

State Guard Association of the United States
Medical Academy

15 Oct 2019

MEMORANDUM THRU Executive Director, SGAUS

FOR: President, State Guard Association of the United States

SUBJECT: Requirements for SGAUS Expert Medical Badge

PURPOSE: SGAUS Expert Medical Badge (EMB) is an SDF skill badge that recognizes qualified SGAUS medical personnel who demonstrate a high degree of professional capability, and proficiency. It recognizes medical personnel who can perform emergency medical tasks, common soldier tasks that support medical care in the field, and promotes esprit de corps.

PROPOSED BY: SGAUS Medical Academy

PROPONENT FOR APPROVAL: The SGAUS President has final approval authority for awarding the SGAUS EMB; however, the President has delegated that authority to the SGAUS Surgeon/Senior Medical Officer.

WEAR OF THE EMB: Wear of the SGAUS EMB remains an individual's SDF uniform regulations/policies/guidelines.

EMB BADGE DESIGN: The conceptual graphical design was originated by David J. Cohen, M.D., BG (TX) Retired. It was submitted to the SGAUS Board and approved with some minor modifications.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Be a member in good standing of a State Defense Force and SGAUS and have completed the requirements for the Basic MEMS Badge.
2. Complete and submit an EMB application (to be developed) to Medical Academy.
3. Successfully complete the SGAUS Field Casualty Course (FCC) or equivalent SDF course (see paragraph 7):
 - a. Provider Course for all non-medical personnel.
 - b. Provider or Instructor Course for all medical personnel.
4. Possess a *current* medical certificate, license, specialty, or be assigned in a medical unit as primary assignment:
 - a. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Basic level certificate (State or National Registry) or higher certificate (e.g., intermediate or paramedic) or license, or;

- b. Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) or;
 - c. Mid-level practitioner (e.g., Physician Assistant (PA) or Nurse Practitioner), or;
 - d. Other *medical or health care personnel* (e.g. Nurse, Pharmacy, Veterinary, Behavioral Health), or;
 - e. Primarily assigned to a medical support position (non-medical personnel).
5. Possess a *current* Basic Life Support (CPR) card from a nationally recognized agency (American Heart Association or Red Cross)
6. Possess a *current* prehospital or higher trauma curriculum completion card, or letter of audit, at the basic or advanced level as appropriate for specialty or support position:
- a. Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) **or** Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) **or** Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) for physicians and mid-level practitioners.
 - b. Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) or equivalent approved by SGAUS Medical Academy Chairman for nurses.
 - c. Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), International Trauma Life Support (ITLS), or Tactical Combat Casualty Care Course (TCCC) for EMTs, Paramedics, and other health care professionals.
 - d. SGAUS Combat Life Saver Course (being developed) for non-medical support personnel).
7. Completion of SGAUS Field Casualty Course or an equivalent SDF course conducted at a State Base or Camp (e.g. Camp Bowie, Camp Swift, Camp Maxie, or Fort Wolters in Texas; Camp Atterbury in IN; Camp Shelby in MS) as directed by the appropriate State Defense Force CG and approved by the SGAUS Medical Academy Chairman or SGAUS Surgeon.
- a. Conducted annually and;
 - b. Conducted over one weekend, with check-in on Friday, and graduation on Sunday noon.
 - c. Meet height/weight and physical fitness standards as outlined in the individual's State Defense Force (SDF) regulations. The individual's SDF Surgeon or Senior Medical Officer will attest to the above by completing and signing Appendix A – Physician Certification Form (PCF). The Individual will submit the signed PCF as part of the application package.
 - d. Will consist of 6 (tentative) skills from the Combat Lifesaver Course, a written examination, and a Land Navigation component.
 - e. The candidate must successfully complete the skill stations and land navigation component and achieve a passing score of 80% or higher on the written examination.

AWARDING THE EMB:

1. The EMB will be presented at an appropriate awards ceremony during a SGAUS course, or by the individual's SDF.
2. The SGAUS EMB will be worn on the field and dress uniform in accordance with guidelines outlined in the U.S. Army Regulation 670-1 and the individual's specific SDF's uniform Regulations/Policies/Guidelines.
3. The SGAUS EMB will be worn after federal badges but before SGAUS MEMS badge.
4. If eligible to wear the U.S. Army Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB), upon successful completion and awarding of SGAUS EMB, the recipient may wear the SGAUS EMB *or* the US Army EFMB, but not both simultaneously on the uniform.

CONCLUSION:

1. Upon approval and authorization of the EMB, a comprehensive SGAUS Pamphlet will be published on the qualifications, requirements and, implementation of the badge tests.
2. Questions pertaining to this proposal may be directed to LTC(IN) Julian Ungar-Sargon or David J Cohen, BG(TX-ret).
3. Recognition to the following individuals who initially developed this concept for the Texas State Guard: Chaplain Lyle Metzler COL(TX) retired, Jack D. Williams, MAJ(TX), David Landers, DVM, LTC (TX), and Michal E. Champion, COL(TX), SP-retired.

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Appendix A

SGAUS Expert Medical Badge - Physician's Certification Form

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

FULL NAME _____ RANK _____

D.O.B _____ CANDIDATE'S LAST FOUR SSN NUMBERS _____

SDF _____ UNIT _____

CANDIDATE'S Email Address _____

MEDICAL OFFICER INFORMATION

CERTIFYING SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER'S NAME _____

PHYSICIAN'S TITLE/SPECIALTY/PRACTICE _____

PHYSICIAN'S EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CERTIFICATION

Height/Weight/BMI: Meets SDF Standards ? YES: _____ NO: _____

Physical Fitness: Meets SDF Standards ? YES: _____ NO: _____

PHYSICIAN'S COMMENTS:

I hereby certify that this EMB candidate meets his/her SDF's standards pertaining height, weight and physical fitness in order to function as a SGAUS certified expert emergency medical professional.

Certifying Physician/Senior Medical Officer

Signature _____

Date _____

APPENDIX B - SGAUS Expert Medical Badge Design

SGAUS Expert Medical Badge Design



We'll also have sew-on EMB badges in the usual camo patterns as well as metal bright and subdued.