



The Scuttlebutt



Alamo Detachment

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HONOR – COURAGE – COMMITMENT COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE



Marines and Associates,

I thought that August was going to be a slow month but it turned out to be pretty busy. I hope all of you have managed to stay cool, we have about three weeks of really hot weather left if the weatherman is correct.

First the bad news, Carlos Espinoza our paymaster has had to resign to take up a course of study that will take him to Jerusalem. He has done an excellent job as paymaster. We wish good luck and fair winds on his studies and trip. Humberto Reyes, who we can always depend on, has agreed to finish Carlos' term.

Now the good stuff: We were allowed to set up an information booth at the American Wounded Heroes Golf Classic at the Canyon Springs Golf Course on August 13. We passed information and made some very good contacts. Navy Federal Credit Union asked if they could be of assistance the Detachment and asked about becoming a corporate member. The San Antonio Young Marines Thomas and Salas joined us and did an

excellent job passing out water and fielding questions from the golfers and other participants. Sr. Vice Orlando Garza and Associate Member/SAYM officer Angelique Salas did a grand job hosting the Detachment/SAYM booth. Thank you both.

The Annual memorial ceremony for HN John E. Kilmer (MOH, Korea) was held August 13, hosted by Detachment member John Rodriguez. The ceremony was very good and touching. In attendance from the Alamo Detachment were Albert Salas (SAYM CO), Paul Casillas, Orlando Garza, and myself. About 50 people from different organizations were present including a large number of Navy Medical personnel from the Fort Sam Houston Medical School.

The BAMC Wounded Warrior Marine Detachment had a change of command ceremony on August 14. Outgoing is LtCol Barnes and the incoming OIC is LtCol Riley. LtCol Riley has expressed his desires to help the Detachment and has already joined our planning the Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 10.

The third annual Bridlegate Ranch Weekend for the Wounded Marines and their families (August 3-5) went very well. Many thanks to Associate member Sandy Graham, the Albert Salas family, and BAMC Marine Detachment Marines for making in a big success. The group The Spirit Cookers from the Houston area provided outstanding food service as usual. The musical group Blues 2 Joy, also from the Houston area, provided a very enjoyable entertainment on Saturday evening. Both groups give their services and talents absolutely free of charge and they pay their way from Houston. Thank God for people like the Spirit Cookers and the Blues 2 Joy.

The Detachment will hold a raffle in October to help defray the cost of the Marine Corps Ball. We plan to have three main prizes. The Spirit Cookers from Houston have already donated a 50" television and we possibly have a nice grill. I am hoping we can get an Ipad as a prize. If anyone has any ideas on acquiring an Ipad, let me or the Marine Corps Ball Committee know.

Upcoming events:

The SAYM unit is holding their annual fundraiser golf tournament on 29 October 2012. They need our participation. Check our websites www.sanantonioungmarines.com and www.alamodetachment315mcl.org for more information.

The Marine Corps Ball committee is in planning mode as we speak. If you are interested in being part of the committee let me know. The committee will give us an update at the August 25 meeting.

In December, we will help the Wreaths Across America organization with their project to place a Christmas wreath on every grave at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. If you desire to have a wreath place on the grave of a loved one contact me or any of the Detachment Staff. The Detachment can have a fundraiser if we participate in the sale of wreaths, we will discuss this topic at the next meeting.

The Alamo Detachment Ladies Auxiliary are have a Kickapoo Casino trip fundraiser on 10 September 2012. Check the Detachment website or as any member of the Ladies Auxiliary or any Detachment officer.

The SAMMC MarDet has one Marine inpatient and 52 outpatients. The war is still ongoing, please keep this Marines and their families as well as our service personnel in harm's way in your prayers.

See you at the meeting, Semper Fi,

Felix Conde Jr

Commandant

**DETACHMENT MEETING
SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 2012
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**

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Deadline for submitting news articles is the 15th of each month.

The monthly meetings of the Alamo Detachment are held at 0900 on the 4th 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

MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2012

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, ALAMO DETACHMENT 315
U. S. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
3837 BENZ ENGLEMAN RD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

OPENING CEREMONY

COMMANDANT FELIX CONDE CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 0942 ACCORDING TO RITUAL.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

ALL OFFICERS WERE PRESENT

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

JENNY MAE BENNETT APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER. THE APPLICATION WAS ACCEPTED BY ALL MARINES PRESENT. COMMANDANT FELIX CONDE PERFORMED THE INITIATION CEREMONY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES WERE NOT RECORDED DURING THE PREVIOUS MEETING. A QUORUM WAS NOT ACHIEVED AND SO AN INFORMAL MEETING WAS HELD. NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED.

