA board Memorandum of Instruction.
- c. Ensure members and Candidates have the opportunity to participate in SAMC meetings and events.

Chapter 6 Awards

6-1. SAMA Awardees

Items for new inductees will include:

- a. Certificate of Achievement and (MDW Form 1062, 1 APR 1999) signed by the MDW Commanding General and CSM.
- b. Army Commendation Medal
- c. Sergeant Audie Murphy Medallion approved for wear with appropriate uniform during SAMA/SAMC official functions only, such as SAMC meetings and volunteer service on the installation in military uniform, or when requested for

special occasions such as memorial services, or as requested by the installation CSM.

6-2. Presentation of awards

a. Presentation of local awards may be appropriate as deemed by the CDR; e.g., local gift certificates and prizes subject to guidelines outlined in local CDR's policy.

b. A variety of publicity may be used to provide recognition for SAMA awardees, such as local media coverage and hometown news releases (DD Form 2266, June 1995). Photographs of awardees should be prominently displayed.

c. A list of suggestions for recognizing and utilizing SAMA/SAMC members is located in Appendix A.

6-3. Honorary Membership

Honorary membership may be extended to selected personnel who fit the image of a SAMA member, but would not normally be allowed to compete. Individuals selected for honorary awards will forward a biography, ERB/officer record brief, and an endorsed recommendation from the CG/CSM.

a. Candidates recommended for honorary membership must complete the four-phase selection process. Nomination packets will be prepared in a memorandum format. Nomination packets will be presented to the selection board. **(Nominees for Honorary Induction will not appear in person before the selection boards).**

b. Selection boards will use the nomination worksheet to recommend nominees for honorary membership.

c. Honorary members will receive only an Honorary SAMA Certificate of Achievement as approved by the JFHQ-NCR, MDW. Honorary members will not receive an Army Commendation Medal or the Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion.

d. The approving authority must carefully consider each honorary Candidate to ensure that the spirit and intent of the program is preserved. Upon approval/endorsement of the honorary candidates, the installation CSM will forward the complete recommendation packet to JFHQ-NCR, MDW for final approval.

e. Honorary awards are not guaranteed and will be rigorously evaluated.

f. Honorary awards will be limited to four (4) submissions/approvals per year, per Command.

g. Exception to the above regarding honorary awardees. Sergeant Morales members are authorized to participate in SAMA/SAMC functions, and will receive honorary membership into the SAMC, however they will only receive the Honorary Certificate of Achievement and the SAMC card upon verification they are in fact a Sergeant Morales Club Member. Verification for the Sergeant Morales Award must be in the final form of the award, the Sergeant Morales Certificate of Appreciation. Memorandums, copies of evaluations (noncommissioned officer evaluation reports (NCOERs), and other awards will not be used for verification.

Chapter 7

Wear and Appearance of the Medallion

7-1. Sergeant Audie Murphy Medallion

This chapter covers authorized wear of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Medallion on Army uniforms. The term "ribbon" is an all-inclusive term covering that portion of the suspension ribbon of a service medal or decoration that is worn instead of the service medal or decoration.

7-2. Authorization.

a. CDRs may require the wear of authorized decorations/medallions on the following occasions:

- (1) Parades, reviews, inspections, and funeral.
- (2) Ceremonial and social occasions.

b. Unless directed by a CDR IAW AR 670-1, para 22-2, Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion is worn at the option of the wearer, when not prohibited, during normal duty hours. Personnel also may wear the Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion on appropriate uniforms when off duty. Personnel are encouraged to wear the Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion on the service, dress, and mess uniforms at formal military functions, i.e. dining ins, dining outs, and regimental birthday balls and celebrations.

c. Soldiers may wear the Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion on the Class B version of the service uniform during duty hours and when off duty, at their option.

7-3. When wearing awards is prohibited

Wearing awards is prohibited in the following circumstances:

- a. On any uniform other than those authorized in this regulation.
- b. When wearing civilian clothing. Soldiers may wear the Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion on formal civilian attire at formal social functions when wearing the Army uniform is inappropriate or not authorized.

