



# The Scuttlebutt



Alamo Detachment



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## HONOR – COURAGE – COMMITMENT COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE



Marines and Associates,

The busy, hectic, fun time of the year is upon us. The Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Veterans Day Parade, MC Birthday Breakfast in Boerne, Toys for Tots, and other events are in the works.

Senior Vice Jose Martinez and I attended the Department of Texas, Marine Corps League Fall Staff Meeting in Zapata, Texas October 6-9. The meetings were informative and the Alamo Detachment is in good standing. I want to thank our Adjutant Humberto Reyes and our Paymaster Carlos Espinoza for keeping our "books" in good order. We learned that the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League desires to visit San Antonio in the near future. Details of his visit will be published as soon as his visit is confirmed.

As you all know, we will celebrate the 336th Marine Corps Birthday on November 5th at the El Tropicano Hotel. Our guest of honor is Major General David Garza the Inspector-General of the Marine Corps. The Ball Committee has done an excellent job preparing for our celebration. We are limiting tickets to 300 seats, if you haven't bought your tickets now is the time.

The Veterans Day Parade on November 12 is also less than a month away. The Parade Committee headed by John Rodriguez is working on the final details. We need as many Detachment members as possible to participate. This will be our first parade in San Antonio in quite a while. This is a good chance to show San Antonio that the Marine Corps League is well and active in San Antonio. Contact John Rodriguez or any Detachment Staff member if you wish to participate. I want to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their participation.

As I write this letter, the San Antonio Young Marines Unit (SAYM) are preparing to have their first Ball to celebrate the Young Marines Birthday. I am honored to be a participate in their celebration. Our Detachment members Albert Salas, his wife Angelique, and Raul Marroquin along with all their SAYM Staff are doing a fantastic job. Raul has become a master in instructing the SAYM's. If you can believe, a gentle drill instructor. I hope we get good photos for our next Scuttlebutt.

FYI, due to the downsizing, the Wounded Warrior Marine Detachment at BAMC (now renamed San Antonio Military Medical Center) is losing their active duty reserves. They will be replaced by active duty Marines. We want to thank the departing Marines for a good job and welcome the incoming Marines. Semper Fi.

Several Detachment Marines and I were able to attend the graveside services for LCpl Benjamin W. Schmidt KIA. Please keep our Marines in harm's way and their families in your prayers.

See you at the Detachment meeting October 22nd. Once a Marine always a Marine.

Semper Fi!  
Felix Conde Jr  
Commandant

### DETACHMENT MEETING SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2011

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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**DEADLINE:** for submitting news articles is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The monthly meetings of the Alamo Detachment will be held at 0900 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month temporarily until further notice. Meetings are held at the MPAT bldg at the rear of the Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Training Center. 3837 Binz Engleman Rd., San Antonio, Texas

**MINUTES OF 24 SEPTEMBER  
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 0912 ACCORDING TO RITUAL.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: CHAPLAIN WAS ABSENT – EXCUSED

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: RECEIVED APPLICATION FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP FROM ORLANDO B GARZA. THE APPLICATION WAS ACCEPTED BY ALL MARINES PRESENT. THE INITIATION CEREMONY WAS CONDUCTED BY COMMANDANT FELIX CONDE.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PUBLISHED.

CORRESPONDENCE: RECEIVED A THANK YOU CARD FROM BELINDA RISCHNER THANKING THE DETACHMENT FOR THE DONATION AND SUPPORT.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER: THE PAYMASTER'S REPORT WAS TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH. THIS WILL GIVE THE PAYMASTER MORE TIME TO REFORMAT HIS REPORT.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: NO REPORT

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

THE COMMANDANT SAID THAT THE 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOERNE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD IN THE BOERNE CONVENTION AND COMMUNITY CENTER ON 10 NOVEMBER 2011 FROM 0500 TO 1100. THE ADDRESS IS 820 ADLER ROAD.

