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June 11th thru 16th



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Rolling Thunder

On Wednesday, May 15, 2013, veterans from all wars and their supporters will leave from Rancho Cucamonga, CA on their annual pilgrimage across the heartland of America to Washington, D.C. Most will be riding motorcycles. The mission is to create a ground swell of support for American Prisoners of War and Missing in Action from all wars, and to help those injured by war to heal. This 10 day, cross-country journey will include ceremonies with veterans and civic organizations, visits to war memorials, visits with VA hospitals patients, and other stops to make sure our POW-MIA/s are remembered. This year marks the 25th anniversary of this pilgrimage. You can go to www.rftw.org to find out the central and southern routes and if you are anywhere near the towns that they come through, go out and show your support.

The Southern Route will be stopping in Grand Prairie, TX on May 18, 2013 for an overnight stop. **Leo and Mary Anne Hand** are the Grand Prairie Coordinators for this stop. They co-ordinate with the City of Grand Prairie, Grand Prairie ISD, Grand Prairie Police Department, local DFW area businesses, several veteran groups, and many volunteers to feed approximately 700 - 800 motorcycle riders. They selfishly donate their time and efforts to make this stop one to remember along the 10 day journey.

On Sunday, May 26, 2013 - In Washington, D.C. the group will unite with other riders from all over the country to form "Rolling Thunder", Welcome Home and We Have Not Forgotten Parade from the Pentagon to Vietnam Veterans' Memorial - THE WALL.

Riding in Freedom for Those Who Can't

Leo and Mary Anne Hand

The President signed Public Law 112-154, which requires the VA to provide health care to Veterans and eligible family members for one or more of 15 specified illnesses or conditions. To be eligible for care, the Veteran or family member must have served on active duty or resided in Camp Lejeune (North Carolina) for not fewer than 30 days between January 1, 1957, and December 31, 1987.

Camp Lejeune Water Supplies

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals.

New health benefits

Under a law signed Aug. 6, 2012 (215 KB, PDF), Veterans and family members who served on active duty or resided at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between Jan. 1, 1957 and Dec. 31, 1987 may be eligible for medical care through VA for 15 health conditions:

- Esophageal cancer
- Breast cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Renal toxicity
- Female infertility
- Scleroderma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Lung cancer
- Bladder cancer
- Leukemia
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Hepatic steatosis
- Miscarriage
- Neurobehavioral effects

Veterans already enrolled in VA health care, contact your local VA health care facility to receive care under the new law. Those not already enrolled should call 1-877-222-8387 for assistance.

Family members will receive care after Congress appropriates funds and VA publishes regulations.

Compensation benefits

The new law applies to health care, not disability compensation. At this time, there is insufficient scientific and clinical evidence to establish a presumptive association between service at Camp Lejeune during the period of water contamination and the development of certain diseases.

VA is closely monitoring new research. VA representatives regularly attend the quarterly Community Action Panel meetings hosted by The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

Veterans may file a claim for disability compensation for health problems they believe are related to exposure to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune. VA decides these claims on a case-by-case basis.

The above information was provided in the Winter Edition 2012, Vol 26 No. 1 of the VA Health Care Agent Orange Review and **submitted by Al Young**.

Courage is endurance for one moment more...
Unknown Marine Second Lieutenant in Vietnam



Vietnam Veterans Memorial

"Three Marines"?

"The Three Servicemen" statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., is one of the most emotionally evocative military sculptures that can be found around the world. On Memorial Day in 2008, the Lakeshore Museum in Muskegon, Mich., opened an exhibit that detailed the processes through which this sculpture moved during its development, and for the first time, it was revealed that one of the models was a wounded U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

The story of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is fairly well known. In 1979, a group of Vietnam War Veterans launched a project to fund a memorial on the Mall, near the Tidal Basin. As a result of a national competition, the design submitted by a young architecture student, Maya Lin, was selected. Almost immediately, the project was mired in controversy, as many veterans felt that Lin's modern approach to the memorial was too abstract. After much debate, an agreement was reached in early 1982 that included a more traditional representational statue.

In May 1982, sculptor Frederick Elliott Hart was selected to execute a concept that he had submitted in the original competition. Frederick "Rick" Hart and his assistant, Jay Hall Carpenter, visited the former Marine Corps Museum at the Marine Corps Historical Center in August 1982 and discussed his project with the Deputy Director for Marine Corps Museums, Colonel F. Brooke Nihart, USMC (Ret), and his staff.

Hart explained that he was in dire need of historical correct period uniforms, 782 gear, and weapons to use as studio props while sculpting the statue. He said that although he had tried to acquire those items on loan from the U.S. Army Center of Military History, he was not confident that the loan would be forthcoming. The Marine Corps did have extensive artifact collections at nearby Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA, as well as in the national museum that was part of the Marine Corps Historical Center at the Washington Navy Yard.

However, a search of the Marine Corps Collections proved to be disappointing. The staff suggested to Hart that he contact **Denis Reen**, a local Marine Veteran who was thought to have the uniform and gear that he had worn on the day that he was seriously wounded while serving with **Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment** in September 1969.

