



# The Scuttlebutt

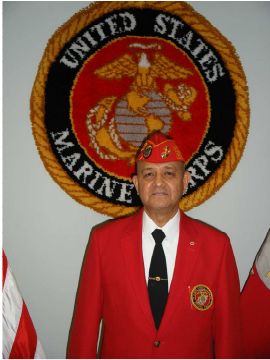


Alamo Detachment



MARCH 2013

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Marines and Associates,

I hope all of you are enjoying wonderful Texas weather. I know we would put up with nasty weather if it brought rain.

I want to thank Jr Vice Joe Morales and the Ladies auxiliary for setting up our first social last Wednesday, March 13. All the attendees had a good time getting acquainted or reacquainted with each other. The VFW Post 76 graciously allowed us to use one of their halls. We should have a social night every few months to celebrate each other.

We received word that this year's Fiesta will be without a Marine Corps Band. Due to cutbacks, funds were not made available for their trip to San Antonio. We are not the only ones getting bad news, the Navy Band was also cancelled and there will be no Fiesta at Fort Sam Houston. A piece of good news, the 4th Recon Bn USMCR will set up their static display of weapons, boats, and vehicles for the "Marines at the Alamo" celebration on April 25th. We will set up our Alamo Detachment booth along with the 4th ReconBn. This year we will have Detachment Fiesta Medals and our Freedom Is Not Free armbands for sale at our booth. Without the Marine Band, all Marines have to work harder to make "Marines at the Alamo" a good show.

The Detachment Fiesta Medals look pretty good. We will sell them for \$5.00 each. We will send some of the medals to the Fiesta Store for sale.

The Alamo Detachment Ladies Auxiliary has invited the Alamo Detachment to a joint get together on Sunday May 19 at 1:00 pm. It will be held at the Jose & Martha Martinez backyard together to "break in" their new BBQ pits. More information to follow.

See you at the meeting.

Semper Fi,  
Felix Conde Jr  
Commandant

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2013  
MPAT BUILDING IN REAR OF  
U.S. NAVY & MARINE CORPS RESERVE TRAINING CENTER  
3837 BINZ-ENGLEMAN RD  
ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT BEGINS AT 0800  
MEETING STARTS AT 0900**

**BRING A MARINE FRIEND**

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## Minutes of Feb 23, 2013

Meeting opened at 0910

**Roll Call of Officers:** Officers absent or ill were Judge Advocate, Chaplain and Sgt at Arms

Two new members were approved for membership, Marines Paul Casillas and Bruce Warren made motion to accept and they were sworn in by the Commandant. The two new members are Jeffery Messinger and Mindy Messinger.

Card inviting the Commandant to an Eagle Court of Honor was received and will be presented this afternoon by Adjutant/Paymaster.

**Paymaster report:** Paymaster gave report on checking balance

**Sick & In-distress:** Jr Vice reported that several members are ill. Manuel Zertuche, wife Cecilia Zertuche, Jose Zertuche and wife Esther Zertuche, all four are doing well and recuperating at home. Ramiro Martinez had a heart attack and Richard Meza is being treated for cancer. Marine Albert Salas was in hospital for gallbladder removal.

**Reports of Officers:** Commandant; reported on the dinner held at the Marine Annex that was held this past Thursday.

**Sr Vice:** Reported that the SAYM golf tournament still needs more participation and that their Boot Camp for new members will be held the week of spring break; March 10-16, 2013 at Camp Bullis.

**Jr Vice:** VAVS report needed

**Judge Advocate:** No report

**Chaplain:** Chaplain is ill at home.

**Committee reports: Standing Committee;**

**Scholarships,** mentioned all the different scholarships that are available to family members of Marines and whom to contact for the needed forms and how to apply.

**Ball Report;** Ball report was given as a separate attachment. Hotel has been reserved for November 9, 2013.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None.

**Good of the League:** There will be a joint gathering of the Detachment and Auxiliary on 13 March 2013. This will be a potluck meal and will be at VFW Post 76

The Spirit Cookers from Houston will be returning on the Monday after Labor Day to cook at the WFSC

**Announcements:** None

Meeting closed at 1035.

