

Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



VIETNAM 1966-1971

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Lima 3/5 Vets,

The coronavirus is still doing really bad. I hope it will have the vaccine pretty soon so that everyone can get and stay healthy. We really need this to go away so that next summer we can have a Lima 3/5 Reunion again. This is the worst pandemic we've had in our lives.

Jim Dreksler and Jim Haddaway have contacted me to say that they will start to find a Hotel in Florida to have the Lima 3/5 Reunion in 2021. I should get the information from them for the printed January Newsletter. The vaccine has to come out soon so that the coronavirus will go away. This will be the only way we can have the 2021 Reunion. Florida will be a great place to have the 2021 Lima 3/5 Reunion. It will be our 36th Reunion.

I hope you all had a great USMC 245th Birthday on November 10th, and good Veterans Day on November 11th. I also hope that you all have a really good Thanksgiving.

Semper Fi,

Dan



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MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS GEN.DAVID H. BERGER

If there were a watchword for 2020, the shortlist would certainly include ‘change,’ ‘uncertainty,’ and ‘adaptation.’ This new dynamic and uncertain environment has impacted how we recruit and train Marines, deploy aboard ship, and even how we honor our Corps’ hallowed traditions. But adapting to change and uncertainty is nothing new for Marines. It is what we have done for 245 years and what is expected of us as the Nation’s force-in-readiness. Where others see challenges, Marines see opportunities. We don’t take a knee. We will always be ready to answer the nation’s call, no matter the crisis.

In a world of seemingly relentless change and uncertainty, some things remain constant—our core values: Honor, Courage, and Commitment. These values are at the very heart of our ability to be, “most ready when the Nation is least ready.” It’s honor that gives us an uncompromising sense of personal integrity and accountability; courage that allows us to face any circumstance with an ironclad resolve to do what’s right; and commitment that binds us together as a family and drives us toward excellence. And while our core values might never change, the way we give life to them requires constant vigilance. This year’s national conversations about race remind us that we must all do better to embody our service’s values.

Commemorating the 245th birthday of our Corps offers us a chance to reflect on our history. We who serve today stand upon the shoulders of giants. While this year’s many challenges are significant and unique, they are not unprecedented, and it is important to remember that our Nation and Corps have endured difficult times in our past. This year, for example, marks the 75th anniversary of brutal battles in the Pacific; when soldiers of the sea defined the term “uncommon valor” on the black sands of Iwo Jima; the 70th anniversary of bitter fighting at Inchon and Chosin Reservoir; 55 years since Marines landed at Da Nang; and a decade since our struggle with the Taliban in the Helmand River Valley. We remember the service and sacrifice of all Marines, and honor the legacy passed down through generations. Our continuing obligation is to honor their legacy by making meaningful contributions to what they started.

From the past, we draw strength, pride, and a responsibility to carry on the warfighting heritage our predecessors built. We must also recognize our tradition of continuous adaptation—one that should inspire our current force modernization and innovation efforts. As has been the case in the past, today’s threats require us to fight as a cohesive team, and our ability to succeed will depend on the Honor, Courage, and Commitment of each individual Marine. From recruiting individuals of great intelligence, strength, spirit, and diversity, to evolving how we train, educate, and mentor Marines throughout their careers, we remain dedicated to developing the world’s finest warfighters, guided by our core values. In a year of significant change and uncertainty, I am reminded of the words of American novelist, John Dos Passos, “In times of change and danger when there is a quicksand of fear under men’s reasoning, a sense of continuity with generations gone before can stretch like a lifeline across the scary present...” Never forget, what you do today becomes the foundation for the generations of Marines that will follow. There is no challenge we cannot overcome, together, by holding fast to our core values.

Happy 245th Birthday Marines.

VIETNAM VETERANS WALL

Perryville, MO



The Memorial will Feature

A full-scale black granite model of the Vietnam Wall identical to that in Washington D.C.

An event space where organizations, individuals and businesses can host receptions, celebrations and other events

A veterans and military museum where visitors can learn about the history of the American military and the challenges and triumphs of America's veterans

An interfaith Chapel for people of all faiths to reflect and pray

Scattering oak grove where loved ones and family members can spread the remains of their veteran

A cemetery to serve as the final resting place for our fallen heroes

The opportunity for family and friends to leave a personal, permanent tribute for their loved ones



History of the Memorial

The Memorial began as the vision of several local veterans and citizens who wanted to honor and respect their fellow brothers and sisters in arms. It is being built on 46 acres of land donated from one of its founding members, Jim Eddleman. Jim bravely fought in the Tet Offensive during the Vietnam War. He watched as several of his brothers in arms died, and he carried several – severely wounded – to the medevac helicopter. The memorial is a way for him and all those who contribute to this project to provide a lasting tribute to America's veterans.