7-4 Proper wear of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Medallion

a. The proper wear of the Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion in Army Service Uniforms (ASUs). The neck ribbon is to be worn underneath the collar of both the long and short sleeve dress shirt and blouse. The ribbon is lying flat just below the knot of the necktie and the crossover on the neck tab. The medallion is to be suspended above the top button on both the male and female ASU. An example can be found in Figure 1-5.

b. The proper wear of the Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion in Army Combat Uniforms (ACUs) / Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP). The neck ribbon is to be worn inside the collar of ACU coat. The medallion is to be suspended above the rank. An example can be found in Figure 1-7.

7-5 Multiple neck ribbons

An individual may not wear more than two decorations with neck ribbons at one time.

The decoration with the highest precedence is worn above the other. The Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion takes precedence over all other decorations with neck ribbons other than decorations with neck ribbons awarded by HQ, DA such as the Medal of Honor. An example can be found in DA PAM 670-1, chapter 22-9.

Chapter 8

Removal from the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award Program

8-1. Removal from the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award Program

Once selected for the SAMA, members must remain in good order and standing. Awardees that receive one of the following, but not limited to, will automatically be recommended for removal from the SAMA program:

- a. Adverse administrative action for misconduct (for example, driving under the influence (DUI), sexual misconduct).
- b. Court-martial conviction.
- c. Dishonorable (other than honorable or general) discharge.
- d. Punishment under Article 15 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.
- e. Relief-for-cause NCOER or officer evaluation report.
- f. A marginal academic evaluation report (DA form 1059) or flagging action
- g. An NCOER describing marginal performance or leadership attributes.
- h. Failure to actively participate in MDW SAMC meetings and volunteer events supporting the MDW mission.

8-2. Request for removal

a. Request for removal from the SAMA program must be processed through the initial and final selection authorities (ch. 4, phases 1-4). These requests must be processed in a timely manner.

b. The final selection authority (MDW CSM) will approve or disapprove the request by memorandum. A copy will be forwarded to the unit and the individual involved.

c. When a SAMA awardee or honorary awardee is removed from the SAMA program, the individual's SAMA Certificate of Achievement, membership card, and Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion must be returned to the selection board authority. The selection phase authority will forward the items to the MDW Adjutant.

Chapter 9

Appeals

9-1. Appeals Process

The MDW CSM is the final decision authority for all appeals.

a. Appeals must be submitted in time to reach the approval authority within 15 calendar days of the removal memorandum.

b. Appeals must be endorsed by the service member's installation CSM prior to submitting the appeal to the MDW G1 SGM.

Chapter 10

The Doctor Marry E. Walker Award Program

10-1. Intent

The intent of the DRMEW Award Program is to recognize military spouses for their outstanding dedication and exemplary active volunteerism to their community leading to a significant improvement in the quality of life of MDW Soldiers and their Families.

10-2. General

a. CSMs of major subordinate and specialized commands will publish procedures to administer the DRMEW Award Program. Delegation is not authorized. Members of SMC selection boards (phases 2 through 4) will review nominations for the DRMEW Award each quarter and forward their recommendations to the CSM, MDW, for approval.

b. The DRMEW Award is not part of the DA Awards Program. It will therefore not be used instead of awards for commendation, meritorious service, and PCS, or as an interim award while awaiting approval of a DA award.

c. DRMEW Award recipients may receive the award only once regardless of their military spouse being reassigned to a different command or duty station.

10-3. Eligibility

A DRMEW Award nominee must—

a. Be a civilian spouse of a Soldier (gender and Soldier's grade is immaterial) who is assigned to a MDW major subordinate or specialized command and has at least 6 months remaining in their sponsor's Time on Station in MDW.

b. Be a spouse whose outstanding dedication and exemplary active volunteerism to the unit or military community have led to a significant improvement in the quality of life of MDW Soldiers and their Families. The work performed may include volunteer service in the civilian community if it benefits Soldiers and their Families.

c. Be an active member or supporter of a unit Family Readiness Group (FRG) or a similar group that supports (in a clearly distinguishable manner) a unit that does not have an FRG.

d. The individual contributions in subparagraphs b and c above must be of a nature that allows those contributions to be identified and measured by a degree of influence on the community, Soldiers, and Families.

