



# The Scuttlebutt



Alamo Detachment



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## Merry Christmas And a Happy & Prosperous 2014



Marines and Associates,

This is an update on the MHM Christmas Party for the Wounded, Wreaths Across America event and the Detachment Christmas party:

1. MHM Christmas Party

Thursday, 12Dec13: The Detachment Marines Helping Marines Christmas Party for the Wounded and their families at the Warrior Family Support Center (WFSC), BAMC/SAMMC will start at 5:00 pm. If you desire to help serve and/or help Santa please arrive between 4:30 and 5:00. Uniform is red Detachment shirt and cover.

2. Wreaths across America:

Friday, 13Dec13: If you want to help unload the wreaths from the trailers, please arrive at the Ft Sam Houston Cemetery Maintenance Shop (cemetery rear area) at 0900. This involves carry cardboard boxes off the trucks so wear something appropriate (clothing may get soiled).

Saturday, 14Dec13: If you want to help distribute wreaths or want to attend the ceremony arrive about 0930/1000. The ceremony starts at 11:00 am BUT the traffic will be heavy so time your arrival accordingly. Arrive early if you want to park near the ceremony area. Pick-up trucks will be needed to transport wreaths to the different sections of the cemetery.

3. Christmas Party:

Friday, 20Dec13: The Detachment Christmas Party starts at 6:00 pm at the VFW Post 9186, 650 VFW Blvd (E. White Ave), SATX 78214. Dress for the party will be casual/comfortable & warm, except for the Detachment officers who will be installed. The dress for the installation is red blazer for those who have it or evening dress for those who do not. There are areas to change into more comfortable clothes if you desire to do so. The following is the menu as of today. If you desire to add your special dish don't hesitate:

Turkey & Ham - Detachment will provide  
Plates & Silverware - Bob Otto  
Mashed potatoes - Mary Rose Elizondo  
Green beans - Cecelia Zertuche  
Stuffing - Martha Martinez  
Cranberries - Nellie Rodriguez  
Yams - Mary Helen Den  
Dinner rolls - Maria Conde  
Gravy - ??  
Desserts - Mary Helen & Lori  
Corn - Humberto Reyes  
Mash Potatoes & Dessert - Shirley Otto  
Cinnamon bread & Raspberry Chipotle dip - Angelique Salas  
Deviled eggs & Surprise dish - Sandy Graham  
Deviled eggs - Mitchell Perales  
Seven Layer Salad & Deviled eggs - Mindy Messinger

Salad - Frank Garrett.

The program schedule for the Party will be as follows: Dinner, Awards presentations, Installation of officers, and Raffles.

**REMINDER:** Please turn in your Detachment Raffle stubs and monies as soon as you can. If you plan to bring your stubs and money to the party, *please* let me know in advance.

Semper Fidelis,  
Felix Conde Jr  
Commandant

### In Dress Blues

'Twas the night before Christmas and in parts of the Corps  
There were men in the trenches prepared as in war.  
Sodden bunkers were lit by a candle, a sputtering lamp,  
And a Yukon stove strove to drive out the damp.

The peninsula was called "The Land of Morning Calm,"  
A misnomer when morning was torn by a mortar bomb.  
In our musty bunks we dreamed of our family, our friends,  
And wondered what in His world God was likely to send.

We were men in forlorn ditches without a tree or a star,  
With weapons like an M1, carbine, .45 and a BAR.  
On Christmas Day, adorned with whole clusters of pecans,  
Instead of C-rats in the can, we had a roast made of Spam.

Our cooks raided an Army dump for stuff to make this feast.  
Piles of peaches baked in a dough of wheat flour and yeast  
Yielded pie served on a platter sculptured from an ammo can.  
On sheets of slightly crusted metal were sweet cookies of bran.

We feted and toasted the Savior with a hot cocoa drink.  
We had so little to salute His day, but we were quick to think,  
" 'Tis not the worldly that matters, only vistas beyond our views  
Where we will rest with our comrades—in dress blues."

HMCM(SS) Herbert G. Renner Jr., USN (Ret)  
Corpsman, "Easy" Co, 5th Marines (Korea)



"It really was quite bright there for a moment."

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
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**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.

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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