



Coastal Bend Detachment, Inc. - Marine Corps League

P. O. Box 6778, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

"ONCE A MARINE - ALWAYS A MARINE"

November 2, 1984

Dr. Hector P. GARCIA
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. GARCIA:

The Coastal Bend Detachment, Marine Corps League has selected you as our honor guest at our 209th Marine Corps Anniversary Ball, to be held on November 10, 1984 at six o'clock in the evening, at the Texas National Guard Armory, 1430 Horne Rd., Corpus Christi, Texas.

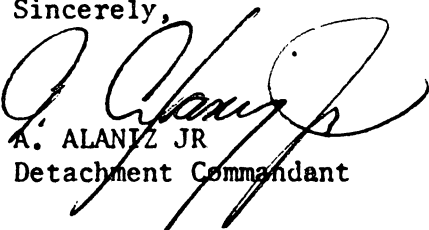
Our theme for our celebration is "Freedom", and you will be given ten (10) minutes to speak on this topic.

Since you have been a fighter for freedom and the recent recipient of the Freedom Medal, we felt it was appropriate for our theme this year to be "Freedom".

Attached, are two complimentary invitations and a program of the events.

We are looking forward in having you as our honor guest.

Sincerely,



A. ALANIZ JR
Detachment Commandant

209TH MARINE CORPS ANNIVERSARY

GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, AND "HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES". IT IS INDEED A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR TO BE PART OF YOUR 209TH MARINE CORPS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. SINCE 1775 MARINES HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES WITH DISTINCTION FROM THE BATTLE OF TRENTON TO THE ARGONNE, TO IWO JIMA IN THE PACIFIC, TO THE CHOSIN RESERVOIR IN KOREA, TO KHE SAHN IN VIETNAM AND TO BEIRUT LEBENNON IN THE MIDDLE EAST. MARINES HAVE BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR NATION'S DEFENSE DURING PERIODS OF PEACE AND WAR. DUE TO THE UNIQUE SPIRIT, TRAINING, AND DISCIPLINE OF THE MARINE CORPS, THE MARINE CORPS ON EVERY OCCASION HAS DEMONSTRATED IT'S READINESS TO FIGHT, TO TAKE ON DIFFICULT ~~TASKS~~ AND TO CARRY OUT IT'S MISSION, THUS INSURING THAT OUR CITIZENS AND OUR COUNTRY MIGHT ENJOY PEACE, SECURITY AND THE FREEDOMS WE ENJOY TODAY. TO ALL ACTIVE AND FORMER MARINES, I CONGRATULATE YOU ON A "JOB WELL DONE". GOD BLESS AMERICA, AND GOD BLESS THE MARINE CORPS.

ADD ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY ON FREEDOM

THE MARINE'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superior and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

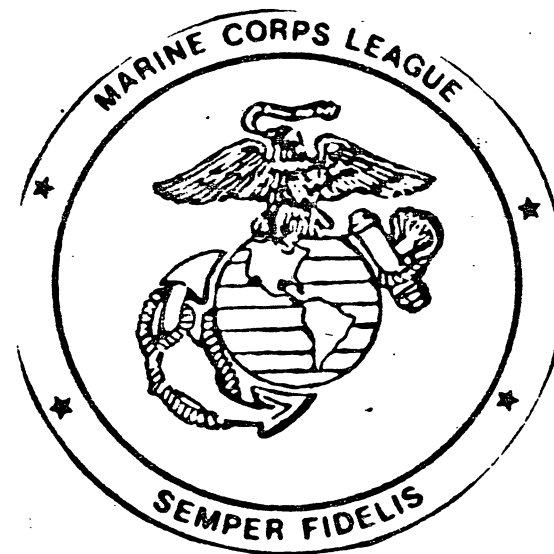
If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

Amen.

COASTAL BEND DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

209TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL



MARINES HYMN

From the Halls of Montezuma,
to the shores of Tripoli:
We fight our country's battles
in the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
and to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title of
UNITED STATES MARINES

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
from dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far off northern lands
and sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job -
THE UNITED STATES MARINES

Here's health to you and to our Corps
which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
and never lost our nerve;

If the Army and the Navy
ever looks on heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded by
UNITED STATES MARINES



PROGRAM

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| 1800 - 1900 | Cocktail Hour (Music by Trio Comodines) |
| 1900 - 1930 | 209th Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony |
| | Invocation |
| | Pagent |
| | Cake Cutting |
| | Remarks by Guest of Honor
Dr. Hector P. GARCIA |
| | Presentation of the Marine Corps Leaguer
of the Year. |
| | Benediction |
| 1930 - 2100 | Dinner (Menu) Music by Trio Los Comodines |
| | Hot Barbecue Brisket |
| | Seasoned Pinto Beans |
| | Spanish Rice |
| | Hot Jalopenos |
| | Pickle Slices |
| | Bread |
| | Ice Tea |
| | Dessert (Birthday Cake) |
| 2100 - 0100 | Music and Dancing - Music by the Latin
Heritage Band |