Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion

VIETNAM 1966-1971

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Back Row L to R
Dan Cantrell, T J Dyer, Tony VanReusen, J P Hunt, Dan Nordmann
4th Row L to R
Kevin Shaughnessy, Carl Kabitsch, Paul Flayler, Les Bohrer, Robert “Hank” Henry
3rd Row L to R
Larry Goldsmith, Connie Shuler, Bob Stockham, Chuck Adams, Bob Banks, Doc Twiss, Bill Clark
2nd Row L to R
Donald Manifold, Ken Carmen, Doc Gautney, Joe Pollicino, Dennis Freed, James Brown, Al Brooks
1st Row L to R
Frager Spates, Gunny Loucks, Dave Petchel, Jim Adrulewicz, Lorenzo Mungary, Leo Hand,
Doc Schweiner, Jim Dreksler, Jim Edwards
Not in Photo
Rudy Abril, Tom Cox, John Presnall, Dennis Ward, Wil Woodall

35 Marines and 3 Corpsmen at the San Diego Reunion

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TAPS



George F. Meyer passed away peacefully on 11 June 2018.

George served as First Sergeant with Lima 3/5 in Vietnam from Dec 67 till June 68. He attended 2 Lima 3/5 Reunions.

George served 21 years in the Marine Corps from 1943 till 1974 when he retired as a Sergeant Major. He served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

Military decorations include the Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with a Combat "V" and the Presidential Unit Citation with four Stars, recognizing the extraordinary Heroism of the Marine Corps Units he served with in combat.

Stanley "Cowboy" Western passed away in 2010.

Stan served with Lima 3/5 in Vietnam from Feb 69 till Jan 70. He was a Cpl, 0351 Rocket Man. He earned a Purple Heart on 27 Aug 1969.

BY THE NUMBERS

38 Total Lima Co. in Attendance

35 L 3/5 Marines
3 L 3/5 Corpsman

27 Purple Hearts

15 1 Purple Heart
6 2 Purple Hearts

35 0300 MOS

2 0369 Staff NCO
19 0311 Rifleman
5 0331 Machine Guns
6 0341 Mortars
3 0351 Rockets

3 8400 MOS

3 8404 Corpsman

8 Lcpl
20 Cpl
6 Sgt
1 GySgt

1 HM2
2 HM3

4 AZ
5 CA
1 CO
4 FL
2 IL
1 KA
1 KY
1 MD
2 MO
1 NV
2 NC
1 NY
2 OH
7 TX
2 WA
2 WI

FINANCIAL REPORT : JULY 1,2018

Balance Total 1Jul2017			**$9037.18**
General Fund			**$ 3476.08**
Income			
General Fund	$5868.83		
Banquet	$5335.00		
Shirts	$3741.00		
Raffle	$ 763.00		
Silent Auction	$ 885.00		
Bus Transport	$1700.00		
Income Total	**$18292.83**	+	**$ 18292.83**
Gen. Fund Income Total			**$ 21768.91**
Expenses			
General Fund	$3515.03		
Newsletter	$ 900.00		
Banquet	$7355.90		
Shirts	$3350.17		
Hospitality Rm	$1403.16		
Bus Rental	$2750.00		
Expenses Total	**$19274.26**	-	**$19274.26**
Gen. Fund Balance			**$ 2494.65**
Operation Reachout	$5569.00		
Donations	+$ 719.00		
Total	$6288.00	+	**$ 6288.00**
Balance Total 1July2018			**$ 8782.65** **$8782.65**

