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Alamo Detachment

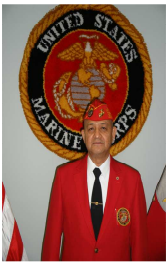


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HONOR – COURAGE – COMMITMENT COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES, CORPSMEN, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS,



The year is flying by, April is almost here and we are looking forward to Spring, warm weather, and sunshine. Fiesta Week in San Antonio is right around the corner and like the rest of San Antonio we will be making final preparations for our part, Marines at the Alamo and our annual BBQ for the Marine Band. At the time of this writing the active duty Marines are still working to find out which band will come for Fiesta Week. This year's BBQ will be at the picnic area next to the "new" Marine Corps Building at BAMC. Finally, our Wounded Marines have their own building here in San Antonio. The Wounded Marines have been invited to the BBQ.

We will have a guest speaker at our next meeting on April 5th, LtCol Barnes the OIC of the Marine Patient Affairs Team (MPAT) will speak at 1915. Come early and learn about the MPAT and the great work they do here in Texas.

A REMINDER: If you haven't paid your annual dues, you are late. As we learned at the last meeting, the MCL National HQ wants all detachments to purge our rolls of unpaid-up members. Please, update your dues.

Keep our Marines in harm's way and their families in your prayers.

See you at the meeting, April 5, 2010 at 1915.

Semper Fi,
Felix Conde Jr
Commandant

**DETACHMENT MEETING
MONDAY 05 APRIL 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

The April meeting will be held at the new MPAT building next to the Reserve Training Center



HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL MEMBERS

03 – Mary Louise Velasquez, 09 – Ramiro Martinez, 09 – Paul Casillas, 14 – Bruce Warren, 13 – Ralph Perryman, 22 – Samuel Perez, 26 – James Mahoney.



Devil Dog News

The Devil Dogs of Pound 87 recently had another successful Fundraiser. The final financial

report is not in yet but all indications are that we will be able to present Santa Rosa Children's Hospital with a substantial check for the Children. At present the plan is to attend a "Children's Miracle Network" Banquet sponsored by the Hospital and the Marriot Rivercenter Hotel on May 11, 2010 for the presentation. Any Devil Dog interested in attending the presentation must submit their name to the Pound Keeper as early as possible. We will try to have as many Dogs as allowed in attendance.

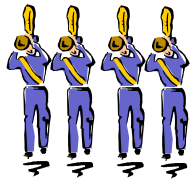
Volunteers working the kitchen included Josie Rodriguez, Lyllian Rangel, Gloria Gonzalez, and Mickey Reyes. The serving line consisted of Betty Landez, Irene Babcock, Oscar Landez, and Carmen Gibson. Other Volunteers assisting all around included Joe Carrasco, Joe Chavez, Richard Munoz, Humberto Reyes, Felix Conde, Jack Babcock, and Raul Marroquin. Carlos Vargas did the grilling, along with Raul who also supplied the wood.

Thanks to the following Dogs for food donations. Scott Guller for all the beef sausage, Joe Chavez, Bob Otto, Joe Carrasco, Carlos Vargas, beans, Humberto Reyes, Jack Babcock, Armando Elizondo, potato salad, Carlos Vargas, onions, Felix Conde, pickles and jalapeños, Ramiro Martinez, and Oscar Landez, bread.

Monetary donations were received from Alex Rosel, \$50.00, Manuel Zertuche, \$25.00, Charles Frey, \$20.00, Richard Rayfield, \$5.00, and Scott Guller, \$400.00

All Devil Dogs of Pound 87 wish to thank all who helped to make the event a success and a profound Mea Culpa if we neglected to mention any one.

Pound Keeper
PDD Joe Chavez



Fiesta Week

Late breaking word this morning. "The Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany Band" out of Albany, GA,

WILL be in town for a portion of Fiesta.

They will be playing at the Marine Corps at the Alamo on Thursday April 22nd. They will also be in the Battle of Flowers Parade on Friday April 23rd and the Fiesta Flambeau Parade on Saturday April 24th

Now comes our wish list for the fiesta cookout.

