Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion

VIETNAM 1966-1971

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Radisson Resort at the Port



36th Reunion in Cape Canaveral, FL

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TAPS



William Glenn Gandy

Passed away May 6, 2020

William Gandy served with Lima 3/5
In Vietnam.

He was awarded a Silver Stare,
Bronze Star, and 3 Purple Hearts.

Jim Haddaway wants a lot of the Lima 3/5 Vets, especially from Florida, to come to the Reunion at Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

If some of the Vets fly to Orlando-Melbourne Airport, Jim Haddaway will pick you up. All you have to do is call Jim at 786-426-6666.

Jim says there is a $10.00 boat ride that lets you gamble in the Atlantic Ocean. He says that it is a great short trip to make.

Cocoa Beach is just a few minutes from Radisson Resort. It's a great beach with white sand that you can walk by or swim. There are lots of restaurants in walking distances from the hotel.

Kennedy Space Center and NASA is close by. Walt Disney World and Universal Orlando Resort is about an hour away in Orlando.

There are lots of good things to do.

Jim Haddaway

THE FIRST L3/5 NEWSLETTER

Robert "Hank" Henry's First Newsletter 1988

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July 7, 1988

Lima 3/5 Marine:

Semper Fi, Mac!

Having just recovered from our memorable reunion in Washington D.C., I now call for a muster of the troops.

This year, more than ever the 4th of July was special. This reunion was a very special treat for all of our families. For those who missed it, forewarned, don't ever miss another. The event is a treasure...

OK, its time to photo up. I intend to create a pictorial history of our L 3/5 reunion and in the future a pictorial history of our L 3/5 Vietnam experience. Therefore I respectfully request you use your own judgment to send me any photo's that you feel are candidates for rememberance. Be generous... I want human shots as well as perfect poses. I'll use them all or return them, no problem.

On another subject, 68-69 memorabilia - I indulge ya'll (a Davisism)(I thought he was talkin' 'bout a tool?). to search your archives, call your folks, check the attic. I need any L 3/5 stuff. Articles, letters home or from home, photo's of Nam, poems or personal feelings, either then or now.

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My general intent is to preserve our fidelity in a historical perspective accented with printed material. I'd like to document the years 1968-69 to the day and the man.

This recollection is for us...we remember because we are proud...we believe in our heritage and the future of our families...our legacy...we lost many Marines in Vietnam. Lest we not forget

Tho' this task begins twenty years late I still think we again have the people to do what sometimes doesn't seem achievable.

I shall correspond with you periodically...perhaps even frequently! Looking forward to hearing from ya'll.

Semper Fi —
D Henry
Lima 3/5 historian

Hank started doing the Lima 3/5 Newsletters in 1988 after the 4th Reunion in Washington DC. It was probably his first Reunion. He printed and mailed out the Newsletters. This was the first time Lima 3/5 started keeping archives, rosters, and pictures. There was 17 archive folders at 2009 when Joe McLaughlin got them copied on dvds and gave them to the Marine Corp Museum. I have those dvds and have made them for guys at the Reunions.

Ed Conti started printing the Lima 3/5 Newsletters in 1996. Hank would send him the Newsletter and Ed would print and mail it. Ed retired his printing company after the 2012 Reunion. He last printed the July 2012 Newsletter #94. I had taken over for Hank in 2008 to send the Newsletter to Ed so he could print and mail it.

Connie Shuler started printing the Newsletters in 2013. We only mailed 2 per year to those who don't have an e-mail address. It costs us $500 for the January Newsletter and $500 for the July Newsletter. I still make 4 Newsletters per year and e-mail them.

2021 CAPE CANAVERAL, FL REUNION



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Hospitality Room
June 16th to 20th, 2021

Wednesday thru Sunday
To order online
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1. Enter Dates
2. Under the "**Special Rates**" drop down select "**Promotional Code**"
3. Under Promotional Code enter the group code: "**LIMA35**"
4. Follow through with reservation

You have to register before Saturday May 15th

Room Rates are $109

Plus 12%Tax - Aprox $123

Order by phone

321-868-6573

Use Group Name: Lima 3/5 Reunion

Register before Saturday May 15th

Just minutes from beautiful Cocoa Beach and the cruise lines at Port Canaveral, Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral is the perfect home base for family vacations, romantic getaways, and quick stops before cruises. Relax on white-sand beaches and learn to surf or windsurf. You can also take advantage of easy access to I-95 to reach a variety of interesting things to do, from dolphin-watching to golfing. Orlando attractions like SeaWorld® and Walt Disney World® Resort make for great day trips just an hour away. In addition, we are one of the hotels closest to Kennedy Space Center, one of Florida's most popular attractions.

