Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion

VIETNAM 1966-1971

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Downtown Minneapolis



The first Reunion was in 1985, so this is the 29th Reunion. (no reunion in 1989)
Book your room soon. Room rates are good till May 13th. Hope to see you there.

SEMPER FIDELIS

Membership Info

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If you have an **e-mail address** and you don't get the Roster updates or Newsletter via e-mail, send me your new e-mail address to save on postage. We mail out 252 and e-mail 215. **Get an e-mail address!**







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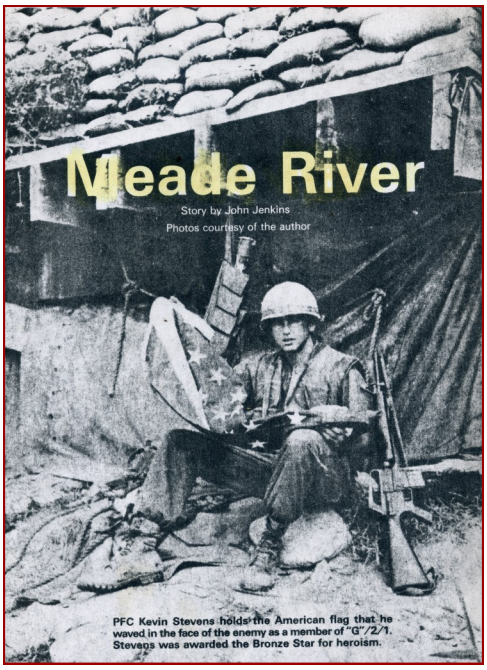
Cpl. Bill Moffa, 0351, served with Lima 3/5 from Sept. 68 to Sept 69.

Obituary from a Newark newspaper.



William Remo Moffa, 63, of Newark, died peacefully at home on February 8, 2013. He was born on May 7, 1949 and graduated from Dickinson High School in 1967. After graduation he joined the United States Marine Corp. He was a member of Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. He served his country proudly, earning several field promotions and a Navy Commendation Medal for heroism. Bill was a letter carrier for years before he moved onto his favorite profession, owner of the Charcoal House Restaurant in Wilmington. He had a tremendous work ethic and had a devoted clientele who visited daily for good food and great conversation. When he closed the store, the community truly felt the loss. Bill was diagnosed with liver cancer in September and spent several months battling the disease. He was truly grateful to all of those who came by to visit with and to encourage him. He always enjoyed a good story and the people who came by to visit really brightened his day. It was a true blessing to have friends there to help the family with getting him to treatments and to assist with his care as the disease progressed. Bill's family would like to express deep gratitude to his devoted friends, several of whom were there during his final moments. Bill is survived by Claire, his wife of 42 years. He is also survived by his son, William Moffa, Jr. and his fiancée Kimberly, as well as his daughter, Jenifer Pugliese and her husband, Alex. He leaves behind two grandchildren, Katie and Anthony and his great-granddaughter, Aubree. He was also survived by five sisters and one brother. Bill was a great husband, father, grandfather and friend and will be truly missed. His services will be private, per his request.

OPERATION MEADE RIVER



Dear Mr. Nordmann,

Thank you so much for getting in touch in me with, and more still for your willing assistance.

One of your fellow Lima Company members Mr. Terry Goldsmith informed me last night that Captain Snowden recently passed away. I am very sorry to hear that, for he sounded like a great man.

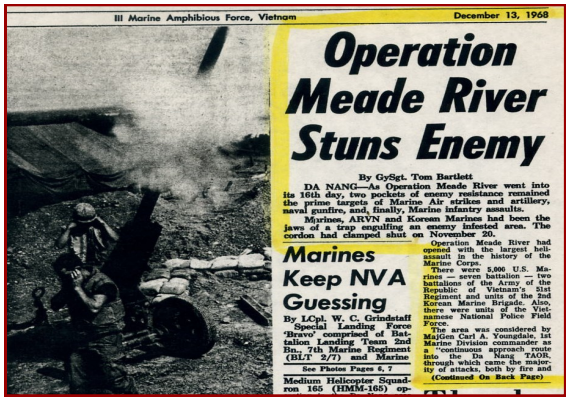
To give you a better idea of what we're trying to accomplish, allow me to send you a few things. The first item is a study, conducted by the Rand Corporation in 1971, on an attack that 1st Platoon, Lima Company, 3/5, launched against a suspected squad of NVA on 28 November, during Operation Meade River. The enemy forces were actually in company strength and forced the Marines to halt their attack. We would like to use this situation as the basis of a decision-forcing case, and in particular, to help teach lieutenants at TBS how to conduct a platoon attack.