2018 SAN DIEGO REUNION ROSTER



Rudy Abril (8) 0331 LCpl
68 Avondale, AZ



Chuck Adams (4) 0311 Cpl
69-70 New Carlisle, OH



Jim Andrulewicz (18) 0331 Cpl
67-69 Homer Glen, IL



Bob Banks (14) 0311 Cpl
69-70 Corsicana, TX



Les Bohrer (6) 0311 Sgt
67-69 Lenexa, KA



Al Brooks (5) 0311 LCpl
66 Oceanside, CA



James Brown (7) 0311 Sgt
69-70 Beaumont, TX



Dan Cantrell (16) 0341 Cpl
68-69 Bellingham, WA



Ken Carmen (12) 0341 Cpl
68-69 Snohomish, WA



Bill Clark (10) 0311 Cpl
66-67 Lubbock, TX



Tom Cox (1) 0311 Sgt
66-67 Chandler, AZ



Jim Dreksler (6) 0331 LCpl
70-71 Lakewood Ranch, FL



T. J. Dyer (10) 0341 Cpl
68-69 Hewitt, TX



Jimmie Edwards (1) 0311 Cpl
69 Conroe, TX



Paul Flayler (7) 0351 LCpl
70-71 Robertsville, MO



Dennis Freed (15) 0311
67-68 Lake Forest, CA



Warren Gautney (1) 8404 HM3
70 Bailey, CO



Larry Goldsmith (4) 0341 Cpl
67-69 Beckworth, CA



Leo Hand (11) 0311 LCpl
68-69 Grand Prairie, TX



Robert Henry (20) 0341 Cpl
68-69 St. Petersburg, FL

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J P Hunt (17) 0311 Cpl
69 Ontario, CA



Carl Kabitsch (11) 0311 Cpl
69 Cookville, TN



Gunny Loucks (25) 0369 GSgt
68 Palm Crest, FL



Donald Manifold (1) 0311 LCpll
69-70 Lothian, MD



Lorenzo Mungaray (10) 0351 Cpl
67-68 San Antonio, TX



Dan Nordmmann (20) 0331 LCpl
68 Bridgeton, MO



Dave Petchel (4) 0341 Cpl
68 Wales, WI



Joe Pollicino (22) 0311 Cpl
67-68 Loudonvulle, NY



John Presnall (11) 0369 Sgt
67-68 Sierra Vista, AZ



Marty Schweiner (5) 8404 HM2
69-70 Green Bay, WI



Kevin Shaughnessy (15) 0311 Cpl
66-67 The Villages, FL



Connie Shuler (9) 0311 Cpl
66-67 Greensboro, NC



Frager Spates (17) 0331 Sgt
67 Twinsburg, OH



Bob Stockham (6) 0311 Sgt
66-67 Climax, NC



Dennis Twiss (1) 8404 HM3
67-68 Mesquite, NV

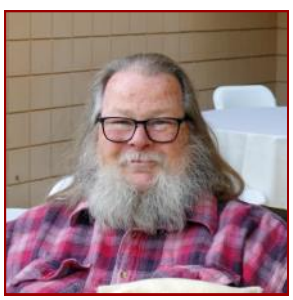


Tony VanReusen (19) 0311 Cpl
67-68 Oro Valley, AZ





Dennis Ward (4) 0311 Cpl
69-70 Secor, IL



Will Woodall (5) 0311 LCpl
66-67 Oceanside, CA



2018 SAN DIEGO REUNION



Debbie Cloutier



Ginger Harvey



Christine Wold

We enjoyed and embraced three Proud Widows of our Lima 3/5 Marines. Greg Cloutier's wife Debbie, Dave Harvey's wife Ginger, and John Wold's wife Christine. We were blessed being with you. Thank you for bringing the memories of these Marines back to visit us again. The war is only over for the dead. We acknowledge that and will live on with that in our hearts and with these Honorable Ladies.

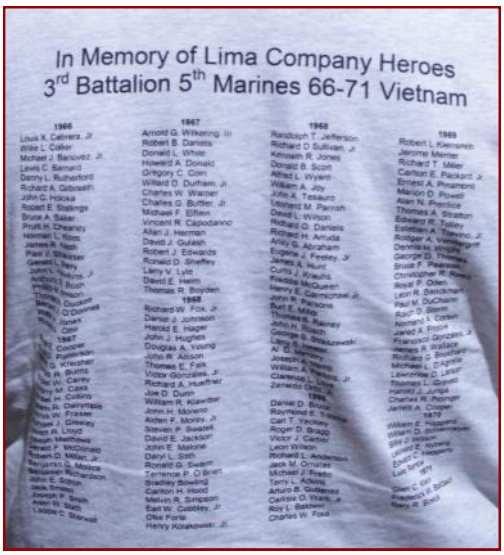
Semper Fi Girls.







A fine group . . . Welcome back to Lima 3/5 Vietnam today – we will see you again. As reunion host, Dennis Freed was exceptional. Nary a flaw, and always present. It's a tough job when it works to perfection - everybody wins. We had seating available inside and outside. This worked with the chilly weather.
The Hospitality Room was again a buzz, thanks to Dan. We had a dozen photo albums from past Reunions, and an "always open" video of Reunions past back to 2000, all set to music. Amazing and thank you. Lucky for all of us. Kudo's abound, Great Job Marines!!