10-4. The DRMEW Award Process

a. **Phase 1—Nomination.** Anyone may nominate a Soldier's spouse for the DRMEW Award by submitting a nomination memorandum (Figure 1-8) to the initial

selection board authority (battalion or equivalent level).

b. **Phase 2**—Initial Selection Board. The initial selection board authority will review the nomination, prepare an endorsement based on board member recommendations, and send the endorsement along with the nomination memorandum and the selection board worksheet through the selection board authorities to the CSM, for decision.

c. **Phases 3-4**—Intermediate and Final Selection Boards. Recommendations for the DRMEW Award are reviewed during quarterly SMC selection boards. Selection board authorities will record board recommendations.

APPENDIX A
References

Section I
Related Publications

AR 210-22

Private Organizations on Department of the Army Installations, 22 October 2001

AR 600-8-22

Military Awards, 11 December 2006

AR 670-1

Wear and Appearance of the Army Uniforms and Insignia, 15 September 2014

DA PAM 670-1




Guide to the Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 2 December 2014

Section II
Prescribed Forms

MDW Form 1062, (1 April 1999)

Military District of Washington Certificate of Achievement, Sergeant Audie Murphy Award

Figure 1-1. MDW Certificate of Achievement

**UNITED STATES ARMY
MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
Sergeant Audie Murphy Award**

Is Presented To

SAMPLE

For demonstrating dedicated leadership and exemplary professionalism as a noncommissioned officer. Your performance of duties meets all standards of excellence required for induction into the

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

Sergeant Audie Murphy was one of the finest noncommissioned officers in the United States Army during World War II. His leadership on the battlefields of Europe demonstrated the ideals of any American noncommissioned officer. Sergeant Audie Murphy displayed immense courage and bravery at great personal risk. Throughout his distinguished military career, he consistently discounted personal injury and hardships to complete the mission. This finest of soldiers was constantly ready, mentally and physically, to lead his soldiers under the most adverse battle conditions. Words and military decorations can not sufficiently honor the valor of Sergeant Audie Murphy. He demonstrated his commitment to the American principles of freedom and liberty at great personal risk to his health and quite often his life. Sergeant Audie Murphy's actions established the leadership standard for generations of noncommissioned officers.

On this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

**MAJOR GENERAL, USA
COMMANDING GENERAL**

MDW Form 1062, 1 Apr 99



Figure 1-2. Sergeant Audie Murphy Award Medallion and Doctor Marry E. Walker Award front and back

The wear of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award medallion will follow the guidelines described in AR 670-1, 15 September 2015, (chapter 22, para 9); and DA PAM 670-1, 31 March 2014, chapter 22, para 9.)

An individual may not wear more than two decorations with neck ribbons at one time. The decoration with highest precedence is worn suspended above the other. The Sergeant Audie Murphy Award takes precedence over other awards with neck ribbons, except for DA awards.



Figure 1-3: Sergeant Audie Murphy Medallion Army Service Uniform (ASU) Wear and Appearance

The proper wear of the SAMA medallion in ASUs. The neck ribbon is to be worn underneath the collar of both the long and short sleeve dress shirt, and blouse. The ribbon is lying flat just below the knot of the necktie, and the crossover on the neck tab. The medallion is to be suspended above the top button on both the male and female ASU.



Figure 1-4: Sergeant Audie Murphy Medallion Army Combat Uniform (ACU) Wear and Appearance

The proper wear of the SAMA medallion in ACUs/OCPs. The neck ribbon is to be worn inside the collar of ACU/OCP coat. The medallion is to be suspended above the rank.