Well ladies and gents we get to cook after all. At this point in time we do not know the number of people we will be serving, so we will go with our usual count of 100 to 125 and play it by

ear. The menu of course will be our good fajita plate with all the trimmings. We will need the following items and food items:

- BEEF SKIRT STEAK** 120 LBS
- RICE** 8 LBS
- BEANS** 10 LBS
- FLOUR TORTILLAS** 250
- CORN TORTILLAS** 50
- PICO DE GALLO** FOR 150 SERVINGS
- AVOCADOS** 30 TO 40
- BEER** 10 CASES
- SODAS** 8 CASES
- WATER** 6 CASES
- COMPARTMENT PLATES** 150
- PARTY PAKS** 150
- FAJITA SEASONING**
- FIREWOOD/CHARCOAL**
- ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WE CAN GET!!!**

YOUNG MARINES

At this point in time I have not received information on the Young Marines. We may have to play it by ear. I just hope we get information in time.

Chairman – Carlos Vargas ... 532-3783
Co-Chair – Alex Rosel ... 341-4088

COWBOY HAT

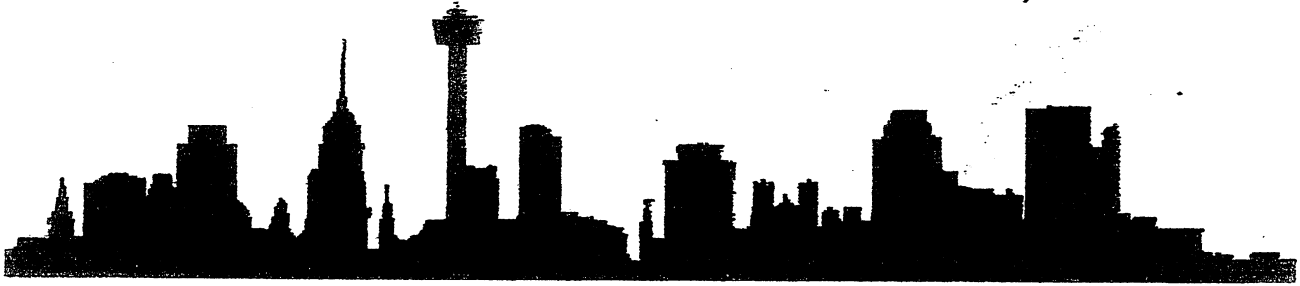
Commandant Felix Conde and Judge Advocate Robert Otto presented a cowboy hat to the Iraqi Governor; he was leaving early so he could be present in the Al Anbar province for the elections



Bob Otto, Iraqi Governor Al Anbar and Cmdt Felix Conde



Iraqi Governor Al Anbar



Marine Corps Coordinating Council of San Antonio, 3837 Binz-Englemann Rd., San Antonio, TX 78219

THE MARINE CORPS COORDINATING COUNCIL IS PROUD TO HOST THE ANNUAL MARINE CORPS FIESTA RECEPTION ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2010. FROM 6PM TO 9PM. THE RECEPTION WILL BE AT THE FT. SAM HOUSTON GOLF CLUBHOUSE. THE GOLF CLUBHOUSE IS LOCATED AT 1050 HARRY WURZBACH NEXT TO FT. SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMENTARY. THE CLUBHOUSE HAS PUBLIC ENTRANCE THEREFORE, YOU DON'T NEED A ID CARD, MILITARY CAR REGISTRATION OR GO THRU SECURITY CHECK. THE CASH BAR OPENS AT 5:30PM

OUR GUEST SPEAKER THIS YEAR WILL BE LTCOL. MATTHEW D. COOPER. LTCOL. COOPER IS THE INSPECTOR-INSTRUCTOR FOR THE 4TH RECON BN.

FULL DINNER MENU:
BEEF OR CHICKEN
TOSSED GREEN SALAD-ROASTED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS-CARROTS-DINNER ROLLS
ICED TEA-COFFEE-WATER
PRICE: \$24.48 PER PERSON

PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR CHECK HOW MANY BEEF AND HOW MANY CHICKEN YOU ARE ORDERING. PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN MONDAY 19 APRIL. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO MARINE CORPS COORDINATING COUNCIL. MAIL TO:

SGT. W.W. RONNIE REININGER
2403 BLOSSOM DR.
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78217-6014

TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED OUT.....A ROSTER OF THOSE WHO HAVE PAID WILL BE AT THE DOOR.