Whether you're here to see NASA's latest launch or to embark on a cruise, Radisson Resort at the Port offers you an ideal location. We're one of the closest hotels to Kennedy Space Center and just a four-minute drive from Port Canaveral. Here for the sunshine and beaches? You can drive to Cocoa Beach in just 10 minutes or try parasailing along the coast just four minutes from the resort. Orlando is only an hour away, making it easy to visit attractions like Walt Disney World® Resort and Universal Orlando Resort™. If you're flying into the area, Orlando International Airport (MCO) and Orlando Melbourne International Airport (MLB) are both about 45 minutes away from our resort.

2021 FLORIDA REUNION ORDER FORM

Advance orders only
Pick up at Reunion
Send order by May 15th





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

Polo Shirt S, M, L, XL . . . . . $29ea. Size____ Qty.____ $_____

Polo Shirt XXL, XXXL . . . . . $31 ea. Size____ Qty.____ $_____

T-Shirts are Green with Silk Screened 3/5 Logo on front left breast.

T-Shirt S, M, L, XL . . . . . $22 ea. Size____ Qty.____ $_____

T-Shirt XXL, XXXL . . . . . $24ea. Size____ Qty.____ $_____

Hats are Green with Logo on front and VSM Ribbon on back

Hats are adjustable . . . . . $20 ea. . . . . Qty.____ $_____

$10.00 Postage for shirt order
If not attending the Reunion . . . . . $_____

Total Shirt Order . . . . . $_____

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND AND OPERATION REACHOUT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Pre-Pay Banquet Dinner $60 Per Adult (Children under 12 Free) . . . **#____@$60 = $_____**

General Fund Contribution . . . . . **$_____**

Operation ReachOut Contribution . . . . . **$_____**

Total Shirt Order . . . . . **$_____**

Total for 2021 Cape Canaveral Reunion . . . . . **$_____**

I need the Order Form by May 15th so I can order the shirts & hats.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St._____ Zip_____

Phone_____ Cell_____

Make checks payable to
Dan Nordmann

Send form to:
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11702 Avery Ln.
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TED CRISP SHORT STORIES

Step and a Half

We were on patrol in the low land rice paddies and we crossed a ditch separating some of the paddies. It was about four feet wide and knee deep in murky water. I was about to step in the water, when in front of me swimming past was a green slimy snake. We had been warned about this snake as he possibly was a step-and-a-half. He was poisonous and if he bit you then you took a step-and-a-half, and then you died immediately. Another possible name was the Bamboo Pit Viper. I jumped the four foot ditch, full pack, weapons, ammo and all.

I guess I did a jump and a half.

Ammo Turn in Program

In our area of operation we were instructed to try a new program the top brass thought up: Ammunition for cash. If one of the villagers found a booby trap or lost ammunition they could turn it in to us for money.

They did turn in quite a bit of ordinance and our Company Captain would come out to the gate and pay them. One small kid tried to turn in a large bag of shell shrapnel but the officers would not pay him for that. It had to be live ammo. I was doing guard duty at the strongpoint main gate when a boy approached me with a note from a Marine out in the field. It stated that this kid had turned in to the Marine, eight hand grenades, 500 rounds of M60 ammunition, 15 light anti-tank weapons and one thermal nuclear warhead. He sure was mad when we didn't pay him. It turns out the boy gave a Marine 6 cokes to write the note.

Always a con game going on.

They got caught

In the rear company supply area some of the boys were into illegally sending military ordinance home. We were out in the field and heard how they did this until they got caught. When a Marine got killed in action the supply clerk would send a letter to his buddy back in the states and give him the dead Marine's address. His buddy would send the killed in action marine a large care package. After it arrived at the Company supply it would be marked return to sender. But not till after the clerk would gently open the package, remove the contents and pack in a disassembled M16 automatic rifle, reseal it. Then it was on its way back to the United States.

Bored Marines get in trouble. Stupid!

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