THE DETACHMENT WILL ORGANIZE AND COLLECT TOYS FOR THIS YEAR'S "TOYS FOR TOTS" THIS YEAR. THE MARINE RESERVES USUALLY WORK THIS PROJECT BUT THIS YEAR THEY ARE DEPLOYED. THE COMMANDANT WILL PASS ON MORE INFORMATION LATER.

A NOTE FROM THE COMMANDANT- 17 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MARINES WILL TRANSFER FROM 2 DETACHMENTS THAT ARE BEING CLOSED INTO OUR DETACHMENT. THESE ARE LIFE MEMBERS FROM WEST TEXAS.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

THE MARINE OF THE YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN EARLY DECEMBER.

THE "YOUNG MARINES" ARE BUSY DOING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THEY ARE ALSO DOING SOME FUN THINGS. THEY WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST MARINE CORPS BALL ON OCT 16. INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED OUT WHEN THE DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT.

MARINE ROBERT OTTO GAVE A REPORT ON THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL. IF ANYONE WANTS TO STAY OVER IN THE HOTEL CALL 1-877-214-9768 AND MENTION DETACHMENT 315 TO GET THE GROUP RATE.

THE FUNDRAISER FOR THE BALL WILL BE A TRIP TO KICKAPOO. THE BUS WILL LEAVE ON 16 OCT 2011.

ADS FOR THE BALL PROGRAM BOOK ARE ON SALE NOW. SEE ROBERT OTTO FOR DETAILS ON THE ADS.

WE WILL NEED 6 MARINES WITH RED COATS FOR THE CEREMONY. SEE ROBERT OTTO FOR DETAILS.

JOHN RODRIGUEZ WILL HAVE INFORMATION ON THE VETERANS DAY PARADE IN THE OCTOBER DETACHMENT MEETING. THE UNIFORM FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE DETERMINED AT THIS MEETING ALSO.

THE 1<sup>st</sup> MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION HAS INVITED THE DETACHMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A CEREMONY TO HONOR GENERAL O. P. SMITH WHO SERVED WITH MARINES IN KOREA. A BRIDGE LOCATED IN GENERAL SMITH'S HOME TOWN, MANARD TEXAS, WILL BE DEDICATED IN HIS HONOR. A MOTION WAS MADE TO HAVE THE DETACHMENT PARTICIPATE IN THIS CEREMONY. MOTION PASSED. THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE SOMETIME IN APRIL 2012.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: MARINE CARLOS VARGAS ASKED AGAIN FOR INPUTS TO THE SCUTTLEBUTT. MARINES FROM THE DETACHMENT ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT NEWSWORTHY ITEMS THAT HAVE MEMBER ACTIVITY INTEREST PERTAINING TO THE DETACHMENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RELEASE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF DETACHMENT MEMBERS TO THE MARINE CORPS COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAILING INVITATIONS TO VARIOUS MARINE RELATED EVENTS. MOTION PASSED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1115 UNTIL 22 OCT 2011  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED - HUMBERTO C REYES – ADJUTANT

## DETACHMENT UPDATE

Marines and Associates,

I'm sending this out to bring you up to date on the latest news and upcoming events. The "busy" season has started, the Marine Corps Birthday Ball is just around the corner, November 5, 2011. If you haven't brought your ticket now is the time. Contact me at this email address or my phone 210.373.3687 or contact Bob Otto at 210.623.4433.

Other items:

If you plan to attend the Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast in Boerne, please let me know soon. I have to RSVP Don Hamm asap. The first breakfast served 25 people, last year there 300 people attending, so it is important for Marine Hamm to get a good count. Don Hamm accepts no donations, we've tried. The "Breakfast" will be held on November 10th from 0500 to 1100 at the Boerne Convention and Community Center, 820 Adler Road, Boerne, TX. Breakfast is buffet style and includes hash browns, eggs, bacon, sausage, and **SOS** plus birthday cake to go. The RSVP is due today. Hurry!

I have ordered 10 sets of the Sunburst collar ornaments for the white shirt uniform (short & long sleeve) we use in the summer. Let me know if you want to buy a set, they are \$12 per set.

