



The Scuttlebutt



Alamo Detachment



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HONOR – COURAGE – COMMITMENT COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE



Marines and Associates,

Our next meeting is coming up soon, February 4. We were unable to hold elections for our 2012 Officers due to lack of quorum at the last meeting. Several of the officer staff were unable to attend and elections were postponed until this upcoming meeting. Therefore, nominations are still open. Now is the time for you to step up and take a leadership role in our Detachment. The Alamo Detachment has been carrying out some very worthwhile projects that help our Marines and their families. As Marines we cannot forget that our Marines, on active duty and those no longer on active duty, and their families need our help. Your active participation in the Alamo Detachment is very important and necessary.

I want to thank the Detachment members who attended the General O.P. Smith dedication in Menard, Texas last month. It was one of the best, touching ceremonies I have ever attended. We proudly represented the Marine Corps League. Attending were Marine Recruiters from all of South Texas; Marines from the Marine Detachment in Longfellow AFB, San Angelo; Marines from the El Paso Marine Corps League detachment; the Commanding General 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA; and others representing USMC organizations in the San Antonio area. My thanks to the Alamo Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association for their invitation.

Our Marines Helping Marines Program is ongoing. We continue our hospital visits on Wednesday afternoons, and the Wounded Marine Taco Breakfast on Thursday mornings. Sadly, BAMC (now San Antonio Military Medical Center, SAMMC) is receiving more wounded young Marines. The Marine Detachment now has over 50 wounded Marines in their rolls. Please keep the wounded Marines and their families in your prayers.

Semper Fi,
Felix Conde Jr.
Commandant

ELECTIONS - 2012

ARTICLE TWO, SECTION 225 = QUORUM – The presence of a majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Alamo Detachment has eight officers, therefore at least five officers (elected or appointed) must be present to conduct an official business meeting.

The Nominating Committee chose the following members to lead the Detachment for the year 2012 :
Commandant – Felix Conde; Sr. Vice Commandant - Joe Carrasco; Jr. Vice Commandant - Carlos Quijano; Judge Advocate – Robert K. Otto; Adjutant – Humberto C. Reyes; Paymaster – Carlos Espinoza; Chaplain – William J. Boyle, Jr; Sgt. – at – Arms open

After the presentation of the Nominating Committee's selection the floor will be open for nominations from the floor. We are hoping that we have a good turnout, remember that this is your chance to nominate a person of your choice.

**DETACHMENT MEETING
SATURDAY 04 FEBRUARY 2012
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 15th of each month.

The monthly meetings of the Alamo Detachment are held 0900 on the 1st Saturday of the month at the MPAT building at the rear of the Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Training Center. 3837 Binz Engleman Rd., San Antonio, TX

MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2012
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 0940 ACCORDING TO RITUAL.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ABSENT: JR VICE COMMANDANT, PAYMASTER, SGT-AT-ARMS, CHAPLAIN, (EXCUSED). WE DID NOT HAVE QUORUM TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

MARINE RICHARD JONES SAID THAT THE MONUMENT CEREMONY FOR GENERAL SMITH WILL GO AS PLANNED. THE DATE IS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11, 2011 AT 1100. THE UNIFORM FOR THE DETACHMENT WILL BE RED BLAZERS, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THEM, OTHERWISE THE UNIFORM WILL BE RED COVERS. THE LOCATION IS MENARD, TEXAS.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FROM MARINE RICHARD MASON. THE APPLICATION WAS APPROVED BY ALL MARINES PRESENT. THE COMMANDANT PERFORMED THE INITIATION CEREMONY.

