



The Commandant's Scuttlebutt

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2018, 1st edition

“WE THE MARINES” ATTENTION

Fall Staff Conference, San Antonio Oct 18th to the 20th

The time has come to register for the 2018 Fall Staff Conference. **(I prefer Fall Training Conference)** We didn't have a Detachment bid on it, but thanks to the

Alamo Detachment #315,

Felix Conde and **Charles Ynman** they stepped up to the plate to host it, Please help support the Alamo Det. by placing an ad in their Program AD book. Everything is ready on the website, registration and meals, Hotel registration, all thanks to **Felix Salmeron** getting this up and running on the site, I owe him a cigar or two. Did I mention the AD book?

With all the changes we have and those coming, I will be relying on the Dept website to pass important information to you. Instead of filling everyone's email up with attachments, regulations, updates and the like, we will need you to visit the website often. I have asked your Dept Officers to promote the website, Officer Reports, news from National, Important Veteran issues will be there. I'm asking a lot of our WebSgt so if you have ideas, suggestions, or anything to do with the website please direct them to me. Did I just say that, oh boy.

You will see in the agenda, we have a full day of classes on subjects that you have talked about for some time, the Commandants Council and the Dist Vice Council is combined and along with the classes, they are all on Saturday. Only compromise is the Sr Vice Commandants Class is at the same time as the Commandants and Dist Vice Council. If you would like to have copies of the class opposite the one you are attending, no problem we will make sure you get those handouts.



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The Classes will consist of new updated information and streamlined forums, we will provide you with handouts and an easy to follow curriculum. Tables will be in the

class rooms so you can have a place to put your gear and be able to take notes on. I remember it was hard to write using your leg as a table. Lol

Thursday Oct 18th is a early bird Special, Our XO, Sr Vice Grafflin has a cigar lounge trip just for those that check in on Thursday, I hear some discounted prices will be available. Count me in!!! Don't worry, there is a trip planned for Friday, but might not have the XO's discount, they do have Veterans discounts.

Friday Oct 19th first timers, group get-together with the MCL, MCLA, MODD, MODDF talk about what you do, get to know everyone. MODD MODDF MCLA all have their own fun things they do. If you're not part of one of those groups yet, no worries, How about a 1st annual, **two man, "42" domino tournament**, and some cards for those not domino fans. My favorite, 5 card draw **(no wild cards)**. **Did I mention the Hospitality Room?**

Saturday is all about helping the Detachments, making it easy to fill out required forums and clear up any misconceptions that float around. The Dept of Texas is here to help you. And we can do it while having fun and cutting up. The staff Business Meeting/ Board Meeting will have limited time, we will be working off an agenda, so If you have something you would like to put on the agenda (please submit agenda item to me by Aug 25th) or have questions you would like answered prior to the Conference please send them to me, this is your League, Dept officers work for you.

Keep in mind as we go forward, you and I are volunteers, in the best Veterans organization in the world. Understand that some things take time. My vision as to the direction the Department of Texas will take, is simple, it's your vision! You make the Marine Corps League what it is. Without your voice and support there would not be a MCL. My "job" is to help you, your elected officers are here to make your job easier. I set the agenda from listening to you, the Members, for the last 7 years and will continue to listen with the help of the awesome Officers you have elected. We will work on communication; you will know what we know. I'm not a fan of micromanagement, as long as you are within the parameters of the bylaws, all's well. If you are having trouble, it's ok, we're here to help. Please check the Dept website often.

The League is about Marines, following time honored traditions laid down by those before us. It's about family members of Marines, and supporters of Marines. Your Family and your Job come first, always! No matter what you do, or how much you have done, remember that you have helped, by joining the League.

Until we meet again, be safe, and keep your powder dry.





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The United States Marine Corps is alive because of you, a fellow Marine, or a Marine supporter. Never forget the sacrifices made by all who put their lives in harm's way for our way of life. And the same goes to the ones who support our Marines, the person that made the gear our Marines use, or the family member that takes care of the home, kids, bills, and day to day activities without their loved one, to the Marine Corps League member that has taken the time out of their day to help in some way, no matter how small the effort. Thank you.

"The Marine Corps will live forever, therefore, you will live forever". (Gunny R. Lee Ermey)

