

After the war in Europe, Audie returned home a hero. He was featured on the cover of Life magazine on July 16, 1945. After his discharge later that year, he went to Hollywood and took acting lessons with the goal of getting into the movies. In 1949, he starred in the movie *Bad Boy*. This led to a contract with Universal Studios. In the 1950's, Universal produced one western after another starring most of the leading men in Hollywood. Murphy's first western for Universal was in 1950, *The Kid from Texas* with Audie playing the role of Billy the Kid and co-starring Gale Storm. Audie did quite well in his first western, which led to a string of westerns. In a career that lasted 21 years, Murphy was in more than 40 feature films (mostly westerns), many of which may be seen today on YouTube. In 1969, Audie appeared in his last film, *A Time for Dying*, as Jesse James. In 1949, Audie wrote the best-selling book about his remarkable adventures in the war titled *To Hell and Back*. In 1955, Universal made a movie out of the book using the same title, starring Audie as himself. It became the most popular and largest grossing movie in the history of Universal up to that time.

Audie Murphy was truly a legend in his own time. He was a talented man with many interests. In addition to being a soldier and actor, he was a husband to Pamela and a father to two sons, Terry and James. He was an author, poet and songwriter. He was a rancher and breeder of fine Quarter Horses. He was a licensed pilot and a gun guy. It has been reported that he was almost always armed or had a firearm close at hand. After the war, he suffered from combat fatigue, now known as PTSD.

On May 28, 1971, at the age of 46, Audie Murphy was killed in the crash of a twin-engine Aero Commander private plane he was a passenger in along with four other passengers and the pilot. The plane crashed into the side of a mountain near Roanoke, VA in conditions of rain, clouds, fog and zero visibility. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, just outside Washington, D.C.

In honor of Audie Murphy's life and dual careers as a soldier and western star, the Happy Trails Children's Foundation is pleased to offer two unique firearms in our Silver Screen Legend drawing this year. As a tribute to his military service, we present a M1911 .45 ACP pistol. This is a stainless-steel semi- auto pistol with genuine American Elkhorn grips. This pistol has been beautifully engraved by Conrad Anderson in honor of Audie and comes with a magnificent and unique military style holster and belt with the Medal of Honor hand carved on the flap of the holster by Will Ghormley, one of the foremost leather artists in America today!

The second firearm in this set is in honor of Murphy's career as a western star. It is a gorgeous Winchester model 94 lever-action rifle in .30-30 caliber from America Remembers. Only 250 of these rifles were made and they have been "sold-out" for some time. The receiver of this brilliant rifle is embellished with 24-karat gold artwork capturing Audie's career in western films.

The Happy Trails Children's Foundation is proud to honor Audie Murphy this year with Silver Screen Legend XXVII. This is a museum quality highly collectible outfit that anyone would be proud to own and show. These are real guns and subject to all firearm laws and regulations.

Order your tickets today for this beautiful and unique one-of-a-kind collectible that is a tribute to one of America's greatest heroes. Tickets are the same price they have been for 27 years! \$10 each or 11 for \$100 US. This drawing will be held on Saturday night, December 7, 2024. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!** The winner will be notified by phone. We will post the winners name on our website as soon as possible after the drawing. This collection of prizes will make a great Christmas present for the winner! The total proceeds of this drawing benefit the Happy Trails Children's Foundation and the abused children we serve. The Happy Trails Children's Foundation is a charitable non-profit organization under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Our tax ID is 95-3872257. You may order tickets preferably by phone and speak to a live person on our toll-free ORDER LINE (855) 788-4440 or you may make a donation ONLINE. In accordance with postal regulations, no consideration is necessary to participate in this drawing. AE-Blue, Discover, MasterCard and VISA are accepted. Or you may send your check or money order to:



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