Submitted by  
Robert K. Otto  
Adjutant

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH MARINES

03 – Estevan Chavarria; 03 - Alfredo Sam Garcia; 04 – Mark Anthony Hernandez; 06 – Humberto C. Reyes; 09 – Frank A. Espinoza; 10 – Aster Mae Pacheco; 12 – Armando Elizondo; 22 – Alex Rosel and 29 – Isidro Amador, Jr.

## YOUNG MARINES

The San Antonio Young Marines Unit needs your help. The SAYM are having their fundraiser golf tourney on April 1, 2013. This is their most important fund raiser for the year. Please help them. Sell tickets, play as an individual, as a foursome, or sponsor a foursome.

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**Deadline** for submitting news articles is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The monthly meetings of the Alamo Detachment are held at 0900 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at the MPAT building at the rear of the Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Training Center. 3837 Binz-Engleman Rd., San Antonio, Texas

## APPROPRIATE WEAR OF THE UNIFORM AND MEDALS/RIBBONS

Regulations governing the wear of UNIFORMS by active duty/retired, former Marines and civilians serving with the Corps:

<b>BASIC GUIDANCE (ACTIVE DUTY/RESERVIST/RETIREE AND FORMER MARINES)</b>	
<b>Source Document - <a href="#">Chapter 11</a> MCO P1020.3G, Marine Corps Uniform Regulations</b>	
<a href="#">Grooming Standards.</a>	Anyone who wears the Marine Corps Uniform <b>must</b> abide by the Marine Corps Grooming standards (paragraph 1004 and 8000.2 of the Uniform Regulations). Active duty/Reservists/Retirees and former Marines must also abide by the height and weight standards (paragraph 8000.2 of the Uniform Regulations).
<a href="#">Wear of Proper Insignia and Awards.</a>	When wearing a Marine Corps uniform you may <b>only</b> wear your current rank, or the rank that you left the service with and may only wear the awards you rate per your personnel records. No deviations of this policy are authorized.
<a href="#">Activities where you may not wear the Uniform.</a>	Paragraph 11002 of the Uniform Regulations provides a list of activities that you may not wear the uniform (i.e. to an event that brings discredit to the Corps, to events in support of political interests, private and/or commercial employment...).
<a href="#">Retiree/Reservist Wear of Uniforms.</a>	As a Retiree/Reservist you may wear the uniform for basically any event that you wore the uniform while on active duty.
<a href="#">As a former Marine there are some restrictions:</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ ➤ You must have <b>served during a time of war</b> (i.e. earned the National Defense Medal during your time in service) <b>and received an honorable discharge</b> to wear the uniform.</li> <li>➤ ➤ Events you are restricted to wearing it to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ○ Military funerals, memorial services, weddings, and inaugurations.</li> <li>○ ○ Parades on national or state holidays; or other parades or ceremonies of a patriotic character <b>in which any active or reserve United States military unit are taking part.</b> 'Wearing of the uniform or any part thereof at any other time or for any purpose is prohibited.'</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ ➤ Recipients of the Medal of Honor may wear the Marine Corps uniforms at their pleasure except for those specific occasions listed in paragraph 11002 of the Uniform Regulations</li> </ul>

### **Awards Verification:**

**If you knowingly wear an award that you do not rate you can be prosecuted.**



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Marines Helping Marines

## 1960 CJ JEEP

(plus 1/2 shipping up to \$500)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

*Drawing 8/9/13 at the MCL National Convention*

**\$10.00 each ~or~ 3 for \$25.00**



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## Marines Helping Marines

512 Thorton Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

443-465-1406



Marines,

The Marine Corps League's Wounded Warrior Program--**Marines Helping Marines**--is holding our 4th annual raffle so that we may continue our mission of supporting our injured Marines, Naval FMF Corpsmen and their families. These men and women have volunteered to go in harm's way to support and defend America--it is up to us to now support them in their time of need. This year's prize will be a:

**1960 CJ JEEP--and up to \$500.00 to cover half the shipping.**



This JEEP only has 90,000 miles and is 100% parade ready. It comes with full top, sand bags, a radio a shovel and a simulated M14 and 50cal. You do not have to be present to win--

