



The Scuttlebutt



Alamo Detachment



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HONOR – COURAGE – COMMITMENT COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE



MARINES, CORPSMEN, AND ASSOCIATES,

Our next meeting is Saturday, October 2nd at 0900. We will be back to normal, holding our meeting on the first Saturday of the month. We will start the day with our taco breakfast at 0830.

The most important item on the agenda will be final preparations for the Marine Corps Ball on November 10th. Tickets are already on sale at \$45.00 per person. Other items on the agenda: We will also have an update on our "Young Marines" Project. And a proposal to work for a "proper" headstone for FMF Corpsman HN John E. Kilmer who was KIA in Korea on 8/13/1952. HN Kilmer received the Medal of Honor for his actions saving Marines that day.

Our Marines continue to be in harm's way doing what Marines do best. The MPAT, officially known as Marine Detachment Wounded Warrior, BAMC, is expecting new patients. Please keep our Marines and their loved ones in our prayers.

Note: There will be a meeting of the Marine Corps Ball Committee after the Detachment monthly meeting on October 2nd. You are invited.

We'll see you at the meeting, we need your participation. Invite a fellow Marine to join us.

Semper Fi,
Felix Conde Jr
Commandant

WOUNDED MARINE

We have a young Marine, Corporal Shane Hathaway who underwent surgery 08/30/2010. He was shot four times. His family has said he would love to receive cards and letters to cheer him up.

Send to: Cpl Shane Hathaway, USMC
Surgical Unit 5th Floor
National Naval Medical Center
8901 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20889-5600.

Note: He may not be in the same ward, but the mail will reach him.

**DETACHMENT MEETING
SATURDAY 02 OCTOBER 2010
MPAT building next to the Reserve Training Center
U.S. NAVY & MARINE CORPS RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
3837 BINZ-ENGLEMAN RD.**

Attitude adjustment begins at 0800 – MEETING STARTS at 0900

Bring yourself, bring a new member!!!

Once a Marine, Always a Marine

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The monthly meetings of the Alamo Detachment are at 0900 on the 1st Saturday of each month except on holidays when the meeting will be re-scheduled to the second Saturday.

Meetings will be held at the MPAT bldg. at the rear of the Navy & Marine Reserve Training Center. 3837 Binz Engleman Rd.

**MINUTES OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2010
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 FELIX CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 0910 ACCORDING TO RITUAL.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: SR VICE COMMANDANT HECTOR CERDA AND JR. VICE COMMANDANT JOE CARRASCO WERE ABSENT – EXCUSED. PAYMASTER ISIDRO AMADOR WAS ABSENT.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: NONE MARINE CARLOS QUIJANO WAS WELCOMED AS A NEW LIFE MEMBER. COMMANDANT MADE THE LIFE MEMBER CARD PRESENTATION.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: AN AMENDMENT WAS MADE UNDER CORRESPONDENCE TO CHANGE THE TYPE OF EXEMPTION TO NON PROFIT.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER: THE ADJUTANT GAVE A REPORT WHICH INCLUDED THE TRANSACTIONS MADE IN JULY AND AUGUST. THE EXPENSE FOR THIS PERIOD WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT BUT A COPY OF THE BANK STATEMENT, FOR THIS PERIOD, WAS MADE AVAILABLE.

THE PAYMASTER RESIGNED DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS AND ILL HEALTH.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

REPORT OF OFFICERS: **JUDGE ADVOCATE** ROBERT OTTO GAVE A REPORT ON THE NATIONAL MCL CONVENTION BY-LAWS CHANGES.

MARINE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOE CHAVEZ REQUESTED NAMES FOR NOMINATION FOR THIS YEAR'S AWARD.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROBERT OTTO SAID THAT THERE WERE NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THIS YEAR.

MARINE JOSE MARTINEZ REQUESTED THAT HE BE REMOVED FROM THE DETACHMENT VAVS DEPUTY LIST.

MARINE CORPS BALL FUNDRAISER CHAIRMAN JOE CHAVEZ GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PLAN FOR THE FUNDRAISER. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE S PRESA ICE HOUSE ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2010. THE MEAL WILL INCLUDE BRISKET AND SAUSAGE WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS.

JOE REQUESTED DONATIONS OF ITEMS THAT WILL BE NEEDED. JOE WILL PRODUCE A LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS SOON.

COMMANDANT GAVE A REPORT ON THE **BALL PREPARATIONS**. TICKETS WILL BEGIN TO BE SOLD TODAY. A SEATING CHART IS AVAILABLE. THE TICKET PRICE IS \$45.00. THE BALL WILL BE HELD AT THE VALERO COMPLEX ON 10 NOVEMBER 2010.

