



The Scuttlebutt



Alamo Detachment



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HONOR – COURAGE – COMMITMENT COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE



Marines, Corpsmen, and Associates,

Fiesta Week is less than a month away and preparations are underway. As of this date we are unsure if we will have a Marine Corps Band participating in the parades. We should know by the time our March meeting comes around. We are still planning for our annual "Band" BBQ as well as our Marines at the Alamo event.

The Young Marine Program is established and sign up dates are scheduled for April and May. Albert and Angelique Salas and Jose Zertuche have done a fantastic job getting the Young Marine Program up and going. We need adult volunteers to supervise the Young Marines. The **San Antonio Young Marines** (SAYMarines) Program has six volunteers signed up and ready to go. This is enough adult volunteers to handle 30 youngsters. That is why the program will start with 30 Young Marine "recruits." There are many more young children who want to "enlist" in the SAYMarines so pass the word out to San Antonio and bring in adult volunteers. They do not have to have a Marine Corps background. San Antonio and the surrounding areas need this program. More information will be passed on at the meeting.

Important note: The same day as our March meeting (3/26/2011), the Alamo Pound MODD is having their annual fundraiser. Those members of the Detachment who need to prepare for the fundraiser plate sale will not attend the meeting and will go directly to the fundraiser site. The rest of us participating will join them as soon as the meeting is over.

Our Marines and Corpsmen continue in harm's way, fighting continues. The Wounded Warrior Marine Detachment has received six new wounded Marines since our last meeting. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Thank you to all the members who continue to participate in the Wednesday hospital visit and the Thursday taco breakfast.

THANKS to the Brazoria County Det, MCL for presenting the San Antonio Marine Helping Marine Program with a \$2,000.00 check. Uurrrraagh!!!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING,
Semper Fi, Felix Conde Jr, Cmdt

LATE MINUTE NEWS

I'm happy to announce that we will have a Marine Band for Fiesta. The 4thMarDiv Band will be here. That means we will be having a BBQ for the Band on Friday, April 15, 2011. Carlos Vargas is in charge of organizing the BBQ. He will be soliciting for necessary items and asking for volunteers to help. Now is the time for us to step up and help him make this year's Band BBQ the best ever. I have not received word from the Dallas/Ft Worth area Young Marines so I don't know if they are attending. I will update you all with the latest info as I receive it.

The Alamo Detachment will have our annual display at the Marines at the Alamo on Thursday afternoon, April 14, 2011. The info on this event/project will be passed at the monthly meeting on March 26, 2011. For those who have it, the uniform will be the white short sleeve shirt with dress blue trousers.

Semper Fi,
Felix Conde Jr,
Commandant

**DETACHMENT MEETING SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2011
ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT BEGINS 0800, MEETING STARTS 0900**

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

The monthly meetings of the Alamo Detachment will be held at 0900 on the 4th Saturday of the month temporarily until further notice.

Meetings are held at the MPAT bldg at the rear of the Navy & Marine Reserve Training Center, 3837 Binz Engleman Rd., San Antonio, Texas

**MINUTES OF 26 FEBRUARY 2011
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 0915 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

REPORT OF PAYMASTER: PAYMASTER'S REPORT WAS APPROVED AS READ.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: BELINDA RISCHNER IS IN THE HOSPITAL IN STONE OAK. HENRIETTA VARGAS IS DOING BETTER. MARINE LOUIS HERRERA IS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROBERT OTTO SAID THAT NO APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 MARCH 2011.

YOUNG MARINE PROGRAM: CHAIRMAN ALBERT SALAS SAID THAT THE DETACHMENT PROGRAM WILL BEGIN 21 MAY 2011 WITH THE FIRST DRILL.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ROBERT OTTO SAID THAT THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL IS SCHEDULED FOR 6 NOV 2011 AT THE EL TROPICANO HOTEL. THE COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON THE MEAL, BAND AND ALL OF THE OTHER DETAILS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: MARINE JOHN RODRIGUEZ HAS COMPLETED A PROJECT TO REPLACE A HEADSTONE FOR MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT JOHN E KILMER NAVY CORPSMAN HN1. THE LOCATION OF THE GRAVESITE IS IN THE SAN JOSE CEMETERY. DETAILS FOR THE CEREMONY WILL BE FORTHCOMING .