The raffle will be held Friday 9 August 2013 during the noon recess of the MCL National Convention in Grand Rapids. The tickets will sell for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25. For Information or additional tickets please e-mail Ron Short at [ronshort@sccoast.net](mailto:ronshort@sccoast.net) or call 443-465-1406

Please submit all checks and ticket stubs by **27 July 2013** to:



MCL-MHM  
C/O Ron Short  
512 Thorton Court  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579



Marines and Associates,  
I have great news. Angelique Salas told me Albert has recovered and his heart is in sinus rhythm (that's good, means normal), and will be released from the hospital soon.

Note: If you have a family member or know of a Detachment member who is ill, please let us know so we can pass the word and keep them in our prayers, the more prayers the better.

Received bad news today, the Marine Band will not be here for Fiesta. Checked with SgtMaj Tolar at 4thReconBn and was informed that they will have their static displays at the "Marines at the Alamo" with or without the band. That is good for us.

### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE FIESTA MEDAL



### ROSITA BENAVIDEZ / IS NOW IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Rosita (Rosie) Benavidez wife of Dan Benavidez and elder sister of Marine Corps League member of Carlos Quijano passed away the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. Rosie will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and the entire MCL family. Funeral Service is as follows:

#### Visitation is Friday, March 15, 2013

Time: 1pm – 9pm

Location: **Ortiz Mortuary located**  
3114 Culebra Road  
San Antonio, TX 78228  
Phone 210-432-0987

#### Rosary is Sunday, March 17, 2013

Time: 7pm – TBD

Location: **Ortiz Mortuary located**  
3114 Culebra Road  
San Antonio, TX 78228  
Phone 210-432-0987

#### Services will be held Monday, March 18, 2013

Time: 11:45am

Location: **St Pauls Catholic Church**  
350 Sutton Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78228  
Phone: (210) 733-7152

Interment will follow the service and will be held at Fort Sam arriving at 1:45pm

**Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Rosie Benavidez.**

Orlando Garza  
Sr. Vice Commandant  
Alamo Detachment 315 MCL

### DEATH OF MEMBER PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT AND SOUTHERN DIVISION VICE COMMANDANT

It is with heavy heart that I inform you all that as of 7P Sat evening our brother Harry Bruce reported to his last duty station.

Memorial will be held for Harry at;

Cashner Funeral Home

901 Teas Rd.

Conroe, Tx 77304

12: 30PM Thurs. # 3-21-13

Harry's wish instead of flowers please donate to the Marine Corps League Foundation ( MCL ) was his love.

Semper Fi,

S.J. " Steve " Bridgewater

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
 ALAMO DETACHMENT 315  
 P.O. BOX 831641  
 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78283-1641**

*Address Service Requested*



Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Service or S.S. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Application - New ( ) Renewal ( ) Membership Type—Regular ( ) Associate ( ) Dual ( )

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES  NO  If yes is checked, I agree to waive my rights under the Privacy Act and disclose the nature of the felony conviction for consideration of membership in the Marine Corps League.

( ) I hereby apply for membership in the \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment, Marine Corps League and enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for one year's membership \*

( ) I hereby apply for membership in the Marine Corps League as a Member-at-Large (MAL) and enclose \$30 for one year's membership \*

*\*Includes free subscription to "Semper Fi", The Magazine of the Marine Corps League)*

I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, for not less than ninety (90) days \* and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, or have served or am currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points or that I have served or am currently serving as a U. S. Navy Corpsman who has trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device or Warfare Device worn on the Service Ribbon authorized for FMF Corpsmen. If discharged, I am in receipt of a DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge indicating "Honorable Service". ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). *General discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.* By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. I hereby authorize the National Executive Director, Marine Corps League to obtain an un-redacted copy of my latest DD Form 214 from the Marine Corps custodian of Official Military Personnel Files (IMPF, and/or verification of honorable service if deemed necessary to verify my eligibility for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. I understand the DD Form 214 may contain information such as military awards, training, and character of service.

(\*Korean War Era Marines See National Bylaws, Article 6, Section 600)

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