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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **The Alamo presents: Ride for Texas Independence**

Come see Texas history in action...

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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SAN ANTONIO — UPDATE: Live streaming video and photo opportunity with reenactors before the event!

The Ride for Texas Independence ceremony on Wednesday will be available for live streaming at <http://www.thealamo.org/>. The reenactors playing Alamo Commander William B. Travis and Courier Albert Martin will be available in period dress from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in front of the Alamo for promotional photos.

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On Feb. 24, 1836, Alamo commander William B. Travis wrote the now famous "Victory or Death" letter. Courier Albert Martin left the Alamo with the letter to ride across Texas to deliver Travis' impassioned plea for reinforcements to the people of Texas. In 2016, as part of the 180<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Texas Revolution, this historic ride will be recreated.

The ride will begin at the Alamo on Feb. 24, 2016, with a reenactment of the writing of the Travis letter and Albert Martin leaving the Alamo. Throughout the day there will be living history demonstrations on 19th century letter writing, printing and transportation. The ride will conclude at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site on March 5, 2016, with events at other historic sites along the way.

Dressed in period clothing, riding period saddles and for all intents and purposes, living as Texian patriots did so long ago, living historians will follow the route Travis' famous letter took in 1836. The ride is scheduled for a ceremonial start on Alamo Plaza and will follow the old roadways through towns such as Gonzales and San Felipe and will culminate in the delivery of Travis' letter to interpreters portraying delegates at Independence Hall in Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site.

#### **Ride for Texas Independence Schedule of Events at the Alamo**

- 10 a.m.            Opening remarks by Becky Dinnin, Alamo Director
- 10:05 a.m.        Remarks by George P. Bush, Texas Land Commissioner
- 10:10 a.m.        Remarks by Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst (District 18)
- 10:15 a.m.        Remarks by Ivy Taylor, San Antonio Mayor

10:25 a.m. Historical background by Dr. Winders, Alamo Historian  
10:35 a.m. Reading of the Travis Letter by Ryan Badger, Alamo Living History  
Coordinator  
10:40 a.m. Handing off of the Letter to Scott McMahon, Director LaBahia  
10:45 a.m. Ceremony ends  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Living History on Alamo Plaza

For more information about the Alamo please visit [thealamo.org](http://thealamo.org) and follow the Alamo on Twitter at [twitter.com/OfficialAlamo](https://twitter.com/OfficialAlamo) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/OfficialAlamo](https://facebook.com/OfficialAlamo).

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