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BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS



Seventy-Five years ago today, after months of fighting at Henderson Field and along Edson's Ridge, Marines on Guadalcanal spent the night of 10 November, 1942 planning and preparing. Although the Battle of Guadalcanal would continue for three more months, the plans laid on our Corps' most sacred day became integral to the amphibious campaigns that followed. Success at Guadalcanal proved to be the turning point that ultimately paved the way for Allied victory in the Pacific.

Those warriors defended their positions in brutal conditions against a formidable enemy -- and triumphed. Through every major conflict our Nation has seen since the Revolution, Marines performed their duty with utmost courage, devotion, and raw determination. Their valiant deeds in the face of overwhelming challenges give us confidence and inspire us to meet the trials of today.

As we pause to celebrate the birth of our Corps this year, we honor the legacy that was passed down to us and we recommit ourselves to carrying those traditions into the future.

This November 10th marks 242 years of warfighting excellence. At places like Trenton, Tripoli, Chapultepec, Belleau Wood, Guadalcanal, Chosin, Khe Sahn, Fallujah, Sangin, and so many others, Marines have fought with an inner spirit -- a spirit that bonds us, binds us together as a cohesive team. It's that intangible spirit that has formed the foundation of our warfighting reputation for the past 242 years. Now it's our responsibility to ensure we honor and carry on that legacy. The American people expect a Corps of men and women who are committed, selfless, willing to sacrifice, who epitomize honor, courage, commitment, virtue, and character. We owe our Nation and our predecessors no less.

Today, as we celebrate our 242nd birthday, we must remember who we are, where we came from, and why we're here. We must remember the past, honor those who are no longer with us, focus on today's battles, and get ready for tomorrow. We can and will prevail as we always have, in any clime and place. But we must prevail together, united by the unyielding spirit in each of us that makes our Corps unique -- that willingness to put our Corps and fellow Marines ahead of ourselves. Victory in battle comes through the integrated efforts of many -- teamwork.

We value the sacrifices and contributions of every Marine and Sailor, as well as our family members without whose support we would not be able to accomplish our mission. And we remain committed to being our Nation's Expeditionary Force in Readiness that sets the standard for honor, discipline, and courage. I am proud of each and every one of you.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

Robert B. Neller
General, U.S. Marine Corps

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2018 SAN DIEGO REUNION

2018 San Diego Reunion will be Lima 3/5's 34th Reunion. That's really special, but having the Reunion and attending the Dedication for the 5th Marine Vietnam Memorial Monument at Camp San Mateo in Camp Pendleton will really make this Reunion the greatest of all times. Lima 3/5 has 165 Names on the Wall of 2706 KIAs for the 5th Marine Regiment. We should all know some of the Names. Both times I got wounded in 1968, the Marine next to me got killed, Gene Feeley 13 Sept 68 and George Strawzewski 30 Nov 68.

At the 2001 Reunion in San Diego we had the largest group of all of our Reunions, 76 Marines and 4 Navy Corpsman. Several of those attendees have passed away, but it would be great to get a large Lima 3/5 Reunion Group again. With the Dedication of the 5th Marine Vietnam Memorial Monument, this makes the **Reunion for 2018 something very Special.**

Dennis Freed and Al Brooks will be our Hosts this year. Hotels in the area by Camp Pendleton are quite expensive now, so Dennis contacted the Crowne Plaza in San Diego (formerly the Hanelai Hotel) where we had the 2001 and 2006 Reunions. They like to work with military groups, and gave us a good deal. Right now we have a 35 room block. We can add more rooms to the block before April 24th if they are available. With the Reunion being held on Memorial Day weekend, this Hotel will probably be full for that time. It will be necessary to make your reservations as early as possible. **The room-rate after April 24th will be over $200. Make sure you make your reservations early**. Our Hospitality Room will be the same as in 2001 and 2006. We will have a suite next to the pool and tables set up outside on the grass. We will have some kind of entertainment on Saturday night after the Banquet. Let you know later.