JOSE ZERTUCHE AND ALBERT GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE **YOUNG MARINE PROGRAM**. A REQUEST WAS MADE FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN ERNEST WHEN THE PROPOSED CHARTER IS OBTAINED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: SAM PEREZ INFORMED ALL THAT A PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THE DETAILS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

CHARLES GRAUSTEIN OFFERED TO DONATE DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR UP TO \$1000.00 TOWARDS THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE FRANK TEJEDA STATUE.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1027 UNTIL 2 OCT 2010
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
HUMBERTO C REYES
ADJUTANT



Happy Birthday

October members: 03 – William J. Boyle, Jr., 04 – Lee Rux, 18 – Julia Degrace, 31 – Rudy Trejo.

"Young people don't know what age is, and old people forget what youth was."

-Irish proverb

THE RUN-A-WAY ATHLETIC CLUB

"DO IT IN THE RAW"

NEWS BULLETIN !! NEW EMAIL: john@09run.com,
New website: www.09run.com will bring you to The
"runawayclub.vpweb.com" site for upcoming races &
results to stay in touch on training & events.

RESULTS: We post results on the active.com site.
NOTE: Great Race "THE ANNUAL ARMY-DILLO TEN &
HALF MILES - TWENTY ONE MILES - HELPS
EVERYONE WARM UP TO THIS YEARS ROCK-N-
ROLL MARATHON !

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!!

REMEMBER! Our walking & running group on M/W &
Saturdays is growing, with talent from Fort Sam Houston
racing team, leading the way. Having Dr. Anna Harris at
the point is an honor.

The RAW Club has everyone from the general
community: walkers, joggers, & runners to include:
Lawyers, Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Navy, Patrick from
Joseph's Bakery, Coaches, Business Owners, Veterans,
cooks & bottle washers, Boy Scouts, Radio D.J.s, US
Army, US Air Force, US Marines, Police & Firefighters,
students and retirees and we still have room for more.

Please be our guest at the following: Training clinics
sessions three times each week - Mon/Wed starting at
6:00pm & Sat @ 6:30am for our long run from Joseph's
Bakery 3420 N.St. Mary's @ Mulberry Streets.
Complete/Compete in 5k, 10k, Ten Miles, Twenty Miles,
Duathlons, & Triathlons this year.

Be the best you can be for this years Rock-N-Roll
Half or Full Marathon (NEWS: This year R-N-R will host
a half Marathon RELAY - 7.7 first leg & 5.4 second leg,
Nov 14, 2010.

Receive a \$13. discount off your R-N-R fees for the
half or full Marathon when you register on October 13 -
New Code when signing up this year.

Our club fees are simple, we only charge \$20. per
month, for the place, times, training schedule, advise on
injury prevention, calenders of events, socials, and
training support while you are becoming the best athlete
ever. Did I say socials? VFW post 76 is my Country
Club! Check out our facebook for other activities.

Sincerely,

Johnny Purnell

Coach 4 Life

(John Purnell is an associate member of the Alamo
Detachment)

YOUNG MARINE...correspondence received by Marine Jose
Zertuche

Good Morning!

It was nice to chat with you real quick this morning. I would
love to have you come to the birthday ball. Our units name is
Guadalupe Valley Young Marines and we are currently 19
strong. Our first boot camp graduated in May, so we are a
baby unit! But don't let that fool ya, we have two YM's (my
son's) that have really helped us and fortunately I have been
involved with the program since 2002 and currently on the
board of directors. I would love to meet with you sometime to
help answer any questions you may have and guide you in the
upcoming process of starting your unit.

Our Birthday Ball is going to be at the Faust Hotel in New
Braunfels, 240 S.Seguin Ave.. Coming from SA take a left off
of Hwy 35 onto Seguin Ave (go under 35) and continue on until
you get to the Faust on the Left hand side (past the NB.
convention center) if you make it to their round-about please
turn around its before that. My cell phone is 423-227-9610 and
you can call if you get lost. The dress for the evening is
Sunday best, semi or even formal, my son's are wearing a tie
and dress slacks. The cost is \$14 per person and includes 3
meats, sides, drinks (tea, water, soda), cake and dancing! It'll
be fun- we are also having a guest speaker. I really look
forward to meeting you and discussing how we can work
together- and our units!

Talk with you soon,
Dina Dillon

ANNUAL MARINE BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST

Marines;

We are less than 60 days from our sixth annual Birthday
Breakfast in Boerne.

I usually get this first blast out around this time to clean
up the mailing list and remind Marines to let their new
Marine contacts know of the event.

We will start serving our buffet of hashbrowns,
pancakes, sausage, eggs, SOS and Birthday Cake at
0500 and run till 1100. It will be at the Boerne
Convention and Community Center, 820 Adler in
Boerne. Free as always!