PAYMASTER' REPORT

OPERATIONS ACCOUNT - XXXXXX
SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT - XXXXXX

MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS

JACK BABCOCK WAS IN THE HOSPITAL BUT IS NOW AT HOME RECOVERING.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

THE COMMANDANT REPORTED THAT OUR DETACHMENT WON 1st PLACE IN THE ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY TWO. THE DETACHMENT ALSO RECEIVED THE MERITORIOUS COMMENDATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT. THE RIBBON WAS PASSED OUT TO ALL MARINES PRESENT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

THE VAVS WILL HOLD THE QUARTERLY MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. THE DATE OF THE MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE AUGUST MEETING.

BOB OTTO GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE UPCOMING KICKAPOO TRIP. THE NEXT TRIP WILL BE ON SEPT 10, 2012. PARKING WILL BE AT MARIA'S RESTAURANT. THIS EVENT IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DETACHMENT AUXILIARY.

JOE CHAVEZ GAVE A REPORT ON THE 2012 MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL PLAN. THE DATE IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2012. THE LOCATION WILL BE THE EL TROPICANO RIVERWALK HOTEL. A BLOCK OF 10 ROOMS HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR THOSE WISHING TO REMAIN THERE OVERNIGHT. PARKING FEE WILL BE \$6.00 FOR THE EVENING OR \$10.00 FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING. MUSIC WILL BE BY "D J". A BBQ FUNDRAISER WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER TO HELP COVER THE BALL EXPENSES. A RAFFLE WITH "HEAVY" PRIZES IS ALSO PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH THE BBQ FUNDRAISER. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN RODRIGUEZ- 2nd BY JOE MORALES TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ASSIST THE UNLOADING OF WREATHS FROM TRUCKS FOR THE "WREATHES ACROSS AMERICA" PROJECT ON DECEMBER 14, 2012. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD JONES 2nd BY JOHN RODRIGUEZ TO SUPPORT THE "WREATHES ACROSS AMERICA" WITH THEIR FUNDRAISER EFFORTS.

MOTION PASSED.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON AUG 13, 2012 AT 1830 AT THE SAN JOSE CEMETERY TO HONOR WW2 MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT NAVY CORPSMAN JOHN L KILMER.

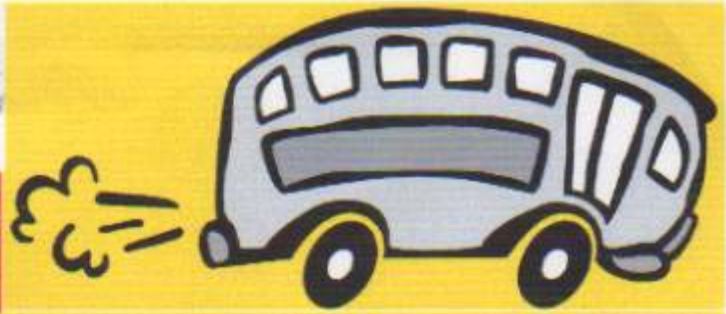
RICHARD JONES MENTIONED THAT THERE IS A VERY GOOD ARTICLE IN THE LAST "LEATHERNECK" MAGAZINE ABOUT THE CEREMONY HELD FOR GENERAL O. P. SMITH IN MENARD TEXAS. RICHARD ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE MARINE CORPS COORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD IT'S ANNUAL MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON AT THE FORT SAM GOLF CLUB ON NOVEMBER 9, 2012.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1100 UNTIL AUGUST 25, 2012

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

HUMBERTO C REYES, ADJUTANT

KICKAPOO
LUCKY EAGLE
CASINO



Kickapoo Casino

Bus Trip

MONDAY

10 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Ladies Auxiliary Unit of the Alamo Detachment, MCL is sponsoring a bus trip to the Lucky Eagle Casino. Join us for a fun day at the Kickapoo Casino and try your luck. Cost per person is \$25.00 and the Casino gives a \$15.00 voucher when you check in at the front desk.

Bus will depart from 2511 Ackerman Rd. (El Rincon de Maria Restaurant) at 6:30 A. M. and the bus will leave the Casino at 5:00 PM and arrive at 2511 Ackerman Rd. (El Rincon de Maria Restaurant). at approximately 7:30 PM.

The Ladies Auxiliary, MCL sponsors the Semper Fidelis Award that is presented to one outstanding JROTC Cadet every year in each JROTC unit at the high schools around Bexar County. This award is a very prestigious award among all JROTC units in the nation. The Auxiliary also helps Marine and Navy Corpsmen, veterans and families in San Antonio with socials, scholarships, and other assistance that may be needed throughout the year.

