

**State Guard Association of the United States
Medical Academy**

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MEMORANDUM THRU Medical Committee Medical Academy

FOR Commander, State Guard Association of the United States

SUBJECT: Expert Medical Badge Requirements

PURPOSE: SGAUS Expert Medical Badge (EMB) is a special badge that recognizes qualified SGAUS medical personnel who demonstrate a high degree of professional skill, 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.

PROPONENT FOR APPROVAL: The SGAUS Commander will have final approval authority for awarding the SGAUS EMB.

PROPOSED BY: SGAUS Medical Academy

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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. Be recommended by battalion level equivalent or higher commander.
3. Complete and submit an EMB application (to be developed) to Medical Academy.
4. Successfully complete the SGAUS Field Casualty Care Provider or Instructor course:
5. Possess a *current* medical certificate, license, specialty.:
 - 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.), Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Dentist (D.D.S. or D.M.D.) or;
 - c. Mid-level practitioner (e.g., Physician Assistant (PA) or Nurse Practitioner), or CRNA;
 - d. Other *medical or health care personnel* (e.g. Registered Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Pharmacist or Pharmacy Technician, Veterinary Technician, Clinical Psychologist, Clinical Social Worker Behavioral Health) .

6. Possess a *current* Basic Life Support (CPR) card from a nationally recognized agency (American Heart Association or Red Cross)
7. 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) for physicians and mid-level practitioners.
 - b. 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, SGAUS Combat Life Saver Course for non-medical support personnel).
 - c. Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) for nurses.
8. Completion of an approved Qualification Course (Q Course) (to be developed) conducted at a State Base or Camp (e.g. Camp Bowie, Camp Swift, Camp Maxie, Fort Wolters in Texas, or Camp Atterbury in Indiana) as directed by the EMB Medical Committee.
 - a. Conducted annually and;
 - b. Conducted over one weekend, with check-in on Friday, and graduation on Sunday noon.
 - c. Meet height/weight standards as outlined in the individual's State Defense Force (SDF) regulations. Document completion of the individual's SDF Physical Fitness Test during previous year
 - 1) To be verified at SGAUS Field Casualty Course check-in.
 - 2) No exceptions and no waivers will be granted.

AWARDING THE EMB:

1. The EMB will be presented at an appropriate awards ceremony at conclusion of the course
2. The SGAUS EMB will be worn on the field and dress uniform in accordance to guidelines outlined in the U.S. Army Regulation 670-1 (other components will refer to applicable federal and SDF regulations).
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 Dr. Julian Ungar-Sargon. (219) 588 8000 jyungar@mac.com

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