

ALAMO LETTER SOCIETY

Dedicated To
José Antonio Navarro and Juan Seguín

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Our Mission

To educate current and future Texans about their forefathers' armed struggle for Freedom and Liberty through the placement of a large bronze plaque containing Col. William Barrett Travis's Alamo "**Victory or Death**" letter, in all 254 Texas Courthouses. To honor the two leading Tejanos of the Texas Revolution, Jose Antonio Navarro and Juan Seguín. The goal of the Alamo Letter Society is ambitious and unprecedented. The goal is to gift a 3 feet by 2 feet, 203-pound bronze plaque, of the famous letter to each of the 254 courthouses in the state of Texas. Each plaque will serve as an enduring symbol to future generations of Texans of their forefathers' fight for liberty, freedom, and the armed resistance to oppression.

The "**Victory or Death**" letter was written on Feb. 24, 1836, and heroically dispatched through the Mexican Army to General Sam Houston by Captain Albert Martin. Only 220 words long, many Texans and other Freedom-loving people around the world hold it in the same high esteem as the U.S. Constitution and the Magna Carta.



Letter History

February 23, 1836, was the first day of the 13-day siege of the Alamo. On that day, the 26-year-old Alamo Commander, Lt. Col William Barrett Travis of South Carolina, had only 157 men under his command. He was surrounded by thousands of Mexican soldiers commanded by Mexican President Antonio López de Santa Anna.

The next day, February 24, 1836, he wrote the 220-word Alamo letter addressed **"To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World"**. This letter, a pleading for reinforcements became known as the **"Victory or Death"** letter. It is one of the most notable pieces of literature in the English language. It was heroically carried through the Mexican lines by Capt. Albert Martin.

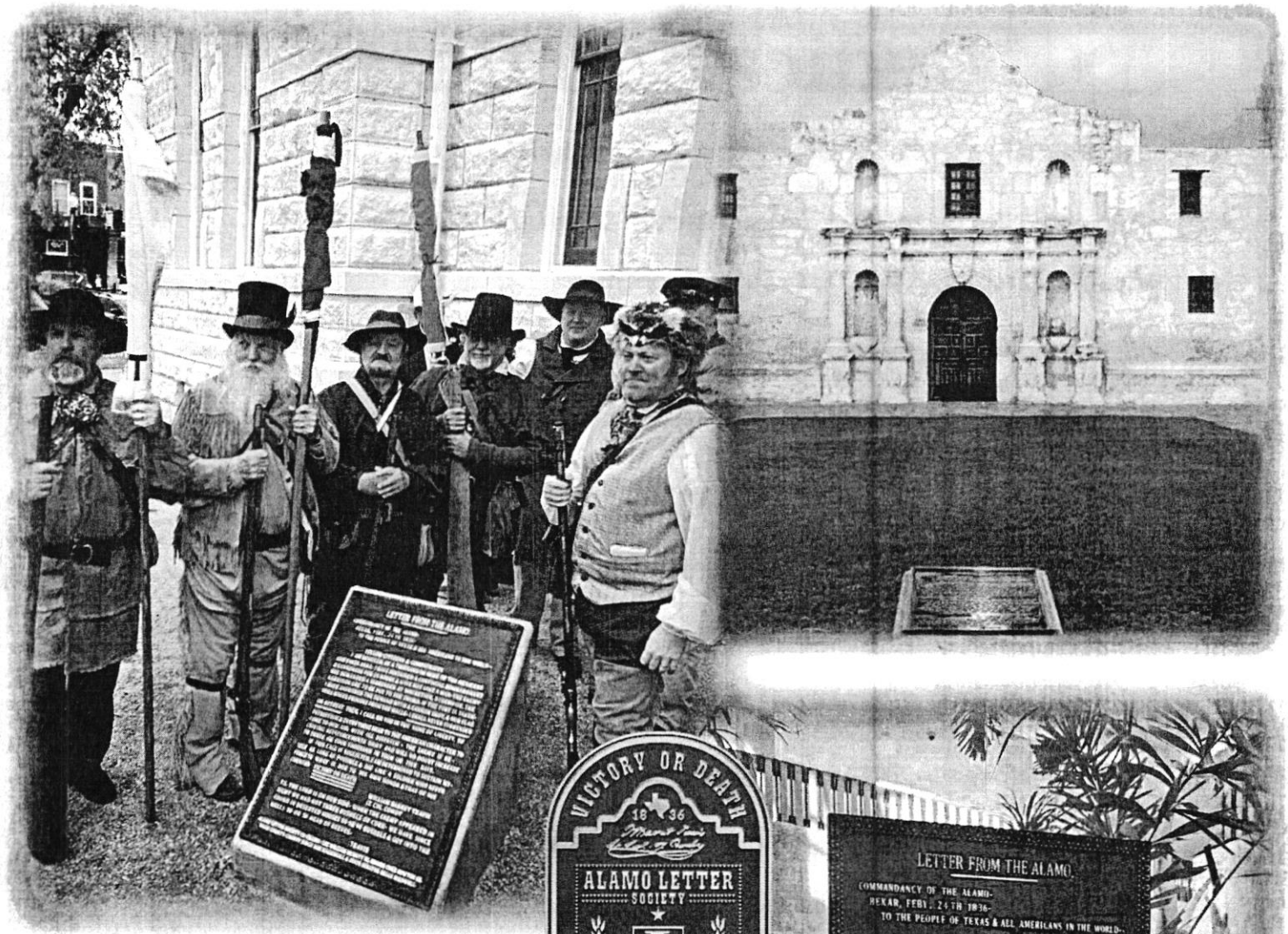
The Travis letter to Texas President Sam Houston brought results, but not enough to turn the tide. At dawn on March 1, 1836, Capt. Albert Martin, with 32 men (himself included) from Gonzales passed the lines of the Mexican Army and entered the walls of the Alamo, never more to leave them.

