

Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



VIETNAM 1966-1971

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA



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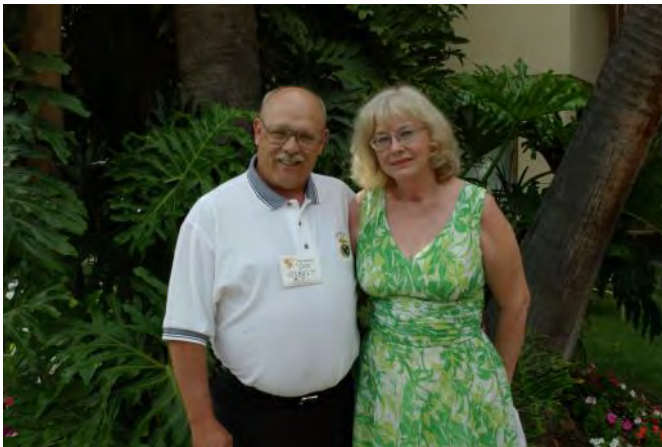
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TAPS



David "Dock" Osbelt

Passed away January 8, 2022

Dave served in Vietnam with Lima 3/5 from March 1968 to March 1969.

He was an MH3 and his MOS was 8404 Corpsman.

Dave and his wife Beverly was at the 2006 Reunion in San Diego. His only Reunion.

Lima 3/5 Vets,

I hope every one is staying healthy. This coronavirus has to go away. I hope everyone has gotten the vaccine and booster. This was the bad thing that stopped our 2020 Reunion in Washington DC. Now we can still have the Reunion.

There are a few new e-mails addresses that have been sent to me after the last Reunion. Hopefully we are going to get some more. We might just send 1 mail Newsletter in January starting next year. If one of the vets at the Reunion this year doesn't have an e-mail, I will print the July newsletter only and send it to him. Most of all the vets at the Reunion have an e-mail. Connie Shuler is the printer that sends the two Newsletters in February and July. Since it cost \$500 for each, we might get down to just the one in February.

This year I'm lowering the prices for the Banquet and the shirts and hats. We have a little over \$10,000 in the bank. That's why I'm lowering the prices. This way we will still spend the money for the Reunion Hospitality Room. If you need money to pay for the room in the hotel, let me know and we can get you the room.

Lima 3/5 is great group. We always have a good Reunion.

Semper Fi,

Dan

2021 CAPE CANAVERAL REUNION



2022 FREDERICKSBURG, VA REUNION



Clarion Hotel & Suites Conference Center

2801 Plank Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

540-786-8321

Internet
[choicehotels.com/reservations/
groups/IN68Y9](http://choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/IN68Y9)

Hospitality Room
June 8th to 12th, 2022
Wednesday thru Sunday

To order online
Choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/IN68Y9

Group Name: **Lima 3/5 Hue City Reunion**
Group Number: **IN68Y9**

**You have to register before
Sunday May 15th**

Room Rates are \$119.00
Plus 11.3% Tax - Aprox \$132.00

Order by Phone

540-786-8321

Use Group Name
Lima 3/5 Hue City Reunion

**Register before Sunday
May 15th**

Joe McLaughlin called me at the Cape Canaveral Reunion to say he would like to have the 2022 Reunion back at Fredericksburg Virginia. Tim and Becky, Joe's son and wife are doing most work of what we will do at the Reunion. There will be several things to do while we are at the Reunion

Tim picked the same hotel we had at the Reunion in 2012. This will really be good again. He is coordinating a day at Quantico where there will be equipment displays. There is some other things there to do also. He might get a bus transportation to take us.

The minor league baseball, Fredericksburg Nats, will be playing down the street from the hotel if we want to go.

Our Banquet will be at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. We will be there for a while before the Banquet so we can see the Museum.

The hotel is close to a lot of stores and restaurants.

FREDERICKSBURG REUNION ORDER FORM

**Advance orders only Pick up at the Reunion
Send order by May 1, 2022**

Polo Shirts are Blue Moisture Wicking, with the USMC Logo embroidered on the Front left breast and the Vietnam Ribbon on the left sleeve.