I would be forever greatly if you could put me in touch with anyone who was with 1st Platoon or 2nd Platoon (who was nearby) on 28 November. (Mr. Goldsmith is reaching out to Jim Steward, a squad leader in 1st Platoon, on my behalf.) Anything that helps flesh out the story of the attack (especially pictures of the AO, copies of maps, or first-hand accounts would be immensely helpful.

Thank you so much again!

Best,
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III Marine Amphibious Force, Vietnam — December 13, 1968

Operation Meade River Stuns Enemy

By GySgt. Tom Bartlett

DA NANG—As Operation Meade River went into its 16th day, two pockets of enemy resistance remained the prime targets of Marine Air strikes and artillery, naval gunfire, and, finally, Marine infantry assaults.

Marines, ARVN and Korean Marines had been the jaws of a trap engulfing an enemy infested area. The cordon had clamped shut on November 20.

Operation Meade River had opened with the largest heli-assault in the history of the Marine Corps.

There were 5,000 U.S. Marines in the battalion — two battalions of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam's 51st Regiment and units of the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade. Also, there were units of the Vietnamese National Police Field Force.

The area was considered by MajGen Carl A. Youngdale, 1st Marine Division commander as a "continuous approach route into the Da Nang TAOR, through which came the majority of attacks, both by fire and

Marines Keep NVA Guessing

By LCpl. W. C. Grindstaff

Special Landing Force 'Bravo' comprised of Battalion Landing Team 2nd Bn., 7th Marine Regiment (BLT 2/7) and Marine

See Photos Pages 6, 7

Medium Helicopter Squadron 165 (HMM-165) op-

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Damien O'Connell contacted me via e-mail about Operation Meade River. I sent an e-mail to all of the '68 guys I could find on the roster. I also told him I would put an article in this mailed out newsletter for the guys without an e-mail address. Any help would be much appreciated.







REUNION 2014 * MINNEAPOLIS, MN

June 10 thru June 15, 2014



Hilton Minneapolis/St Paul/Mall of America

$99.00 Room Rates
For a single or double

Book a room by requesting
Lima 3/5 Reunion
952-854-2100 or toll free 800-445-8667

Hospitality Room - Opens Tuesday June 10th
Golf - Friday, June 13th TBA
Business Meeting - Saturday, June 14th 9:30am
Banquet & Silent Auction - Saturday, June 14th
Cocktails at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm
Room Rates are good till May 13th

Minneapolis Saint Paul, you get two cities worth for the price of one. With no sales tax on clothes and shoes, the savings here are unbeatable—and there is no shortage of places to do so. There's the **Mall of America** and its 520 stores, the nation's first enclosed mall, **Southdale**, and shopping neighborhoods like **50th and France** and Saint Paul's **Grand Avenue**. There's racetracks, casinos, amusement parks, or two zoos. You can visit **Fort Snelling**. Built in the early 1820s, Historic Fort Snelling is a great place to learn about military history from before the Civil War through World War II, fur trade history, slavery in Minnesota, the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, and much more! Its location – at the junction of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers – has been significant for centuries to many American Indian communities. **Historic Fort Snelling is a National Historic Landmark.**



It's really important to fill out the **Reunion Order Form** and mail it in prior to the Reunion so that we will have some idea of the number of guests at the Banquet. You need to **book your room before May 13th** to get the $99.00 rate. After May 13th the cost per room will be raised.

The Hospitality Room is also looking for donations. In the past I've always brought a donation from my VFW Post. Check around with your service organizations, VFW, American Legion, DAV, Purple Heart Association, etc., and see if they can possibly give us a small donation.

We are always looking for **Silent Auction items**. **The Raffle and silent Auctio**n are our only Fundraisers. If you have something to donate, contact me at 314-291-1725 or e-mail me at dmnordmann@att.net .

May 10th is also the date that I need to have all of the Reunion Shirt orders in by. **Reunion Shirts are advance orders only. Pickup will be at the Reunion.** If not attending the Reunion, I'll mail your order to you. I still need the orders in by **May 10th**.

Hope to see you in Minneapolis.

LIMA 3/5 REUNION ORDER FORM

We're going back to the **OLD STYLE** Polo Shirts this year. Shirts will have the 3/5 Logo embroidered of the left breast. T-Shirts will have the same logo embroidered on the left breast. Hats will have the USMC emblem with Lima 3/5 . Shirt & Hat color will be sand.

Advance orders only. Pick up at the Reunion.