MARINE ROBERT OTTO GAVE A REPORT ON THE UP-COMING KICKAPOO FUNDRAISER. THE BUS WILL LEAVE AT 0600 AND RETURN AT 1930 JAN 10, 2012.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS CORRECTED

PAYMASTERS REPORT:

THE REPORT WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

REPORT OF ANY MEMBER OR MEMBER'S FAMILY SICK OR IN DISTRESS:

WE RECENTLY LOST TWO MEMBERS OF OUR DETACHMENT, MARINE RICHARD MUNOZ, AND FORMER AUXILIARY PRESIDENT BELINDA RISCHNER . CHAPLAIN BILL BOYLE IS RECOVERING FROM BACK SURGERY. MANUAL ZERTUCHE IS IN HOSPITAL AS A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR A HEART PAGE MAKER. JOSE ZERTUCHE IS ALSO RECOVERING. CARLOS VARGAS 'S WIFE IS AILING. MARTHA C MARTINEZ LOST A GRANDSON.

MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED TO SUSPEND THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEALING WITH THE OFFICER ELECTION PROCESS. ELECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CARLOS VARGAS CONDUCTED THE ELECTION PROCESS.

THE ELECTION PROCESS WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. WE WERE REMINDED THAT WE DID NOT HAVE A QUORUM TO CONDUCT A MEETING.

MARINE CARLOS VARGAS CANVASSED ALL CURRENT ELECTED OFFICERS AND ALL EXCEPT THE SR. VICE COMMANDANT AND THE SGT AT ARMS AGREED TO STAY IN OFFICE. A REMINDER, THAT ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR, IS HEREBY CONVEYED.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: MARINE FRANK ESPINOZA SAID THAT THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FOR THOSE TRAVELING MORE THAN 50 MILES TO GET TO A GOVERNMENT MEDICAL FACILITY HAS BEEN CUT ALMOST IN HALF.

MARINE RICHARD JONES SAID THAT THERE WILL BE A SEGMENT ON THE SUNDAY AIRING OF "60 MINUTES" WHICH WILL BE ABOUT FIVE SETS OF MARINES SERVING WITH 1st BATTALION 23rd MARINES IN AFGHANISTAN. RICHARD JONES ALSO SAID THAT THE SAN DIEGO UNION TIMES HAS HONORED, AS THE PERSON OF THE YEAR, THE UNITED STATES MARINE. THIS OCCURRED ON JANUARY 1, 2012

COMMANDANT FELIX CONDE SAID THAT THERE WAY NOT BE A MARINE BAND FOR FIESTA WEEK THIS YEAR. THIS IS NOT THE FINAL DECISION ON THIS MATTER.

THE COMMANDANT SAID THAT THERE ARE 52 WOUNDED MARINES LISTED AT BAMC.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1045 UNTIL FEB 4,2012

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

HUMBERTO C REYES

ADJUTANT

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JANUARY & FEBRUARY
MEMBERS**

Jan 06 – Roman Gonzales
Feb 08 – Jose C. Martinez
08 – John A. Rodriguez
18 – Val Martinez
27 – Manuel Zertuche

WELCOME ABOARD.....Richard I. Mason joined the Alamo Detachment at our January meeting, hope you stay around for long time.

POSTAGE RATES....have gone up, so I am asking all members who have been receiving a hard copy of the Scuttlebutt and have an e-mail address to please send me your e-mail address. We need to save some money. I realize .01 is not much but those pennies add up and I would like to save on postage.

THE SCUTTLEBUTT.....been published since about 1969 or 1970 and has gone through many changes. Back then we had to type everything on stencil and after running the copy through stencil machine we would have party putting it together for mail out. You won't find any of the equipment we used in those days but it seems it is harder to get news articles for the modern equipment we do have these days. The other hard part is learning the new equipment. Right now I am trying to do the Scuttlebutt on my new laptop (from my kids) and there are some features I am having problems with. I have reasons for having to do this away from my desk top but that's the way it is. So bear with me.

I want to thank Jose Zertuche who has been trying to help me put out a more professional publication, but I really have not had the time to get together with Jose. I know Jose is very busy with the new Detachment that is being formed in New Braunfels. In the mean time I'll keep on trying.

ELECTIONS

Remember, elections will be held at our next meeting (04 February 2012) and remember, to be nominated you must be present to accept your nomination. I hope we have a good turn out.