



LETTER FROM THE ALAMO.

COMMANDANCY OF THE ALAMO-

BEXAR, FEBY. 24 TH 1836-

TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS & ALL AMERICANS IN THE WORLD--

FELLOW CITIZENS & COMPATRIOTS

I AM BESIEGED, BY A THOUSAND OR MORE OF THE MEXICANS AND SANTA ANNA- I HAVE SUSTAINED A CONTINUAL BOMBARDMENT & CANNONADE FOR 24 HOURS & HAVE NOT LOST A MAN-THE ENEMY HAS DEMANDED A SURRENDER AT DISCRETION, OTHERWISE, THE GARRISON ARE TO BE PUT TO THE SWORD, IF THE FORT IS TAKEN- I HAVE ANSWERED THE DEMAND WITH A CANNON SHOT, & OUR FLAG STILL WAVES PROUDLY FROM THE WALLS- I SHALL NEVER SURRENDER

OR RETREAT THEN, I CALL ON YOU IN THE NAME OF LIBERTY, OF

PATRIOTISM & EVERYTHING DEAR TO THE AMERICAN CHARACTER TO COME TO OUR AID, WITH ALL DISPATCH - THE ENEMY IS RECEIVING REINFORCEMENTS DAILY AND WILL NO DOUBT INCREASE TO THREE OR FOUR THOUSAND IN FOUR OR FIVE DAYS.

IF THIS CALL IS NEGLECTED, I AM DETERMINED TO SUSTAIN MYSELF AS LONG AS POSSIBLE & DIE LIKE A SOLDIER WHO NEVER FORGETS WHAT IS DUE TO HIS OWN HONOR & THAT OF HIS COUNTRY- VICTORY OR DEATH

WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS
LT. COL. COMDT

P.S. THE LORD IS ON OUR SIDE- WHEN THE ENEMY APPEARED IN SIGHT WE HAD NOT THREE BUSHELS OF CORN- WE HAVE SINCE FOUND IN DESERTED HOUSES 80 OR 90 BUSHELS & GOT INTO THE WALLS 20 OR 30 HEAD OF BEEVES-

TRAVIS

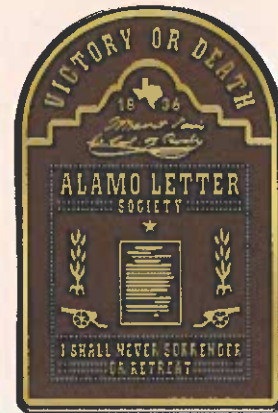
CO CHAIRS: LEE WILLIAM MCNUTT III, ROSSER COKE NEWTON SR., MR. LORNE LIECHTY

Alamo Letter Society

To: Judge James Oakley
Prospective County Chair
Burnet County

From: Dr. Danny Reeves, Recruitment Chair

- L. William McNutt, Alamo Letter Society Co-Founder
Dallas, Texas
- Rosser Newton, Alamo Letter Society Co-Founder
Dallas, Texas



Subject: Responsibilities for Each Alamo Letter Society County Chairperson

Thank you for considering to be the County Chair in your county for the *Alamo Letter Society*.

HISTORY:

In February of 2024, it was 188 years since General Santa Anna started marching his army into Texas from Saltillo in Mexico. Three Mexican states, including Texas, were in a state of rebellion. The General/President soon learned that Americans who value liberty and freedom will defend their family, their land, their property, and their sacred honor with their lives.

In the words of Texas State Senator Bob Hall, "It is the job of this generation of Texans to teach our young people about how Texas got to where we are today. About the sacrifices of our forefathers in blood, treasures, and in the case of the Alamo, their lives."

BACKGROUND: BIRTH OF THE IDEA

The L. William (Bill) McNutt family (wife Susana, daughter Slone age 13, daughter Rabel age 15) were at the Alamo in early 2023 looking at the wonderful Travis "Victory or Death" letter on a bronze plaque on the lawn in front of the Alamo chapel.

Their 7th-grade daughter Slone, who was studying Texas history in school, said to her father, "Daddy, why aren't these plaques with the famous letter all over Texas?" This idea gave birth to our efforts.