We had over 225 last year and it has become important
that you RSVP for planning purposes. If you have
invited Marines who are not on the mailing list, please
ask them to contact me as well.

I'm sure we will have e-mail addresses that have
changed over the year also so please let me know if you
notice a missing or incorrect addressee.

Semper Fi

Dan Hamm



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ALAMO DETACHMENT 315

235TH ANNUAL

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

**Wednesday, November 10, 2010
Valero Oil Complex**

**Birthday Gift and Souvenir Program
MC Ball Ceremony**

**Sit-down Formal Dinner of Steak or Chicken
Music by: DJ Muzidio of Muzidio Entertainment**

Dress Code Strictly Enforced

**Ladies: Cocktail or Formal - Men: Uniform or Business Suit
No Casual or Western Wear**

1700: Social Hour 1800: Ceremony 1900: Dinner 2000: Dance
Tickets: \$45.00 per person Reservations Encouraged

**Contact Robert K. Otto @ 623-4433 (H) or 413-5389 (c),
Humberto Reyes @ 867-9226 (c) for tickets
Contact Felix Conde @373-3687 (c) or 253-9148(H)
for more information.**

Fall Detachment Fundraiser



The last Detachment Fundraiser of the year will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the South Presa Street Ice House, 3415 S. Presa St. The location is centralized and easily reached via I-37 South, exiting on Fair Ave. This yearly event is needed to supplement the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration and various Detachment Veteran Programs. For this Fundraiser we will have to depend on the generosity of our Members, supporters and friends for all food and other items. We are confident we can count on each of you in the true spirit of Semper Fidelis.

NEED LIST: 1.

Brisket.....250 lbs (Cost, Approx. \$1.75lb)

...10 Boxes (Cost, Approx. \$20.00 box)

3. Pinto Beans (30 lbs donated to date. Need 4lbs)

4. Potato salad
.....12 gals
(OK)

5. Onions lg.
Whole.....25 lg
(OK)

6. Sliced
Jalapeños.....4 gals
(OK)

7. Sliced
Pickles.....4 gals
(OK)

8. Bread
.....25 loafs
(OK)

9 Party
Paks.....500

10. Take out
Plates.....500

Please be thinking how you can help. We will have this list in sign up form at the next Detachment meeting. You can also contact Co-Chairman Jack Babcock at 224-4505 or Co-Chairman Humberto Reyes at 734-5967 to volunteer your help.

Semper Fi,

Thank you once again Marines and Friends,
Fundraising Chairman, Joe R. Chavez

VETERANS FREEDOM FOUNDATION

The Foundation will have a dance fundraiser Friday 22 October 2010 at the Blanco Ballroom music will be furnished by Ernie Garibay. For tickets and information contact Delia Villarreal at 696-9862. Monetary donations are acceptable and checks can be made out to Veterans Freedom Foundation, PO Box 681808 San Antonio, TX 78268-1808. We look forward for your support.



Marine Corps League

Alamo Detachment 315



Fall Fundraiser Dinner

To Benefit Marine Corps League Veteran Programs

BBQ Brisket & Sausage

With all the Trimmings

October 16, 2010

South Presa Street Ice House

3415 S. Presa St.

Serving 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To go or eat in service available

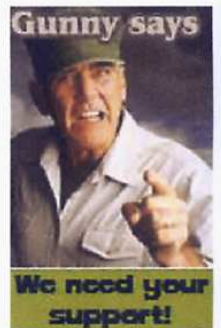
Cakes & Pastries available by Alamo Auxiliary Unit

Donation only \$6.50 per plate

Tickets available at

Elizondos Print Shop, 4418 S. Presa

or Any MC League Member



ALAMO 315 MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

The members of Alamo Detachment 315 are respectfully requested to complete the following short questionnaire. The purpose of this survey is to assess your willingness to participate as an Officer or as a volunteer in various areas of need. This is crucial for the successful operation of the Detachment. By knowing your interests, your area of expertise and your willingness to participate, it is our goal to make your membership more meaningful to you.

Name: _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address: _____ City _____

Phone # _____ Cell _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Your Education Data: High School _____ College _____

Profession: _____

Work History: _____

Hobbies: _____

Marine Corps League areas of interest (Check as many as you wish)

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toys for Tots | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Rose Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> VAVS | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MHM Harm Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative | <input type="checkbox"/> Birthday Ball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Convention |

Other: _____ Other: _____

Thank you for your cooperation in completing this questionnaire. It will be held in strictest confidence.

You may mail to:

Alamo Detachment 315
Attn: Sr. Vice Commandant
P.O. Box 831641
San Antonio, Texas 78283-1641

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