

Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



VIETNAM 1966-1971

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2023 REUNION, SCOTTSDALE, AZ



Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort

5001 N Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

1-800-648-4020

Lima Company Reunion

Hospitality Room

June 7th to June 11th, 2023
Wednesday thru Sunday.

**Tony Van Reusen is in charge
Of the 2023 Lima 3/5 Reunion**

Room Rates are \$129.00
Plus 14.02% Tax \$147.00

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Register before May 9th

TAPS

Wally Loucks

Passed away August 13, 2022

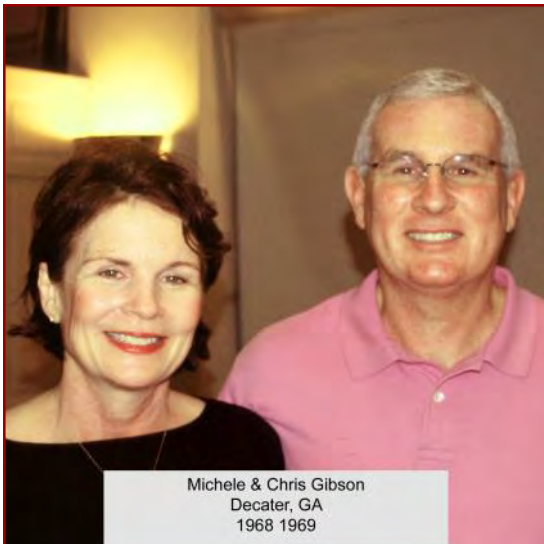
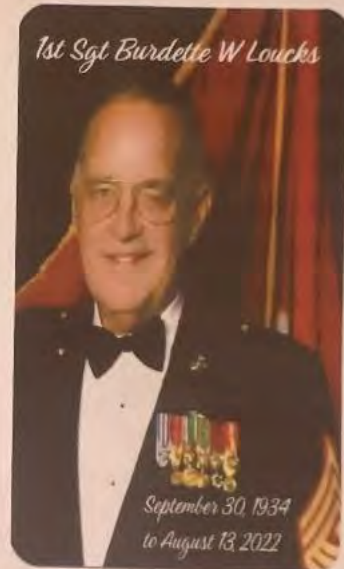
Wally served in Vietnam with Lima 3/5 from Feb 68 to Oct 68.

He was a Gunner Sgt for Lima 3/5 and his MOS was 0369.

Wally got a Silver Star, Bronze Star, Marine Commendation, and Marine Corps Achievement in Vietnam.

He attended 26 Reunions. We always had great times with Wally at the Reunions.

We gather today to celebrate the life of a beloved, kind and gentle man. Burdette "Wally" Loucks was the loving husband to Henrietta M Loucks. He was the proud father of two children, Robert Loucks, who preceded him in death, and Sandy McManus and her two children and one grandchild. He was also the cherished stepfather to Henrietta's five children, thirteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Wally served in the United States Marine Corps with valor for twenty years. He dedicated his life to God, Corps and Country. He served in Korea and Vietnam and was awarded many of the highest commendations to include: The Silver Star, The Bronze Star with Valor, Navy Commendation with Valor, Navy Achievement with Valor and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star. Wally was admired and respected by all who served with him, and remained in contact with his band of brothers until the end. Semper Fi!



Chris Gibson

Passed away October 27, 2022

Chris served in Vietnam with Lima 3/5 from Dec 68 to Jul 69.

He was 1st Lt. and his MOS was 0302.

Chris attended 15 Reunions. We had good times with him.

Nancy Snowden

Passed away on February 22, 2022

Nancy was the wife of Capt Bob Snowden. Bob passed away in August of 2006.

She came to quite a few of the 20 Reunions that Bob always came. She was great.



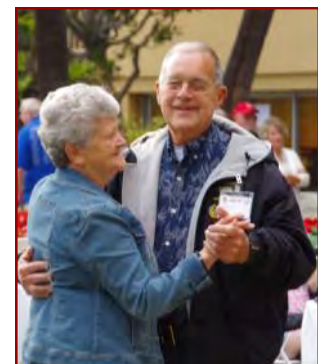
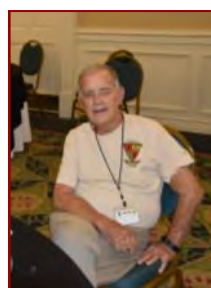
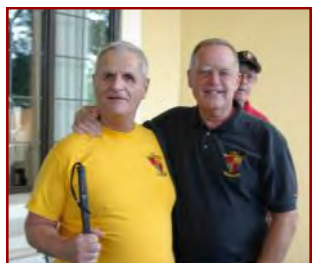
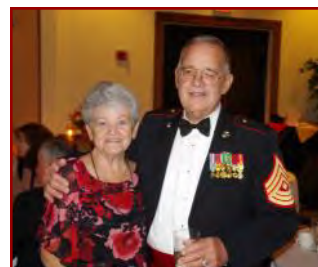
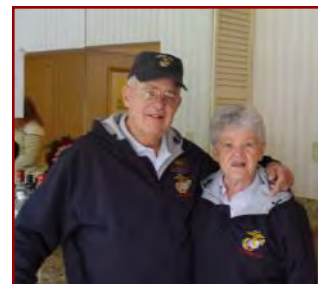
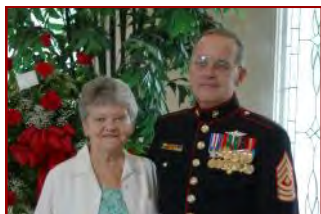
WALLY LOUCKS PASSED AWAY



Wally Loucks was at 26 Reunions. I saw him after I started going in 1999. In the 2000 Reunion I started using my camera.

