



# Fiesta® San Antonio Commission THE ORDER OF THE CASCARÓN NOMINATION FORM

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On a separate sheet: In 400 words or less, please describe the contributions that your nominee has made to Fiesta®. Please include:

- Detailed information on the volunteer role that your nominee has played in the Fiesta® celebration. Give specific
  details on how your nominee's efforts have had an impact on the Fiesta® celebration in a positive and long
  lasting way. Elaborate on specific volunteer duties and responsibilities nominee has undertaken.
- 2. The length of time that your nominee has been involved in these activities. Give specific years nominee was active in these activities.
- 3. If your nominee served in a specific leadership role during Fiesta®, i.e., Fiesta® royalty, president of a Fiesta® organization, chairman of a Fiesta® event, etc., indicate how their volunteer involvement has gone beyond the normal responsibilities of that role.

Please submit your Nomination Form and essay by 5 p.m. on February 24, 2017 in person or by email to:

Fiesta® San Antonio Commission 2611 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78215

### Nomination for James R. Fenimore

James Fenimore has been actively involved for 20 years with the Vietnam Veterans Association, since 1995, as its Commissioner, even though he is neither a military veteran nor an official member of the Association.

Prior to James becoming involved in the Association's "All Veteran Memorial Service" on the last Sunday of Fiesta®, the event had an attendance of approximately 20 people. In the beginning he stepped up in securing chairs used for the event (picking up, setting up and returning), securing a public address system and contacting groups to attend. He also helps develop the program for the memorial service.

With his outstanding and exceptional efforts, the event has steadily grown to last year's approximate 500 attendees to include local commanders of all branches of the Military, Honor Guard, Military Band support and representation from various PMO's, Royalty and the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission. Since 1996 he has served as the emcee for this respectful event.

James has submitted paperwork for the Association to the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission to increase awareness of the military veterans and to assist with the necessary funding to honor all veterans as we celebrate San Antonio's history and proud heritage. Through his outstanding efforts the Association can now send out invitations, have Fiesta medals to honor our veterans and raise some of the funds to have this event, and present a truly outstanding ceremony to honor our military. James Fenimore's efforts have had a major impact on the Fiesta® celebration and in particular the "All Veteran Memorial Service" in a positive and long lasting way particularly for our veterans.

Additionally, James Fenimore has not missed a BOC meeting in his representation of this Association. He created awareness within the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission and of his PMO and the growth of this event - The All Veterans Memorial Service.

He is a very active member of the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission, holding numerous leadership roles. He has been elected twice as an Elected Commissioner, and has been appointed twice to serve remaining terms. James has been on numerous committees to include Membership, Budget, Magazine, Corporate Partners, and Trademark. He has served three terms as chairman of the compliance and accreditation committee.

James has secured a sponsor for the parade tickets for least 5 years and gift certificates from fine dining establishments for fundraising and door prizes.

He previously was a member of the Fiesta® Flambeau Parade Association and served as the organization's Treasurer for two years and it's President in 2007. He increased the cooperation between the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission and the Fiesta® Flambeau Parade Association to have greater corporate sponsorships for both organizations.

He served as King Anchovy XLV for the Fiesta® Cornyation in 2010. As King he helped with the fundraising that this PMO does for their very worthy charities.

#### James R. Fenimore

## Overview of Fiesta® Leadership and Activities

2012-2015 Elected Commissioner

1996 to present – PMO Commissioner for the Vietnam Veterans of American

Compliance and Accreditation Committee Chairperson for Fiesta San Antonio Commission.

## Prior

King Anchovy XLV, Fiesta Cornyation in 2010

2007 President of Fiesta® Flambeau Parade Association and member of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission Executive Board

2006-2007 Elected Commissioner, 2009-11 Elected Commissioner (appointed)

Fiesta San Antonio Commission Committees:

- Compliance (chairperson for 3 times)
- Membership (6 years) recognized for bringing in new members
- Corporate Sponsors (5 years) secured sponsorship for parade ticket backs (2010-13) and additional new sponsors
- Budget
- Magazine
- Trademark
- Patent