



# The Scuttlebutt



Alamo Detachment



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## Happy New Year!!!

### HONOR – COURAGE – COMMITMENT COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE



Marines, Navy Corpsmen and Associate Members,

As I sit here trying to think about what to write as my last Commandant's letter for the Scuttlebutt I have to look back to when I became the Commandant of the Alamo Detachment and what I hoped to accomplish as your Commandant. Now I look to what I have really done for you s as members and the Detachment itself.

It is not easy to think of all of this, but without the help of ALL the members and the Ladies Auxiliary I could have done nothing. It is you that have done all these past four years, not me. I just tried to be there as we planned and did all these things. My thanks go to all of you.

I January 2010 the Alamo detachment will start with installing a new slate of officers and setting new goals for the years. If you help these officers as you have done with me then the Detachment will be an outstanding Detachment within the Department of Texas.

The new Commandant is Marine Felix Conde and everyone, I know, will do their best to make his year as success. Several of the officers are staying on and will be able to assist Felix during the year. We will have fundraisers; plan for the Fiesta BBQ, 2010'2 Marine Corps Ball and many other activities.

For those that were at the Detachment Christmas party on 18 Dec, we all had a little fun. Many members were not there because of going to see family in other parts of the country. The Detachment Marine of the Year for 2009 is William Boyle. Congratulations to him, he really deserves this award. There were several other Marines nominated and I know that the committee really had a hard time selecting the Marine of the Year. The Devil Dogs Pound 87 Dog of the Year for 2009 is Jack Babcock, congratulations to him also.

The installation for new officers will be during the January meeting at the Reserve Center. All members that are being sworn in should attend wearing the red blazer uniform, and League cover. Hopefully, we will also have some refreshments afterwards. Please try to be there a little bit early to set up the room and get ready for the installation. See ya'll there and looking sharp.

Again, congratulations to all the new officers and to the Marine and Dog of the Year.

Remember!

If you have earned the right to wear the emblem,  
than you should be in the Marine Corps League.

Have you ask someone to join the League? Do you always carry an application on you for someone to join?

Semper Fi  
Bob Otto

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
MONDAY 04 JANUARY 2010  
U.S. NAVY & MARINE CORPS RESERVE TRAINING CENTER  
3837 BINZ-ENGLEMAN RD.**

***Attitude adjustment begins at 6:30 PM – MEETING STARTS at 7:30 PM***

***Bring yourself, bring a new member!!!***

***Once a Marine, Always a Marine***

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OFFICERS – 2009**

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**Deadline** for submitting news articles is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.  
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The monthly meetings of the Alamo Detachment are on the first Monday of each month except on holidays when the meetings will be re-scheduled to the second Monday.

Until further notice the Detachment meetings will be held at the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, 3837 Binz Engleman Rd., situated inside the Brooke Army Medical Center complex. Use the BAMC gate on I-H 35.

**MINUTES OF 07 DECEMBER 2009  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, ALAMO DETACHMENT 315  
U.S. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE TRAINING CENTER  
3837 BINZ-ENGLEMAN RD., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

**OPENING CEREMONY:** COMMANDANT ROBERT OTTO CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 1930 ACCORDING TO RITUAL.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** ALL OFFICERS WERE PRESENT.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:** NONE

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PUBLISHED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

**PAYMASTER'S REPORT:** PAYMASTER'S REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS PUBLISHED SUBJECT TO AUDIT.

**REPORT OF MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS:** JOHN RODRIGUEZ'S WIFE HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER AND IS WAITING FOR FURTHER EVALUATION TO DETERMINE TREATMENT. PAUL CASILLAS IS RECUPERATING FROM RIGHT LEG AMPUTATION. JOE CHAVEZ IS UNDERGOING A DENTAL PROCEDURE.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:** NO REPORTS

**STANDING COMMITTEES:** NO REPORTS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** MARINE RICHARD MUNOZ GAVE A REPORT ON THE RENAMING DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE ROY CISNEROS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. CPL ROY CISNEROS WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED IN BATTLE IN VIETNAM AND FOR HIS ACTIONS, HE WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE NAVY CROSS.

**NEW BUSINESS:** THE COMBINED DETACHMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AWARDS DINNER WILL BE HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2009 AT 1900. THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST TWO.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** SR VICE COMMANDANT IS AGAIN REQUESTING INPUTS FOR THE ACTIVITIES REPORT.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** CHAIRMAN JOE CARRASCO PRESENTED THE SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR NEXT YEAR'S DETACHMENT OFFICERS.

THE FINAL ELECTION RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**COMMANDANT** – FELIX CONDE

**SR VICE** – HECTOR CERDA

**JR VICE** – JOE CARRASCO

**JUDGE ADVOCATE** – ROBERT OTTO

**PAYMASTER** – ISIDRO AMADOR

**CHAPLAIN** – BILL BOYLE

**SGT AT ARMS** – EDWARD VALDEZ

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED** ACCORDING TO RITUAL AT 2030 UNTIL 4 JAN 2010.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

HUMBERTO C REYES

ADJUTANT / PAYMASTER



**PAIN IS WEAKNESS  
LEAVING THE BODY  
OOORAH!!!**



Marine William J. Boyle, Jr. (left) is presented the Detachment Marine of the Year Plaque by Marine Joe Chavez, chairman of the Detachment Marine of the Year Society.

The Society had a hard time coming to decision but it was finally made and we congratulate Chaplain Boyle and thank him for his commitment to the Detachment.

*Happy New Year and Happy Birthday January Members*

06 – Roman Gonzalez

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY '09**

The Christmas party and awards night was a success and everyone who attended had a great time. Congratulations to Bill Boyle on his Marine of the Year award and to Jack Babcock on his Devil Dog of the Year award.

I had really wanted to be there so I could have some pictures for the Scuttlebutt, but you can't always get what you want. My wife Henrietta came down with pneumonia and I could not take a chance taking her out and getting everyone else sick.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I we wish you a very Happy and prosperous New Year.

I hope to see everyone at the Installation of Officers at our next meeting.

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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.

<<<< 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