Audie Murphy Biography

Audie Leon Murphy was a legend in his own time. A war hero, movie actor, writer of country and western songs, and a poet; his biography reads more like fiction than fact. He lived only 46 years, but he made a lasting imprint on American history. Audie was born on a sharecropper'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 derring-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 Paratroopers 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 battlefields 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 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 a producer. He acted in 44 films, starring in 39 of them. His best known film was "To Hell and Back," adopted from the bestselling 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 16 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 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 plus year history of the United States.

Figure 1-5: Sergeant Audie Murphy
Biography



Figure 1-6. SAMPLE Memorandum for SAMC Honorary Membership

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
(UNIT LETTER HEAD)**

OFFICE SYMBOL

Date

MEMORANDUM FOR President, Initial Selection Board

SUBJECT: Nomination of [*grade, name, and organization of nominee*] for Honorary Membership in the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

1. I recommend that [*grade and full name of nominee*] be considered for honorary membership and induction into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC).
2. [*Grade and last name of nominee*] has been a supporter of both the unit and the SAMC Program. *He/She* has been the primary sponsor to the battalion Soldier/NCO of the quarter and year programs. In addition, *he/she* has sponsored numerous unit events such as organization days and farewell and welcome-home ceremonies. [*Grade and last name of nominee*]'s support to the unit does not stop there. *He/She* has volunteered *his/her* time by working with the unit on different community events such as the recent [*event*]. Furthermore, *he/she* has contributed both time and resources to numerous Soldier and family support activities around the national capital region. *He/She* is active in *his/her* community and frequently volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and the local scout troop.
1. Nomination packets are due to the CSM's office NLT 30 days before the SAMC board date listed on the current SAMC board MOI.
5. Point of contact is SSG Jane Doe, jane.doe.mil@mail.mil, phone (xxx) xxx xxxx/xxxx or DSN xxx-xxxx/xxxx.

4 Encls
 Nominee Biography
 Weapons Qualification
 DA 705 / DA 5500 / DA 5501
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Figure 1-7. SAMPLE Memorandum for DRMEW
UNIT LETTERHEAD

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MEMORANDUM FOR President, Initial Selection Board, [*Military Spouse's Unit*]

SUBJECT: Recommendation of *Mr./Ms. [Nominee's Full Name]*, [*Military Spouse's Unit of Assignment*], for the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award

1. I recommend *Mr./Ms. [nominee's full name]* be considered for the Dr. Mary E. Walker (DRMEW) Award. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* is the spouse of [*Soldier's grade, full name, unit*].

2. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* is the quintessential Army spouse. *His/Her* loyalty, dedication, and selfless service have immeasurably enhanced and contributed to the accomplishments of the [*unit name*] and above all else to the United States Army. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* is completely devoted to the care, welfare, and training of all Soldiers and their Family members. *He/She* is a strong advocate and a relentless laborer in providing, establishing, and conducting training for family readiness groups (FRGs); volunteering in the public school systems and supporting our military Family.

3. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* joined the ranks of the Army spouse volunteers in [*month*] [*year*]. As a result of *his/her* efforts, *he/she* has touched, changed, and improved countless Army lives with *his/her* personal desire to make all Family members' Army experience richer and more fulfilling. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* truly deserves tremendous credit for the arduous work *he/she* has performed.

4. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* is no stranger to hardship. *He/She* has experienced numerous separations from *his/her* spouse while the spouse deployed for Iraq and Afghanistan on several tours, Bosnia, Macedonia, and seven rotations to the National Training Center. In the true spirit of a volunteer, *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* immediately gathered all available resources and tackled those Family support issues that would have divested or crippled the unit during deployment. *His/Her* unyielding dedication and service at times came with personal sacrifice. However, *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* relentlessly pursued the objective of providing Soldiers and their Families with quality care even after returning from caring for a terminally ill Family member.