The Reunion polo shirts and T's created again by Dan the Man were exceptional . . . A one-time shot. Grey (cotton polyester blend) 3/5 Logo, Lima above left breast. On the back, in all caps

"IN MEMORY OF LIMA COMPANY HEROS
3RD BATTALION, 5TH MARINES 66-71 Vietnam.



Names were printed by year in order of KIA dates.

1966 21 KIAs
1967 38 KIAs
1968 53 KIAs
1969 44 KIAs
1970 6 KIAs
1971 3 KIAs

SAN DIEGO REUNION MEMORIAL



After the Business Meeting Saturday morning, with an acknowledgement from Lt. Commander Ben Mathis, 3/5 Chaplain, each KIA name was read by Lima 3/5 Brothers who served with them from each year, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, and 71.

The podium brought 24 of us to acknowledge all 165 KIAs from Lima 3/5. This is the first time at all of our Reunions that all the KIA names were part of our program. This made the 2018 Reunion the greatest we have ever had. OohRah Semper FI.





The Saturday evening Banquet filled the bill again. Full Buffet and the Polynesian Dancers put on a special Show, Dance and live flames performance. . . Very Good!

Silent Auction was very active. The big item was a cane with a USMC Vietnam theme. Gunny Loucks and USMC wife, Hank shrieked when the bid was confirmed. A fine piece, thanks to Will Woodall. . . Great Job only 2 exist.
Robert “Hank” made a high bid for 2 bottles of Purple Heart wine. He got it! It was red wine, very appropriate, eh? The two Napa wine makers are a Vietnam Vet and an Iraq vet. A fine circle.









Dennis Freed made a Tribute to direct everyone’s attention to the **Missing Man Table**, otherwise know as the **Fallen Comrade Table**.

The table is round to represent the everlasting love and concern of survivors.
The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of intentions to respond to call to arms.
The single red rose signifies the blood that many have shed in sacrifice to ensure freedom of our beloved USA.
The red ribbon represents the love of our country.
The salt sprinkled on the bread plate is symbolic of the countless fallen tears of families.
The inverted glass represents the fact that the missing and fallen cannot partake.
The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country.
The lit candle is reminiscent of the light of hope that lives in our hearts for our fallen and missing.
The empty chair symbolizes our missing and fallen are not present.

T J Dyer called our Lima 3/5 Color Guard to order. The Color Guard marched into the Banquet as the Marine Corps Hymn was played and stayed for the Star Spangle Banner.

2018 SAN DIEGO REUNION







This Reunion in San Diego was near perfect and the bus journey to the 5th Marine Vietnam Memorial Monument Dedication was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Every one of us went and left as one of a kind - together. We don't get many of those life moments.

The 5th Marines Vietnam Memorial Dedication was awesome. A fine, warm, sunny day and over a thousand people attended. Lima 3/5 was acknowledged by our numbers in the stands, and the amount of our contributions. Thanks to all of you, we did well. Steve Colwell and Nick Warr from 1/5 and the Dana Point 5th Marine Support Group really helped the 5th Marines with this Memorial Dedication. Thanks to all. Semper Fi.





The Memorial in granite was beautiful with 2,706 names of Marines and Navy Corpsman engraved in stone very similar to the DC Wall. The Dana Point 5th Marine Support Group effect was outstanding in gaining the recognition and collection funds, they did it all. It was very crowded the day of the dedication. I went back on the next day and got another photograph without everyone. There are over 500 pictures on the Dana Point web site. We are in 50 or so pictures. I'll add more pictures in upcoming newsletters.

Next year we are San Antonio's again, both reunions past have been 5 stars. Next year it's Bob Banks (again) and T J Dyer Hosting the Reunion. Done deal, ya gotta show up for the:

Lima 3/5 35th Reunion.

T J notified me that the Reunion will probably be the 2nd week of June, 2019. Bob Banks and T J Dyer will be checking out the Sheraton Gunter Hotel again. We will be in downtown San Antonio, TX, not far from the Riverwalk, the Alamo and lots of restaurants.

I should have more information that will be in the November and January Newsletters.

Every one liked the Reunion Shirts, especially the Hoodies I ordered for Ginger Harvey. I was asked if we could order more hoodies for next years reunion.

If I can get at least 24 orders for hoodies or shirts, we can do that. I need the 24 orders to keep the price down. The price will stay the same for the shirts and about $30 to $35 for the hoodies.



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