Note: When Navarro County placed a large black granite Gold Star Monument on the Courthouse Lawn in Corsicana in May of 2020, Bill McNutt insisted that one side of the monument include all 220 words of the Victory or Death Letter by William Barrett Travis. This is a letter that Texans hold in the highest esteem, just as they do the 1776 Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

OUR MISSION:

- To create and gift a bronze plaque (similar to the one that has been at the Alamo) to every one of the 254 Courthouses in Texas.

Each plaque will serve as an enduring symbol to future generations of Texans of their forefathers' fight for Liberty and Freedom, and their armed resistance to oppression.

- To have at least 100 people at the dedication ceremony in each county.

THE BRONZE PLAQUE:

The bronze plaque currently located on the lawn in front of the Alamo is perfect. This plaque measures

2 feet wide and 3 feet tall, and 203-pounds. A plaque of this size could be placed on the lawn of each Texas County Courthouse, or on the wall at some location inside or outside of the Courthouse building. The location of each bronze plaque will be determined by each county. Leaders for coordinating the plaque location could include a County Judge and a local committee recruited by an Alamo Letter County Chairperson.

CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES

(You agree to be responsible for these few important items being accomplished in your county)

- Form a county-wide committee of a few of your fellow patriots to help you. Telephone Bill McNutt at 214.537.9311 or Dr. Danny Reeves at (903) 641-8840 let one of them know their names. We will do a separate press release to highlight their involvement. Each person you ask will be very flattered to have been invited to the committee.
- Coordinate with County Leaders regarding the A) bronze letter plaque placement, and B) The Alamo Letter Dedication Ceremony at the County Courthouse
- Be willing to alert and work with the local media countywide. (Daily papers, weekly papers, radio stations, etc.) to gain coverage. Be willing to be interviewed by the media. Work with Bill McNutt on the drafting of a press release to announce the gift to the County Courthouse and the date for the dedication, and formulate a call for volunteers to come forward to help you and your committee. Communicate to Bill McNutt the name and contact information of the Editor or Journalist who will cover this story from the largest and 2nd largest circulation newspapers in the county.

Dedication: Plan and put on a terrific dedication ceremony at your courthouse involving local high school, community college bands, college bands, and students. Work with the local Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Daughters of the American Revolution regarding the ceremony, but NOT regarding the placement of the plaque or other issues. Their participation is vital to having a meaningful dedication ceremony. If there is an active-duty Texas military base in the county, get them involved in the dedication ceremony. Get the Texas State Guard involved in some form or fashion if possible.

PAY FOR THE PLAQUE (THE MONEY FOR YOUR PLAQUE HAS ALREADY BEEN DONATED!!)

Donate or raise \$4,000 to pay for the 203-pound bronze plaque. Additionally, we encourage a \$500 donation to help with additional costs. You can do a Fundraiser if necessary. If you choose to do so, host a fundraiser with a VIP to raise funds to pay for the Alamo Letter Plaque and expenses. *Note:* We have access to elected officials, Medal of Honor recipients, and Astronauts. This is a historical fundraiser, not a political fundraiser. The fundraiser can be whatever the local Chairperson wants it to be.

SUB-GOALS:

- To elevate the two leading Tejano participants in the Texas Revolution: Jose Antonio Navarro and Juan Seguin. These men believed it possible to be both a proud Mexican and a loyal Tejano. And, they were both.
- Work with the local schools to host an Essay Writing Contest on the Topic "Why the Tejanos were important to the Texas Revolution." (or) "What was the importance of the Victory or Death letter written by Travis at the Alamo?" Each essay should be 220 words long, the same number of words in the Travis Alamo letter.
- To get a service club / American Legion / VFW, etc. in your county to host a junior high "Victory or Death Letter" Oratorical Contest. Contestants would memorize and present the letter and tell what it means to them. The winner would recite the letter by memory at the dedication.

- Any other local initiatives that each County Chair might want to accomplish.

ADDITIONAL COST:

Any additional costs regarding the dedication must be raised locally by the County Chair. Working with the County Commissioners and County Judge, you should be able to get them to fund the cost of the placement installation of the plaque.

Please contact Dr. Danny Reeves at (903) 641-8840 or Bill McNutt at (214) 537-9311 so we can start working on the draft for the press release!

Welcome to the Fight! You are in many ways a modern-day Capt. Albert Martin, the man who rode the Victory or Death letter out of the Alamo. You are doing the same job he did on February 24, 1836! You are taking this valuable letter and example of patriotism to more Texans and future generations.