These 32 citizen soldiers were Texas men, husbands and fathers, owning their own homes and guns, voluntarily organized and trained, determined to change the government that ruled over them. They passed through the lines of an enemy of four thousand to six thousand strong, to join 157 of their countrymen and neighbors, in a fortress doomed to destruction.

Does American history, or any history, ancient or modern, furnish a parallel to such heroism? The Travis letter motivated these men to willingly enter the beleaguered walls of the Alamo, to swell the number of determined citizen soldiers who resolved "never to surrender or retreat."

ALAMO ★ LETTER

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Dedication Dates

1. Ellis County **February 23, 2024** County Chair: Judge Todd Little
2. Rockwall County **February 24, 2024** County Chair: Mr. Lorne Liechty
3. Nueces County **March 28, 2024** County Chair: Harry Chester
4. Van Zandt County **April 12, 2024** County Chair: Dwayne "Doc" Collins
5. Hood County **April 20, 2024** County Chair: Judge Ron Massingill
6. Reeves County **June 28, 2024** County Chair: Judge Leo Hung
7. Gillespie County **July 4, 2024** County Chair: Ms. Lee Spencer White
8. Nacogdoches County **September 21, 2024** County Chair: Henry Taylor Millard
9. Limestone County **October 8, 2024** County Chairs: Hon. M. Phillips & Rosser Coke Newton Sr.
10. Howard County **October 16, 2024** County Chair: Judge Randy S. Johnson
11. Burnet County **October 18, 2024** County Chair: Judge James Oakley
12. San Augustine County **October, 26 2024** County Chair: Judge Jeff Boyd
13. Navarro County **November 9, 2024** County Chairs: Mayor Mike Fletcher & Thomas McNutt
14. Pecos County **November 11, 2024** County Chair: Judge Joe Shuster
15. Freestone County **November 14, 2024** County Chair: Judge Linda Grant
16. Brazos County **November 26, 2024** County Chair: Fain McDougal
17. Ward County **February 24, 2025** County Chairs: Chuck & Jeanie Reeves
18. Andrews County **March 2, 2025** County Chair: County Historical Commission
19. Erath County **March 6, 2025** County Chair: Commissioners Court/Jocelyn Perez
20. Rusk County **April 21, 2025** County Chair: Barry Hamblett
21. Terrell County **July 5, 2025** County Chair: Judge Dale Lynn Carruthers

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Project - Letter From The Alamo Reeves County

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COMMANDANCY OF THE ALAMO-

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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

ALAMO LETTER SOCIETY CO-CHAIRS: LEE WILLIAM MCNUTT III, ROSSER COKE NEWTON SR.
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Alamo Letter Society is pursuing an important project to educate Texans about a seminal moment in our state's proud history; and

WHEREAS, The founding of the society was inspired by a visit that Lee William "Bill" McNutt and his family made to the Alamo in January 2023; they were especially impressed by the bronze plaque engraved with the 220 words of the famous "Victory or Death" letter written by Lieutenant Colonel William Barrett Travis on February 24, 1836, the second day of the siege of the Alamo; Colonel Travis wrote the missive to appeal "To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World" for reinforcements, and his message eloquently summed up the defenders' determination to "never surrender or retreat" in their fight for independence; the letter was heroically carried through Mexican lines by Captain Albert Martin en route to General Sam Houston; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNutt's daughter, Slone, then a seventh-grader, wondered why plaques with the stirring words were not placed throughout the Lone Star State; subsequently, Mr. McNutt recruited Rosser Coke Newton Sr. and retired U.S. Army Sergeant Major John Clark Vick to serve as cofounders of the Alamo Letter Society; the goal of the nonprofit organization is to create replicas of the 203-pound bronze plaque and donate them to each of the state's 254 county courthouses; these monuments will raise awareness of the courageous battle for liberty and freedom that was waged and won by Texans in 1836; in addition to its efforts to create and distribute the plaques, the society honors the two leading Tejanos of the Texas Revolution, Jose Antonio Navarro and Juan Seguín; and

WHEREAS, Through the dedicated efforts of the Alamo Letter Society, people all across Texas will gain greater appreciation of the enormous sacrifices of our forefathers, including the ultimate sacrifice made by the brave defenders of the Alamo; now therefore be

for the plaque either inside the courthouse or on the courthouse grounds. We will also need you to organize, plan, and accomplish a wonderful dedication ceremony involving local schools, bands, choirs, military bases, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and more.

We are excited to get the process started for you!

To learn even more, go to www.alamoletter.com

Please see each of the important attachments.

God Bless Texas,
Dr. Danny P. Reeves
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RESOLVED, That the Alamo Letter Society be commended for its patriotic endeavors and that all those involved in the organization be extended sincere best wishes for success.

Bob Hall

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State Senator
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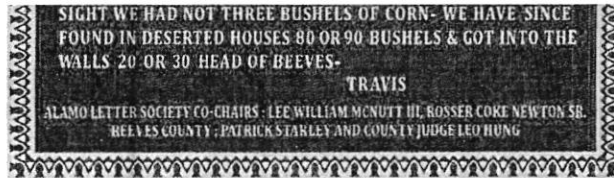
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