PROPOSED BUDGET: THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS APPROVED WITH CHANGES. THE FINAL APPROVED BUDGET WILL BE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MCL MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: MARINE JOE CARRASCO MADE A SUGGESTION TO IMPROVE OUR WEB SITE. JOE WILL WORK WITH COMMANDANT FELIX CONDE ON THIS PROJECT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1055 UNTIL 26 MARCH 2011

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

HUMBERTO C REYES

ADJUTANT



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH MARINES

03 – Estevan Chavarria, Jr.; 03 - Alfredo "Sam" Garcia; 04 – Mark Anthony Hernandez; 06 – Humberto C. Reyes; 09 – Frank A. Espinoza; 10 – Aster Mae Pacheco; 12 – Armando Elizondo; 22 – Alex Rosel; 29 – Isidro Amador; And may you may have many more!!!

There are only two kinds of people that understand Marines: Marines and the enemy. Everyone else has a second- hand opinion.

Gen. William Thomson, U.S. Army

FIESTA DE LOS VETERANOS

Manuel Zertuche, Esther Zertuche and Jose Zertuche attended a special planning meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at the Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital. The VA/VS Representatives meeting was called to plan the Veterans Hospital First Fiesta 2011 event. The event will be the "Fiesta De Los Veteranos", and will feature the first Fiesta Motorcycle Ride/Rally.

Event Date & Time: Fiesta De Los Veteranos- April 9, 2011
11 :30 am - 4:00 pm.

The "Fiesta De Los Veteranos" Motorcycle Rally will be the experience of a lifetime at the Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, where local people will show Fiesta visitors a thing or two about hospitality and visiting exhibitors can show anything and everything you'd want or need to dress you up or dress up your bike. Fiesta visitors may see virtually every kind of bike during the Rally on the market. It's like being a kid again, in a candy store. Only better! Because in addition to the bikes there will be band concerts, games and bike shows.

We will keep you posted on all the news as soon as we receive it.

Alamo Detachment #315, Marine Corps League members are encouraged to volunteer time and talents on the following subcommittees:

- Media/Marketing
- Entertainment
- Food
- Vendors (Food/Merchandise)
- Fundraisers- tickets, prizes, food sales, T-shirts, patches, medals, 50/50 raffle
- Games
- Corporate sponsorship
- Ride/Rally- planning route, selection of road captains, police escorts, registration
- Set up/Tear Down

Fees / Deadlines: Cost for vendor \$250, cost for T-shirts and patches, medals

The VA/VS Representatives "Fiesta De Los Veteranos" meeting will be held at the Veterans Hospital twice a month until April 9, 2011.



Official Fiesta De Los Veteranos Medal

Contact Manuel or Jose Zertuche, Alamo Detachment #315, MCL VA/VS representatives for additional information on the "Fiesta De Los Veteranos" event.

Respectfully submitted,

Manuel Zertuche

Jose Zertuche

Manuel Zertuche
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MCL Veteran Administration Voluntary Service (VA/VS)
Representatives



SAN ANTONIO YOUNG MARINES

26 FEBRUARY 2011 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting began after the Marine Corps League meeting at 10:48am
- Held in the Wounded Warrior Battalion conference room
- Registered Adult Volunteer application was received from Raul Marroquin
- Discussed and agreed upon, were the dates of our milestone timeline:
 - Mar 13-19 Alberto Salas will be attending the Austin Chapter - Capital City Young Marines Basic Training aboard Camp Bullis.
 - Mar 30 Open Enrollment 1800-2100 Location TBD
 - Apr 9 Open Enrollment 1200-1500 Location TBD
 - Apr 23 Registered Adult Volunteer Training 1200-1400 TBD
 - May 6 is the deadline for all new Young Marines to submit their enrollment applications to include all fees and physicals.
 - May 7 Parent Orientation 1200-1500 Location TBD
 - May 11-15 Alberto & Angelique Salas will be attending the Young Marines Adult Leaders Conference in Charlotte, NC.
 - Projected date for day one of Young Marine Basic Training.
 - Beginning May 21st from 0800-1500
 - 6 consecutive Saturdays
 - Graduation Ceremony July 2nd, time and place TBD
- The cost of the enrollment has been agreed upon
 - \$250 for the 1st child
 - For families with multiple children:
 - \$150 for the 2nd child
 - \$100 for each additional child
- We are still searching for an official location for our Drills and Training.
 - An email has gone out to Cheryl Kindervater of San Antonio Parks and Recreation
 - Contact will be made with County Commissioner Paul Elizondo
 - John Rodriguez is on a mission to find us a location by shaking down his many contacts
- In attendance were Ray and Jamie Gonzales (soon to be Registered Adult Volunteers), parents of Jake (soon to be Young Marine Recruit). They had some great input and asked lots of great questions. I feel that I adequately answered all their questions, which was a great primer for me for when I next confer with other parents.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1220.
- Our next meeting will be on March 10 at 0830 in the Wounded Warrior conference room.