The Veterans Day Parade committee will meet next Thursday to complete preparations for our color guard and "float." John Rodriguez is the chairman of the committee, please let him or me know asap if you plan to participate. The San Antonio Young Marine Unit will be joining us at the parade. The Veterans Day Parade is sponsored by the U.S. Military Veterans Parade Association of San Antonio. The 12th Annual Veterans Parade will kickoff at 1200 on November 12th in downtown San Antonio.

The San Antonio Young Marines (SAYM) are having their Birthday Ball on October 16 in conjunction with the New Braunfels Young Marines. Their Ball is at the VFW Post 7110 in New Braunfels. We are very proud of our new SAYM Unit. Semper Fi!!!

Please attend our upcoming monthly meeting on October 22 at the Marine Detachment Building in the BAMC (now SAMMC) base. The meeting starts at 0900. Parking is no longer an issue. You will recognize the MarDet area, as it has a red fence with USMC on it. Alamo Detachment needs your participation.

Semper Fi,

### VAVS REPORT

Marine Manuel Zertuche, VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) representative for the Alamo Detachment, has received an announcement from our local Audie L. Murphy Division (ALMD) encouraging our support:

On Friday, November 18, 2011, the VAVS Advisory Committee will be hosting the 6th Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale and our Detachment needs to support this effort.

100% of bake sales proceeds go directly to the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center and Fisher House general post funds.

**HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP:** Many of the patients of this rehab center at Audie Murphy have to travel great distances to receive their care; these veterans and family members with them are a critical component of their recovery process.

Without the resources they normally have at home, these veterans and families require assistance with transportation, can be ped undergarments, warm clothing, bus passes, phone cards to call loved ones, toiletries and many other basic items.

**FELLOW MARINES, JOIN OUR DETACHMENT'S HELP IN THE FORM OF BAKED GOODS OR CASH DONATIONS TO BENEFIT THIS MOST WORTHY CAUSE.**

The bake sale will take place at the Audie Murphy Medical Center (1st Floor) on Friday November 18th, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Donated bake goods can be dropped off the day before or early on the morning of the sale at the VAVS Bldg #4 just in front of the med center. Monetary donations (checks should be made out to VAVS GPF 7021) can also be dropped off at the med center or brought to the Marine Corps League, Alamo Det meeting on October 22nd where Marine Zertuche will collect the checks. Further info: Manuel's phone: (210) 521-0602.

E-mail: [cecilizertuche35@yahoo.com](mailto:cecilizertuche35@yahoo.com).



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER MARINES

03 – William J. Boyle, Jr.; 04 – Lee Rux; 18 – Julia DeGrace; 30 – Lorrie Zertuche and Rudy Trejo.



Watch out for the Witches and vampires on 31 October they can make it bad for you. Good Luck if you go trick or treating!!!



**Don't forget...** to set your clocks back to Standard time. Don't be late to your next date.

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

At the last meeting we had a discussion and disagreement on whether we should give members addresses to other organizations and the privacy law was mentioned. I don't know why I didn't think about it at the time, but the invitation that was in question has been sent out in the Scuttlebutt to all members for the last ten years, so there is no need to give our address list to anyone. Sorry about that. The invitation is on the next page.

**Marine Corps  
 Coordinating Council  
 of San Antonio**  
 P.O. Box 831023 San  
 Antonio, TX 78283-1023  
 email:  
[info@SanAntonioMarines.org](mailto:info@SanAntonioMarines.org)

The San Antonio Marine Corps Coordinating Council is proud to host a Birthday Luncheon honoring the 236th Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. Our guest speaker is MajGen Tim Donovan, USMC (Retd). We will show the Commandant's video Birthday Message and have a cake-cutting ceremony.

Date and Location: Friday, November 4, 2011...11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
 Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd  
 San Antonio, TX 78209 210-221-5675

An ID card or security check is not necessary to enter either the Golf Club or Club parking lot.