Reen had been involved in military history for a long time. Along with his older brother, Jeremy (also a Marine Vietnam Veteran). Unfortunately, **Reen** did not have the items that he was wearing when he was wounded and evacuated, but had found and purchased the missing items over the intervening years. He had gathered the ensemble so he could portray a Vietnam-era Marine in a popular living history program, "History of the American Soldier".

Denis Reen posed during three sessions in the fall of 1982. From those sessions Rick Hart produced the small plaster model that was presented to an internal review committee of the Vietnam Veterans organization. While Reen was posing for Hart, the Army asked for artifacts from Pueblo and delivered what was received to Hart's studio, but they did not arrive until after the small initial model had been completed. A request for assistance went out to local Army museums, and the then-director of the Army's Fort Meade museum, David Cole, quickly responded with the right gear.

Cole, an officer in the Maryland Army National Guard, supplied Hart with the equipment and uniforms that he had used while serving on active duty as an enlisted man in the early 1970s, as well as an ammo can and a belt of dummy machine-gun ammunition. Concurrently, in the early winter of 1982, Walter Bradford entered the scene when he viewed the small plaster model in Hart's Washington studio and instead of seeing **"Three Servicemen"** , he saw **"Three Marines".**

Bradford immediately saw what was needed to make the statue into **"Three Servicemen"** instead of **"Three Marines".** All of the uniforms and equipment worn by the figures on the small plaster model were USMC since the correct Army artifacts were too late in arriving. Army artifacts and items from Cole and James Webb were added to the plaster model.

Six months later, in November 1983, Hart was finishing a full-sized clay version of the statue, using Marine Cpl. James Connell III as a model for the central figure and Marine veteran Cpl. Terrance Greene as the figure holding the M16 rifle. At that time, Hart substituted Guillermo Jose Smith-Perez de Leon's head for **Reen's** on the figure holding the M60 machine-gun.

The sculpture then moved forward on its own momentum, and museum advisers faded into the background. The statue was unveiled on Veterans Day, 1984. In the end there was no final review by the advisers. Had there been a final review, someone would have commented on the manner in which the machine-gun ammo belts (with the bullets pointed inboard) were draped on the machine-gunner. However the statue has been acclaimed for its authenticity.

Submitted by John Wold

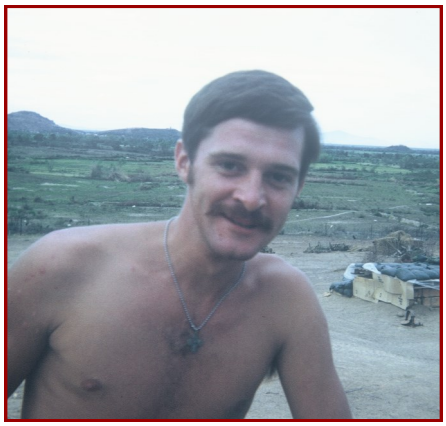
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Doc Schweiner's Pics from 1969














LIMA 3/5 2013 REUNION ORDER FORM



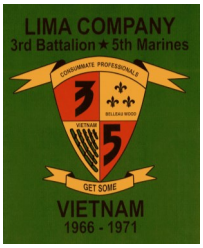
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Advance orders only. Pickup at the Reunion.
Postage for shirt order if not attending the Reunion. . . . . **$7.00** . . . . . $_____

Shirt Orders due by May 10th

Total Shirt Order . . . . . $_____

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

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General Fund Contribution . . . . . **$_____**
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June 11th thru June 16th



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Hospitality Room opens Tuesday, June 11th
Business Meeting Saturday, June 15th 9:30am
Banquet & Silent Auction Saturday, June 15th
Cocktails at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm
Sheratonarlingtonhotel.com

It's real 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.

If you are flying into Dallas Fort Worth Airport, the Sheraton Hotel offers a free shuttle from the airport to the Hotel.

If there is enough interest, we can block a section of seats at Rangers Stadium for a night at the ballpark on Friday night. We need to know by **May 10th.**

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.** You don't have to be at the Reunion to order a shirt though. I'll mail those out before the Reunion.

We are always looking for **Silent Auction items**. **The Raffle and Silent Auction are our only Fundraisers**. If you have something to donate contact me at 314-291-1725 or dmnordmann@att.net, or Mary Anne Hand at 972-641-2889 or mhand@swb.net. If you want to ship an item for the Silent Auction you can send it to Leo & Mary Anne Hand, 2122 Ellis Ct., Grand Prairie, TX, 75052.

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.

If any one needs help financially with the cost of the Reunion, please let us know. **Operation Outreach** is there for you. Contact Gunny Loucks, Dennis Freed, Skip St. Clair, or me.

Mary Anne Hand would like to have a brunch for all the Ladies on Saturday morning while the Lima 3/5 Business meeting is going on. If you would be interested in attending e-mail Mary Anne at mhand@swb.net or call her at **972-641-2889.**

The Lima 3/5 Company Roster changes quite a lot from month to month. You can help me out a lot by keeping me informed with any change of address, phone numbers, and e-mail address. Since we are only mailing out 2 news-letters a year, the Post Office might not be able to give me forwarding addresses.

Hope to see you at the Reunion. Semper Fi,

Dan

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