Thank you to all who attended, as well as those who were at the Marine Corps League meeting, who gave great feedback, but were unable to stay later to attend our Young Marine's meeting.

Semper Fi,
Alberto Salas
Unit Commander
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FIESTA WEEK

Fiesta week is just around the corner and it's time to put on the old boondockers and get cooking. Once again Alex Rosel and yours truly have been tapped to chair the Annual Marine Band Cookout and we're going to start by asking everyone to help as much as possible. The menu and shopping wish list is in the next page and remember, this is not a fundraiser, it's a freebee, there's no money going back to the MCL account:

FAJITA MENU FOR FIESTA BAND PICNIC

BEEF SKIRT STEAK
BEANS
RICE
PICO DE GALLO
GUACAMOLE
TORTILLAS - FLOUR AND CORN

Expect to feed about 100 to 120 persons (Band members, I & I Staff and family and members of the Marine Corps League. Supplies needed:

Beef skirt steak	100 lbs.,(we don't want to come out short)
Beans	8.5 lbs
Rice	8 lbs
Avocados	about 30
Pico de gallo	we need tomato, chile peppers, onion, lime or lemons and cilantro
Tortillas	200 hundred flour and 50 corn
Plates and party packs,	fajita seasoning
Ice	about 400 lbs crushed
Sodas	10 cases
Water	6 cases
Beer	8 cases

Mesquite wood or 3 large bags charcoal

Presently, we don't know if we will be hosting the Young Marines from Dallas this year, but if we are we will have to be planning on serving hamburgers and hot dogs. Hope we get the word by Saturday.

I hope everyone read the article on our Young Marines in the March-April issue of SEMPER FI.

Note: I'm trying to save money on postage, so I'm asking all members who have not given/sent your e-mail adder to me please do so, I will appreciate it very much. Thank You!!!

Every year I have been receiving an award for putting out the Scuttlebutt and I appreciate it very much, but what I would really like, please award me with news articles for the Scuttlebutt. If you are chairing a committee let me and the members know what's going on, or if you're getting married or divorced, having a baby. If you are an officer let us

know what you are doing as far as your duties are concerned.

As you can see, I have a lot of room here for more newsy items.

See Ya!!!

THE RUN-A-WAY ATHLETIC CLUB

"DO IT IN THE RAW"

NEWS BULLETIN !! NEW EMAIL:

johnny.purnell@yahoo.com or john@09run.com, New website: www.runawayclub@vpweb.com will bring you to The "[Run-A-Way Club](#)" site for upcoming races & results to stay in touch on training & events.

RESULTS: We post results on the www.active.com site.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEW MEMBERS & WINNERS!!

REMEMBER! Our walking & running group on M/W & Saturdays is growing, with talent from Fort Sam Houston racing team, leading the way. Having Sergeant First Class Ricardo Gutierrez - "US Army Ranger" at the point, is an honor for me to coach. Congratulations Team on successful trip to Washington D.C. and the Army Ten Miler in 2010, look out for this year!

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 6:30pm & Sat @ 7:00am for our long run from Joseph's Bakery 3420 N.St. Mary's @ Mulberry Streets. Complete/Compete in 5k, 10k, Ten Miles, Twenty Miles, Rock-N-Roll Marathon, 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 13, 2011.

We host 35 races each year to include 9 Triathlon, 26 road races, come down and join us this season. Our club fees are simple, we only charge \$20. per month or a simple fee of \$120. for the season/year, providing the place, times, training schedule, advise on injury prevention, calendar 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.

Respectfully,,

Johnny Purnell
Coach 4 Life

**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