The Business Meeting will be on Saturday morning and the Banquet Saturday evening May 25th. Dennis is working on having our own Memorial Service for the 165 KIAs that will be on the Memorial Wall at Camp San Mateo on Sunday. Things are in the works and I'll let you know later how it will happen. The 5th Marine Vietnam Memorial Monument Dedication will be on Memorial Day, May 28th. We are in the works to get bus transportation either from Camp Pendleton or a private bus service. **We have to register all the names of those attending the Dedication.** This is something that means you are going to have to keep in touch with me and let me know who is coming to the Reunion with you. Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group and the 5th Marines at Camp San Mateo are organizing the Dedication and they need to know who will be attending to get through the Guard Entrance and set up for the ceremony. In the past I always need the number of people for the Banquet, **this time I also need the number and names for those attending the Dedication. This is a must know.**

The Lima 3/5 Reunion Group is one of the greatest groups of veterans. They started with a small group in 1985 and have had Reunions all but one year since then. The organization has grown a lot since then. We have made contacts with 664 vets. Through lost contacts and deaths we have 457 on our Roster now. Lima 3/5 was in Vietnam from May 66 till April 71.

Not everyone served a full tour with Lima 3/5. I'm probably one with the least amount of time with Lima 3/5, Went over to Vietnam with Fox 2/27 for Tet of 68, and transferred to Lima 3/5 in September 68. I was only in the field 3 days in September and 3 days in November. When Robert Henry contacted me in January 1999, I wasn't sure I should belong to the Lima 3/5 group. But, in April I met with Hank and he convinced me that I was a Lima 3/5 Brother. I went to my first Reunion in San Antonio in 1999. I still wasn't sure I belonged though. I didn't even bring a camera. Well, you guys made me part of the Family. Now I take lots of photos.

There will be more information sent out in the January Newsletter

Try to make it to the Reunion this year.

Semper Fi,

Dan

2018 SAN DIEGO REUNION



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Thursday thru Tuesday
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The **Crowne Plaza Hotel** was formerly the **Hanalei Hotel**. This is the same Hotel for the Reunion of 2001 and 2006. The Reunion starts on a **Thursday May 24th till Tuesday May 29th.** Dates are changed from the normal June Reunion because of the **Dedication Ceremony on Monday, Memorial Day May 28th.**

In 2001 we had the most Lima 3/5 Veterans at any Reunion, 76 Marines and 4 Navy Corpsmen. 2006 was a little smaller with 41 Marines and 2 Navy Corpsmen.

Because of the Dedication of the 5th Marine Memorial Monument, and our Reunion is in San Diego, hopefully we can set another record for attendance.

LIMA 3/5 MEMORIAL SHIRT

In Memory of Lima Company Heroes
3rd Battalion 5th Marines 66-71 Vietnam

1966
Louis X. Cabrera, Jr.
Willie L. Collier
Michael J. Banovez, Jr.
Lewis C. Barnard
Danny L. Rutherford
Richard A. Gilbreath
John C. Holoka
Robert E. Stallings
Bruce A. Baker
Pruitt H. Cheaney
Norman L. Koos
James R. Nash
Paul J. Strausser
Gerald L. Perry
John L. Hawkins, Jr.
Anthony R. Bosh
Phillip M. Wilson
Thomas A. Duckett
Bernard J. O'Donnell
Walter H. Jones
Richard L. Otte

1967
Roger E. Cooper
Bruce D. Patterson
Sidney G. Kreisher
Thomas R. Burns
Michael W. Carey
Anthony M. Cass
Michael H. Collins
William R. Dalrymple
Dennis W. Frasier
Michael J. Greeley
Lowell R. Lloyd
Joseph Matthews
Gerald F. McDonald
Robert D. Millan, Jr.
Benjamin G. Mollica
Benjamin Richardson
John E. Schon
Jack Smaso
Joseph P. Smith
Allen W. Stath
Laddie C. Stierwalt

1967
Arnold G. Wilkering, III
Robert B. Daniels
Donald L. White
Howard A. Donald
Gregory C. Coin
Willard D. Durham, Jr.
Charles W. Warner
Charles G. Buttler, Jr.
Michael F. Elflein
Vincent R. Capodanno
Allan J. Herman
David J. Gulash
Robert J. Edwards
Ronald D. Sheffey
Larry V. Lyle
David E. Helm
Thomas R. Boyden