I do remember him in September 1968 in the Operation of Mamaluke Thrust. I was only there 3 days but I didn't remember his name when I got to the Reunion. He remembered me and we talked when I got shot through the neck on Friday 13th. He always liked me as I only was with Lima 3/5 with just a short time.

These are pictures that I took at all of the Reunions.



247TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

10 November 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

70 years ago, Army Major General Frank E. Lowe was quoted as saying, "The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. Lord, how they could fight." That testimonial rings as true now as it did then, and will remain so tomorrow. As we celebrate the 247th anniversary of our Corps' founding, we reflect on nearly two and a half centuries of exceptional prowess, while also taking objective stock of where we are today and how we will prepare for future battlefields. Our birthday provides us a chance to focus on the one thing common to our success in the past, present, and future: the individual Marine. Victories are not won because of technology or equipment, but because of our Marines.

Since 1775, Marines have fought courageously and tenaciously in every conflict our country has faced. Through the Revolution, the Spanish-American War, World Wars in Europe and the Pacific, conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, and operations in the Middle East, Marines consistently earned a reputation as the world's elite fighting force. We inherit and take pride in this reputation, evolved over time by Marines acquitting themselves with honor and distinction on every battlefield in every clime and place. Battlefields change, and Marines have always adapted to the environment and the changing character of war - but the reason we fight and win is immutable. It's the individual warfighters, and their love for each other, that makes our Corps as formidable a force today as it has been for the past 247 years. It's our ethos and our unapologetic resolve to be the most capable and lethal fighting force that sets us apart from the rest.

Current events around the world remind us that peace is not guaranteed. While we are justifiably proud of our past and pay tribute to the remarkable warfighters who came before us, we understand that the stories of yesterday cannot secure our freedom tomorrow. We must be ready to respond when our Nation calls. It falls on Marines who are in uniform today to write the next chapter of our Corps. The solemn responsibility of maintaining our illustrious warfighting legacy rests upon your shoulders. I know that you are up to that task. The battlefields of tomorrow are uncertain. The future characteristics of warfare are uncertain. But one thing is certain - wherever Marines are called, they will fight and win - today, tomorrow, and into the future.

Happy 247th Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis

David H. Berger

General, U.S. Marine Corps

Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps

GEORGE THOMAS PICTURES



John Thomas and his wife came to the Fredericksburg Reunion in June 2022, and gave me the pictures that George Thomas made in Vietnam. He died in Vietnam on 16 May 1969.



TED CRISP SHORT STORIES

Near Death Experience

In the early morning we were attacked by the NVA on the high plateau. I was off my turn on watch and sleeping in a bunker that we had constructed of 106 mm round boxes filled with dirt and a tin roof with sand bags on it for nighttime sleeping protection. We had been warned that some NVA were spotted climbing the high hill that we were on so keep an eye out for them. When I was sleeping I heard distant explosions that I sensed was getting closer. All of a sudden my body went numb. I could not move as my body was frozen and I felt fuzzy all over. But it was not painful but a warm soothing comfortable sensation and I came to my senses and realized that we had been attacked, mortared shelled or something and that I was dying. I thought so this is what it is like to die but it seemed ok as it was still a warm relaxing feeling. A couple minutes later I started to smell cordite (explosive used in bombs). I was coming around and my physical senses were returning. Our bunker had collapsed upon us as we had been attacked by two NVA that had penetrated our defensive perimeter and thrown thirty six chi-coms (Chinese Communist hand grenades) at us, but only sixteen of them went off as the rest were duds. We were able to repel the enemy.

I did not die!

I was alive.

Sanctuary in Hawaii

October 1969, I received a three day R&R (rest and relaxation) in the state of Hawaii. What I missed the most in Viet Nam is Kentucky fried chicken so I ate it every day on my leave.

On my second day there I spent some time at a penny arcade playing pin ball. While there a twelve year old boy asked me if I was on leave from Viet Nam. I responded with a yes. He stated that San Demitre's Roman Catholic Church four blocks away from us was offering to active military personal sanctuary (a safe place to live for those who did not want to participate in the war). The Federal Government could not touch those in sanctuary. I walked past the church and thought for a while about the proposition but in the end I decided to forsake sanctuary and return back to my unit to finish out my last two months. Two weeks later I was listening to my transistor radio and they announced on the news that San Demitre's Church had been raided by federal authorities and thirty soldiers were taken into custody. They did violate sanctuary of the church and put them in jail at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. I survived my tour in Viet Nam.
End of story.

Sanctuary? O Well!

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