Join us on September 10, 2012 for a day at the Lucky Eagle Casino in Eagle Pass. You may be one of the lucky ones that will be a winner and you will be able to mingle with your friends and neighbors while trying for the big jackpot.

For information and to make your reservation contact:

Mary Rose Elizondo at 533-9831, Shirley Otto at 623-4433,

Cecilia Zertuche at 521-0602 or Diane Figueroa at



The Alamo Detachment 315 MC Ball Committee will have a Fundraiser Saturday October 13, 2012. The event will be held at the South Presa Ice House, 3415 S. Presa St. Serving of a delicious BBQ Brisket and Sausage plate, with all the trimmings, will be from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The main purpose of the Fundraiser is to raise much needed funds to supplement the Ball. The Committee is working hard to keep the per person price as low as possible while providing an elegant and delicious sit down dinner and a nice Birthday Ball Gift for all attendees. There are many other anticipated expenses that we must take into account.

Marines, Detachment Members and Associates, in the Spirit of "Semper Fi" we again call on your generosity. The following is a list of items needed. The list is lengthy but we feel confident you will respond favorably. Also, because the list is lengthy, it may be best to make cash contributions so that the Committee can make the purchases in bulk and use our "exempt status from the Texas franchise tax and the sales and use tax as a 501(c) (4) group organization".

MC Ball Fundraiser Wish List

- 250lbs. Brisket
- 10 Boxes Kielbasa Sausage
- Pinto Beans 45 lbs.
- Rice 30 lbs.
- Potato Salad 48 Quarts
- Take Out Plates 450
- Party Paks 450
- BBQ Sauce 6 Gals.
- Pickles 5 Gals.
- Onions 30 Large
- Jalapeños 4 Gal sliced
- Bread 37 Loafs
- Baggies for bread
- Baggies for Pickles & Onions
- Plastic Gloves

Semper Fi,
Alamo Detachment 2012 Ball Committee

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



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

NAME _____ SPOUSES NAME _____ DATE _____
 STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP + 4 _____
 PHONE (____) _____ CELL PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
 DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF ENLISTMENT/COMMISSION _____ DATE OF DISCHARGE/RETIREMENT _____
 SERVICE NO. _____ OR SSN _____

I hereby apply for **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** in the **ALAMO DETACHMENT 315** of the Marine Corps League, and enclose **\$35.00** for one year's membership. I hereby certify that I have served more than 90 days as a U.S. Marine or that I have served more than 90 days as Naval Medical Personnel with Marine FMF Units and have earned the Marine Corps Device (clasp) worn on Service Ribbon and have earned the Warfare Device authorized for FMF Corpsmen, that the character of my service has been honorable, and if discharged I am in receipt of an Honorable Discharge. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of my service and Honorable Discharge upon request.

(SPONSOR) _____ (APPLICANTS SIGNATURE) _____

OATH OF MEMBERSHIP: REGULAR MEMBERS

I _____, in the presence of Almighty God and the members of the Marine Corps League here assembled, being aware of the symbols, motto, principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League, do solemnly swear that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the Marine Corps League. I will never knowingly wrong, deceive or defraud the League to the value of anything. I will never knowingly wrong, injure or permit any member of any member's family to be wrong or injured if to prevent same is within my power. I will never propose for membership one known to me to be unqualified or unworthy to become a member of the League. I further promise to govern my conduct in the League's affairs and in my personal life in a manner becoming a decent and honorable person and will never knowingly bring discredit to the League. So help me, God.

<<<<< OR >>>>>

I hereby apply for **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** in the **ALAMO DETACHMENT 315**, of the Marine Corps League, and enclose **\$35.00** for one year's membership. I hereby certify that I espouse the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League.

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ SPOUSES NAME _____
 STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____
 (SPONSOR) _____ (APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE) _____ DATE _____

OATH OF MEMBERSHIP: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

I _____, in the presence of Almighty God and the members of the Marine Corps League here assembled, being fully aware that as an Associate Member I will not be permitted to hold and elective office or to vote on Marine Corps League policy, a membership application or on election of officers, do solemnly swear that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the Marine Corps League. I will never knowingly wrong, deceive or defraud the league to the value of anything. I will never knowingly wrong, injure or permit any member's family to be wronged or injured if to prevent same is within my power. I further promise to govern my conduct in the League's affairs and in my personal life in a manner becoming a decent and honorable person, and will never knowingly bring discredit to the league. So help me, God.

Mail completed application and \$35.00 check payable to Alamo Detachment, Marine Corps League to Adjutant/Paymaster, Alamo Detachment, MCL 315, P.O. BOX 831641, San Antonio, TX 78283-1641