Sir, this is an important and worthwhile job.

Please reply to this email and let us know you are committed to everything in this communication.

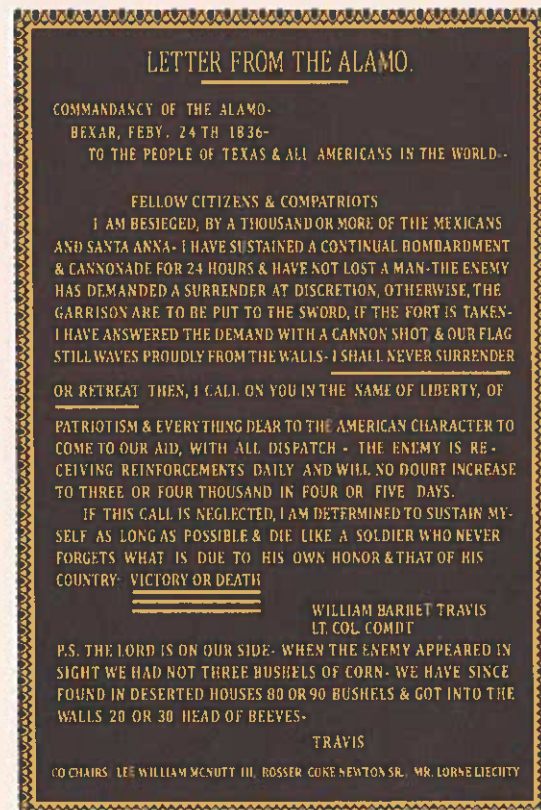
Thank you, Sir!

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Project - Letter From The Alamo Reeves County

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The Southwell Co.

502 S STAPLES • CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78403
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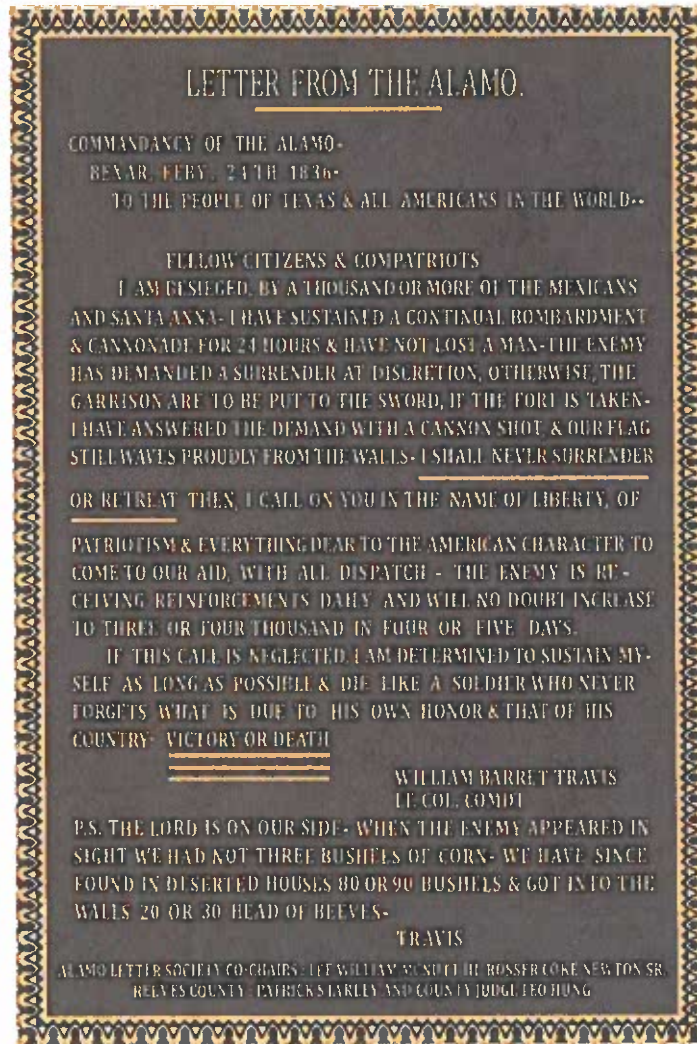
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PROOFS!

PLEASE SIGN & RETURN ONE COPY OR
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☒ approved (no corrections) ☐ revise and resubmit

Signed by Ray P. Hearn Date 4-7-24

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