1968
Richard W. Fox, Jr.
Daniel J. Johnson
Harold E. Hager
John J. Hughes
Douglas A. Young
John R. Allison
Thomas E. Falk
Victor Gonzales, Jr.
Richard A. Hueffner
Joe D. Dunn
William R. Klawitter
John H. Moreno
Alden F. Morey, Jr.
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David E. Jackson
John E. Malone
Daryl L. Stith
Ronald G. Swaim
Terrence P. O'Brien
Bradley Bowling
Carlton H. Hood
Melvin R. Simpson
Earl W. Cobbley, Jr.
Ollie Forte
Henry Kolakowski, Jr.

1968
Randolph T. Jefferson
Richard D Sullivan, Jr.
Kenneth R. Jones
Donald B. Scott
Alfred L. Wyant
William A. Joy
John A. Tesauro
Leonard M. Parrish
David L. Wilson
Richard G. Daniels
Richard H. Arruda
Arley G. Abraham
Eugene J. Feeley, Jr.
James A. Hunt
Curtis J. Krauhs
Freddie McQueen
Henry E. Carmichael,Jr.
John R. Parsons
Burt E. Miller
Thomas B. Rainey
John H. Roach
George S. Strawzewski
Larry S. Heater
Al D. Memory
Joseph A. Merrill
William A. Perkins, Jr.
Clarence L. Love
Zeneido Ortiz, Jr.

1969
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Raymond E. Tolsma
Carl T. Yeckley
Roger D. Bragg
Victor J. Cartier
Leon Wilson
Richard L. Anderson
Jack M. Ornelas
Michael J. Fratto
Terry L. Adkins
Arturo B. Gutierrez
Carlisle O. Wark, Jr.
Roy L. Baldwin
Charles W. Ford

1969
Robert L Kleinsmith
Jerome Menter
Richard T. Miller
Carlton E. Packard, Jr.
Ernest A. Pinamonti
Marion D. Powell
Alan N. Prentice
Thomas A. Stratton
Edward R. Tolley
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Dennis H. Wright
George D. Thomas
Bruce F. Pearson
Christopher R. Reed
Royal P. Oden
Leon R. Barickman
Paul M. DuCharm
Ralph D. Storm
Nomand A. Corbin
Jared A. Frisbie
Francisco Gonzales, Jr.
James R. Wallace
Richard G. Bouchard
Michael L. D'Agrella
Lawrence D. Larson
Thomas L. Graves
Harold J. Junga
Charles R. Pittinger
James A. Cooper

1970
William E. Haggard
William D. Schiermeyer
Billie J. Wilson
Leonard E. Nyberg
Edward C. Haggerty
Luis Ramos

1971
Glen C. Klein
Frederick W. Baldauf
Gary R. Boeck

In 2006 at the Reunion, Lima 3/5 had their first Memorial Shirts. This year we are going to have them made again. Hopefully everyone in attendance at the Dedication Ceremony will wear there Memorial Shirt. Above is what the back of the polo shirt will look like. The names are listed in the order when they were KIAs. The front will have a Lima 3/5 Logo on the left side.

The 5th Marine Vietnam Memorial Monument Organization still needs donations. If you haven't made one yet, please do. If you've made a donation already, please make another one.

5TH MARINE VIETNAM MEMORIAL MONUMENT



Lima 3/5 Supports the Fighting 5th Marine Memorial Monument
In honor of the 165 Marines from L 3/5 on the Wall

Dedication set for Memorial Day 2018

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State**_____**Zip**_____

Phone _____ **E-Mail** _____

Time Served with Lima _____ **Rank** _____

Brothers I served with on the Wall _____

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My Donation $ _____

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We . . . Our Band of Brothers

Properly, this Memorial is for the Marines and Corpsmen who will never see this dedication to their service.

Side by side we stood by the Marines who led as we followed: Thru rice patties, villages, Hue City and the jungles in the mountains.

I will visit this site one day, stand proud, perhaps shed a tear and know . . . We were Lima 3/5 and will always be.

. . . Semper Fi

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3RD BN. 5TH MARINES 1ST MAR. DIV.
VIETNAM 1966–1971

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