Lunch Menu: Choice of Sliced Roast Beef or Chicken Mornay  
 Garden Salad - Rice Pilaf - Green Beans Almondine  
 Dinner Rolls - Iced Tea - Hot Coffee  
 USMC Birthday Cake  
 Price: \$20.00 per person

Reserve your seat(s) by completing the form below and mailing it along with your check to the address shown on the form. We are unable to process credit cards. Seating is limited for this event so make your reservation as soon as possible. We must have your reservation(s) by Monday, October 31 st.

Tickets will not be mailed to you ... a roster of those who have paid will be at the door. If you wish to confirm that your form and check have arrived, you may contact Richard Jones at 210-269-8692 or [richard@rmjones.net](mailto:richard@rmjones.net).

The Coordinating Council currently hosts two annual events ... the November Birthday Luncheon and the April Fiesta Reception. Our printing and mailing expenses for these events are covered by the event's meal charge; however, these expenses are minor compared to the meal expenses for Marine Corps Color Details, guest speakers, Fiesta Military Ambassadors, etc. as well as the cost of the Fiesta Medal honoring the Marine Corps. If you wish to include a donation to help with these expenses, we appreciate your help and generosity.

USMC 236TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON EVENT

NOVEMBER 4, 2011

# Beef@\$20 \_\_\_\_\_ #Chicken@\$20 \_\_\_\_\_ TotalMeal Cost \$. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME, \_\_\_\_\_ ,PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL CHECK AMT(payable to MCCC-SA) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and your check to: MCCC-SA, P.O. Box 831023, San Antonio, TX 78283-1023

If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please let us know by using this mail address or sending an email to [info@SanAntonioMarines.org](mailto:info@SanAntonioMarines.org).

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 5 - ALAMO DET MC BIRTHDAY BALL
  - 10 - USMC BIRTHDAY
  - 11 - VETERANS DAY CEREMONY, FT SAM HOUSTON NAT'L CEMETERY
  - 12 - US MIL VETS PARADE ASSOC. SATX PARADE
  - 17 - DET CMDT STAFF MEETING 0830
  - 19 - DET MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING (DET ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED)  
- SAYMARINES PARTICIPATE IN WARRIOR DASH
  - 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY
- DECEMBER (no monthly general meeting)
- 03 - TOYS FOR TOTS RACE (BLUE BONNET PALACE, SCHERTZ, TX)
  - 14 - MHM CHRISTMAS PART FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS AT  
WOUNDED WARRIOR FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER BAMC
  - 16 - DET CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AWARDS NIGHT
  - 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS

### TENTATIVE FOR 2012

#### JANUARY

- 26 - DET CMDT STAFF MEETING

- 28 - DET MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

#### FEBRUARY

- TBD - INSTALLATION OF NEW DET OFFICERS

- 23 - DET CMDT STAFF MEETING

- 25 - DET MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

## HEART OF TEXAS MARINES



*You are cordially invited to hoist one in celebration of the United States Marine Corp's 236th birthday. As Marines, either active duty, discharged, or retired, we gather on 12 November 2011 to honor the brotherhood that bonds us together forever.*

"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem."

...PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN, 1985

1775-2011

*Semper Fidelis!*

12 November 2011

1800-2300 hrs

***New Braunfels Elks Lodge #2279***

*353 S. Seguin Ave, 78130*

830-625-5217

Your meal for this evening event when you RSVP

**Standing Prime Rib Roast**

**Creamed New Potatoes**

**Green Beans**

**Salad & Rolls**

(Iced Tea, Coffee, and Cake are included)

Meals are \$25.00 per person (payable in advance) by

Check

Cash Bar will be Available

**\*\*This is not a BYOB event\*\***

### ***For Info:***

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***RSVP by 4 November 2011 to Fletcher Andrews***

*at 2450 Dove Crossing Dr, New Braunfels, TX*

78130

*(Please include the total number attending along with the check)*

***Master Of Ceremonies***

*MGySgt E G Hilsdorf Jr (Ret).*

***Attire – Coat & Tie or Uniform***

1800 – 1900 *Arrival & Social Hour*

1900 – 1945 *Ceremony*

1945 – 2100 *Dinner*

2100 – 2230 *An Evening of Sea Stories and Bonding*

**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