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

Polo Shirt XXL, XXXL . . . . . $25 ea. Size____ Qty. ____ $_____

T-Shirt S,M,L,XL . . . . . $13 ea. Size____ Qty. ____ $_____

T-Shirt XXL, XXL . . . . . $16 ea. Size____ Qty. ____ $_____

Hat Sm-Med, Med-Lg . . . . . .$17 ea. Size____ Qty. ____ $_____

Postage for shirt order if not attending the Reunion . $7.00 . . . . $_____

Total Shirt Order . . . . . $_____

Shirt Orders Due by May May 10th!!!!!

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

Pre-Pay Banquet Dinner $50.00 Per Adult (Children under 12 free) #_____ @ $50 =$_____

General Fund Contribution . . . . . .$_____

Operation Reachout Contribution . . . . . $_____

Total Shirt Order . . . . . .$_____

Total for 2014 Minneapolis Reunion . . . . . .$_____

Friday Morning Golf #_____ (Pay at the Course)

Fort Snelling Tour #_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____**State**____**Zip**_____

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Make checks payable to Dan Nordmann

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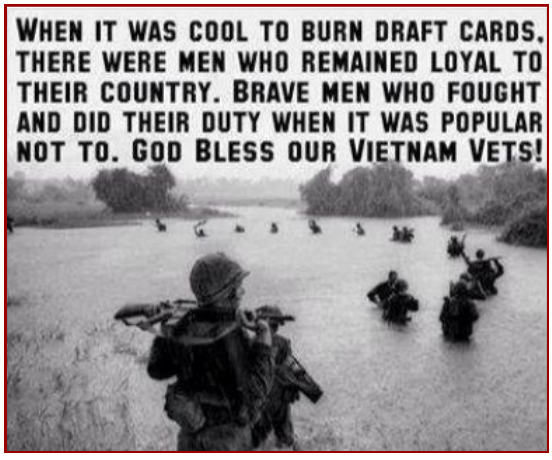


Debbie Cloutier and her Grandson Nick Gomez at MCRD Graduation on January 10, 2014. Nick attended the 2008 Reunion in Washington, DC with his Grandpa, Greg Cloutier. Greg would be proud!
Good luck Nick with your future in the Corps. Semper Fi.

Joe Pollicino poses with his two Grandsons, Jackson & Sutton, in their new Marine Corps sweats. Looking good!



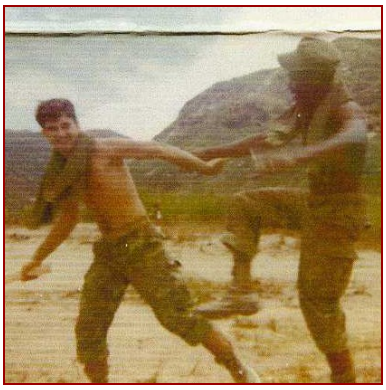




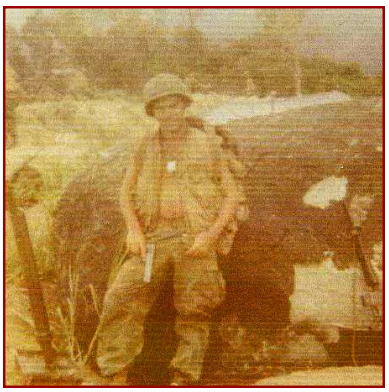
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Rey Sanchez



R Martinez & J Bruce



Dave Harvey



Jose Romero & Ray Alleman



Rey Sanchez & "Pops" Brandell



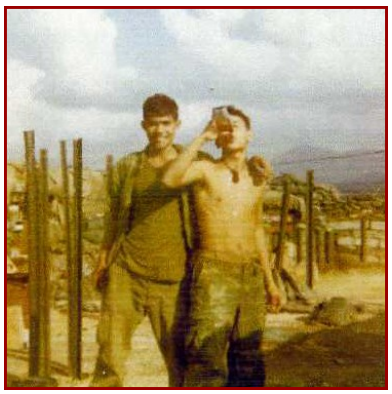
Rey Sanchez



R Sanchez, B Torrez, & D Harvey



Dave Acton & Rey Sanchez



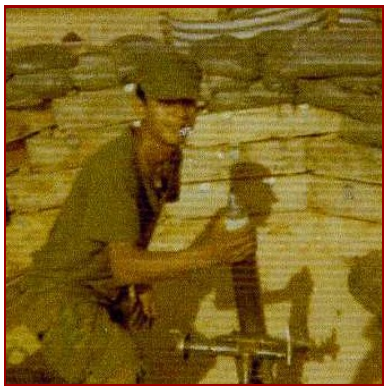
Benito Torrez & Rey Sanchez



Ray Alleman



Cannon, McDonald, Acton, Martinez, Harvey, Sanchez



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