About Perryville, Missouri

Perryville is like the thousands of small towns and cities in which so many of our service members were raised and have a lasting connection. Perryville is easily accessible and centrally-located in the heartland of America. It is a 90 minute drive south of St. Louis, and within a day's drive of places like Chicago, Nashville, and Indianapolis.

VIETNAM VETERANS WALL



On May 18, 2019 the Vietnam Veterans Wall was dedicated. When I got there, they were having Vietnam Veterans put their name on Veterans Car. I put my name, F 2/27 and Lima 3/5, and the year 1968.

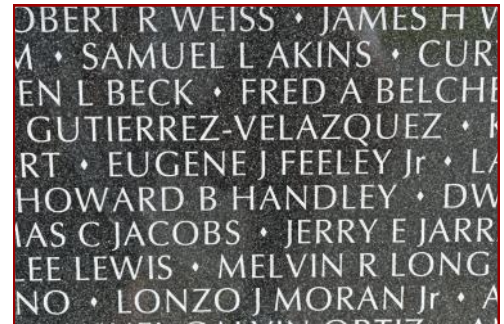


They have a wall with the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. This is a picture of the Marine Corps on the left.



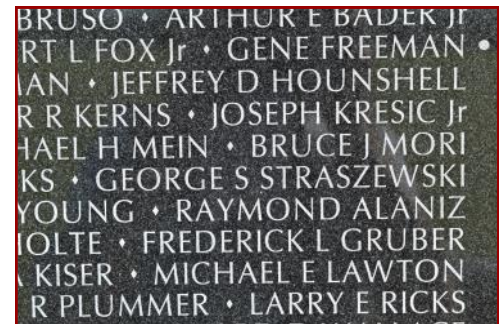
Jim Eddleman was one of the speakers in the Dedication of the Wall. Jim was a Army Vietnam Veteran during the Tet Offensive in 1968. He wanted to provide a tribute to all American Veterans.

Governor Mike Parson also gave a speech.



I took several pictures of my friends on the Wall who were KIAs next to me when I got wounded.

Eugene J Feeley
KIA 9-13-68
George Straszewski
KIA 11-30-68



VIETNAM PICTURES



TED CRISP SHORT STORIES

The Lost Plateau Departure

A decision was made to pull our platoon off the top of what I call the Lost Plateau Security for a recoilless rifle 106mm gun was no longer needed for supporting operations down in the valley. We tore down all our supporting bunkers ring-ing the top of the plateau, packed up our equipment, and moved to its north side and set up a small defensive perimeter while waiting for helicopters to fly us out back to our base camp. While leisurely waiting for the choppers we had a chance to talk to our platoon commander. He seemed pretty worried as he kept looking at his watch and the skies. Sweat was pouring out of his brow yet we had a nice breeze blowing on us. Upon further inquiry, we learned that a Bronco Spotter Plane had spotted 80 North Vietnamese Soldiers climbing the cliffs on the opposite side of the plateau coming up to attack us. Now that also started to worry us. To further add to our concern the lieutenant also told us that in ten minutes, exactly at 12:00 noon a B-52 Arc Light was scheduled to take place on the exact spot we were occupying. Arc Light is when a pack of Boeing B-52 Bombers each carrying over 30, 2000 pound bombs drop them on our position in hopes of destroying a large 6 foot tall pile of dud artillery rounds the army left abandoned and deemed too dangerous for us to personally blow up. The choppers were late. We started sweating. It sure was glorious to see those choppers fly in, quickly load us and then fly us away from the plateau. Later information we received from the Bronco pilot was that at the exact moment the NVA overran our hill the Arc Light hit it. Afterwards he said there wasn't much left on top of it. I remember looking back at the plateau while in flight and seeing nothing but explosions and smoke.

Scary big time.

God is What?

Our company came back to the rear area for three days of resupply, rest and hot food. I remember standing in line at the mess hall. The line was moving along slowly so I begin to read the graffiti written on the walls. The one that stands out the most was the statement:

“GOD IS DEAD – SIGNED SMITH”

“SMITH IS DEAD”– SIGNED GOD”

Gave me the chills.

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