TO HELP WITH THE COSTS OF OTHER THINGS THE COUNCIL UNDERWRITES FOR THE FIESTA EVENTS. THE COUNCIL RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS DONATIONS. IF YOU WISH TO, PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATION TO RONNIE. YOU WILL RECEIVE A THANK YOU LETTER WHICH YOU CAN USE FOR A TAX DEDUCTION.

The San Antonio Marine Corps Coordinating Council Inc. is a Non profit 501 (c) (3) organization. In accordance with the Internal Revenue Ruling 67-246. Your contribution is a tax deductible contribution.

MARINE IDENTITY CAUSE

Marines, this past Thursday, the Marine Corps League sponsored a Press Conference at the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington. The purpose of the Press Conference was to kick off the "grass-roots" campaign to get the "Marine Identity Cause" Project signed into law. We had an "all-star" cast of speakers and guests present including Congressman Walter Jones, Senator Pat Roberts, "The Gunny", R. Lee Ermy, General Al Gray, former Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert Magnus, former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Tony Zinni, Lt. General Stephen Olmstead, the League's Legislative Liaison, Brigadier General Terry Paul former Director of the Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs, Sergeant "Eddie" Wright a Marine who lost both his hands in Iraq, and others including your Executive Director, a father who had lost his Marine son in Iraq and the Marine Mom who founded MarineParents.com .

H.R. 24 now has 368 co-signers in the House of Representatives. The problem is in the Senate. Senator Pat Roberts (R) Kansas (a Marine Corps Veteran) has introduced the Bill (S.204) in the Senate and it has two co-sponsors to date - Senator Kay Hagen (D) –North Carolina and Senator Richard Burr (R) North Carolina.

The way things work on The Hill is that the House version will be brought to the floor for a vote by Congressman Ike Skelton in early April. It should pass without any problem. The issue is to get the Senate Armed Services Committee to approve the Senate version and bring it to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

The goal here is to get ALL Marine Corps League members, their family members, friends and all FRIENDS OF THE CORPS to call their Senators offices and tell them "I support S.204 and I want my Senator to support it too"! Tell them you would like an e-mail response on their decision and their position on changing the name of the Department of the Navy to the "Department of the Navy and Marine Corps". Lastly, ask them what they propose to do to ensure that this bill gets passed into law.

For more information, please go to: <http://marinecause.com> - (while you are there, please click on "donate" at the top of the page and do what you can to support this effort.)

Please also click on the UPI link below and read the story there.

Many thanks for your help and support. BE A PART OF THIS HISTORY MAKING INITIATIVE!

**Those who served and fell on hard times honored
with dignity of military burial**

by Brian New / KENS 5

Posted on March 31, 2010 at 6:20 PM

Updated today at 7:20 PM

They are military veterans who have fallen on hard time. Yet, on Wednesday, they were given the dignity they deserve.

Roy McNeair served to protect all we have and died with nothing of his own.

The 52-year-old Brooklyn native joined the Air Force in 1980 and was stationed at Randolph Air Force Base.

In the years after his service, McNeair lost his wife, lost touch of his son, and lost his way.

McNeair's struggles with alcohol kept him on the streets of San Antonio.

His pride kept him away from his siblings. McNeair hadn't talked with his brother or sister in more than five years.

Only when he died did his family find out he was homeless.

"Finally we know where he is at and know that the struggle is over," said McNeair's cousin, Judy Sheppard.

When McNeair's funeral service was over, the casket belong to Cathy Luster was pulled from a hertz.

Luster's story's is much the same – that is the part that is known.

After serving in the Navy as a dental technician for three years in the '70s, Luster became homeless.

When she died this month at the age of 62, the medical examiner searched for family members.

None were found.

Wednesday, her military family - people she never knew -- carried her casket, paid their respects, and said a prayer.

For the past ten years, the Dignity Memorial Burial Program has paid for homeless veterans to be buried.

McNeair was their 100th and Luster was their 101st homeless veteran to be honored at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Currently, there are more than 150,000 homeless veterans in the United States, most of whose remains will likely go unclaimed by family members when they die.

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