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SUBJECT: Recommendation of *Mr./Ms. [Nominee's Full Name]*, [*Military Spouse's Unit of Assignment*], for the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award

5. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]*'s deeds throughout the years are too great to list, and *his/her* humbleness in not wanting recognition makes detailing them nearly impossible. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]*'s achievements during the last 2 years while *he/she* has been in the unit include acting as the senior spouse advisor for the [*unit name*] and mentor of company FRG leaders and 1SG spouses while Soldiers were deployed. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* has actively participated in many company-level fundraisers and prepared and shipped care packages for hundreds of deployed Soldiers. *He/She* has actively participated in the Meals on Wheels program for hospitalized Family members.

6. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* attended monthly company-level FRG meetings and socials to share experiences and provide advice to our young military spouses. *He/She* has decorated buckets, banners, fences, and barracks for Soldiers on redeployment and attended *battalion/brigade* FRG meetings to plan and coordinate social events and activities. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* has organized *battalion/brigade* appreciation luncheons for FRG leaders and co-leaders. During *his/her* brief time as the *battalion/brigade* FRG Treasurer ([*month*] [*year*] to [*month*] [*year*]), she completed and provided monthly financial reports to the *battalion/brigade* Command Team. While serving as the senior enlisted FRG leader (brigade), *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* helped plan several holiday events in support of the FRG. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* supported sister *battalions/brigades* during Soldier casualties by providing for the special needs of and assisting Family members. *He/She* represented [*unit name*] during monthly unit CSM/SGM spouse meetings and socials. As an FRG volunteer at [*installation*], *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* actively supported *his/her* spouse during the SGM Academy and contributed recipes for the SGM Academy cookbook.

7. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* is a first-class example of selfless dedication from a unique group of motivated and dependent volunteers who provide for our Soldiers and our Soldiers' Families. *His/Her* unlimited dedication and personal sacrifice have significantly contributed to our way of life. Without a doubt, *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* is a perfect candidate to receive the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award.

8. Please contact me by telephone at *military/civilian [telephone number]* or by e-mail at [*e-mail address*] if you have any questions.

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Figure 1-8. Sample Endorsement from President, Initial Selection Board



UNIT LETTERHEAD

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[Date]

MEMORANDUM FOR President, Intermediate Selection Board

SUBJECT: Recommendation of *Mr./Ms. [Nominee's Full Name and Unit of Assignment]* for the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award

1. I highly recommend *Mr./Ms. [nominee's full name]* for the Dr. Mary E. Walker (DRMEW) Award. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* is a model Army spouse who sets an example for all civilians and military members alike. Through volunteer service to the United States Army, *he/she* sets *himself/herself* apart from others. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* is an outstanding example for all Army spouses and positively affects the overall attitude of all those around *him/her*.

2. *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]*'s volunteer service, which is a product of *his/her* sincere need to help others and her personal pride, is a great credit to the Army. Without hesitation, I would grant *Mr./Ms. [nominee's last name]* the DRMEW Award.

3. Please contact me by telephone at military [*telephone number*] or by e-mail at [*e-mail address*] if you have any questions.

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[Signature block of the President, Initial Selection Board]

1. DRMEW Award Recommendation Memorandum
2. Selection Board Worksheet

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

ACU

Army Combat Uniform

APFT

Army Physical Fitness Test

ASU

Army Service Uniform

AR

Army Regulation

AAMDC

Army Air and Missile Defense Command

ARNG

Army National Guard

CBRNE

Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives

CDR

Commander

CSM

Command Sergeant Major

DA

Department of the Army

DA PAM

Department of the Army Pamphlet

DCS

Deputy Chief of Staff

DRMEW

Doctor Marry E. Walker Award

DUI

Driving Under the Influence

ERB

Enlisted Record Brief

ETP

Exception to policy

JFHW-NCR

Joint Force Headquarters, National Capital Region

MDW

Military District of Washington

FM

Field Manual

IAW

In accordance with

MOI

Memorandum of Instruction

NCO

Noncommissioned Officer

NCOER

Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report

PO

Private Organizations

POC

Point of Contact

SAMA

Sergeant Audie Murphy Award

SAMC

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

SGM

Sergeant Major

SMC

Sergeant Morales Club

USAR

United States Army Reserve