Polo Shirt S, M, L, XL \$23 ea. Size____ Qty____ \$_____

Polo Shirt XXL, XXXL \$26 ea. Size____ Qty____ \$_____

T-Shirts are Blue with Silk Screened 3/5 Logo on the Front left breast.

T-Shirt S, M, L, XL \$20 ea, Size____ Qty____ \$_____

T-Shirt XXL, XXXL \$22 ea. Size____ Qty____ \$_____

Hats are Blue with Logo on the Front and VSM ribbon on the Back

Hats are adjustable \$18 ea. Qty____ \$_____

\$10.00 Postage for shirt order if not attending Reunion \$_____

Total Shirt & Hat Order \$_____

Pre-Pay Banquet Dinner \$45 Per Adult #____@ \$45 = \$_____
(Children under 12 Free)

General Fund \$_____

Total Shirts & Hat Order \$_____

Total for 2022 Fredericksburg Reunion \$_____

I need the Order Form by May 1st so I can order the shirts & hats.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

**Make checks payable to
Dan Nordmann**

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DAVE ACTON FLAG STORY

FLAGS - AN INFORMAL SURVEY

By

David Acton
RVN '69 – '70

I like flags—flags of all types, but particularly United States flags, both current and historic, and military service flags. During the fall of 1990 I built a maritime flag pole out of 1⁷/₈" OD galvanized steel pipe. I modified the flag pole in 1997, making it taller and lengthening the yardarms.

On the main halyard I fly the U.S. flag or one of about ten historically significant flags. On the yardarms are the Marine Corps flag and the New York State flag.

The flag on the main halyard is changed weekly, while the Marine Corps and NY State flags fly 24/7. night the flags are illuminated. The flags are flown from early spring until early winter, at which time I take them all down—winter winds wreak havoc on the flags.

Whenever I'm driving, I look to see what flags are being flown, with particular attention to the five principal military branches—Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. Over time, I came to the conclusion that Marine Corps flags are most prevalent.



At

Recently I conducted an informal survey in my community. For several weeks, using Google Maps on my smart phone, I plotted the location of each military flag and whether it's a Marine Corps flag or one of the other branches. The results were not much of a surprise, but now I have numbers to back up my opinion. I recorded 17 USMC flags and just 5 flags for the other service branches—slightly more than 3 to 1 in favor of the USMC.

Clearly, Marines are proud of the Corps and proud of their service... Oorah!!!

TED CRISP

Water or cold beer?

I never did like the taste of beer. My relatives thought I was strange because I wouldn't drink it. I just didn't like the bitter taste. Our Company was patrolling in the lowland and rice paddies on an operation. We had not been resupplied with water and food for days and we were rationed till resupply could arrive.

It finally came in, food first then water. What was amazing is that before the water was dropped to us the rear supply had sent us out a supply of cold beer and soda pop. Can you believe that? We each were given three cold beers. I remember thinking that because I didn't like beer, and if there was ever a time in my life that I was going to enjoy beer this might be it. Thirsty, sweaty, and hot seemed like a good jump start to enjoy beer. I opened it up and took a large swig of the cold beer while standing in the blazing sun. I about choked on it and spit it up fast. It was still the nastiest tasting bitter cold stuff I had ever tasted! I was able to trade off the other two full cans and partial can for over twelve cold soda pops.

I enjoyed those.

Feeding the enemy

We were on that high plateau giving security to the 106 mm gun crew. We were attacked one morning by the NVA. They had penetrated our defensive barb wire and threw chi coms (Chinese communists hand grenades) at our position. We were able to fight them off with us only receiving only light causality's. After the action me and three other Marines were sent outside the wire to look for any enemy wounded or gear that might have been left. I personally found a fully loaded AK 47 automatic rifle which I turned in. Our team leader found some papers with Vietnamese writing on them. I also noticed that along a little ledge was sitting about twelve empty combat ration cans all in a neat roll. Combat rations are the food us Marines are given to eat while we are out on operations. Where did the enemy get this food? As we looked around we also saw other full cans of food lying on the ground spread about. Then we put it together and realized that this was canned food that the prior Army fire base security personnel had disposed of before they were withdrawn from the plateau before we took over. It was ironic that the enemy used discarded American soldier food to energize themselves to be able to attack us

Hope they enjoyed it!

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