

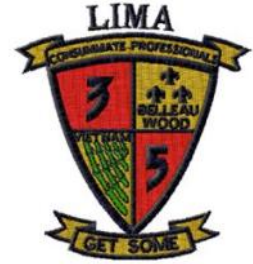
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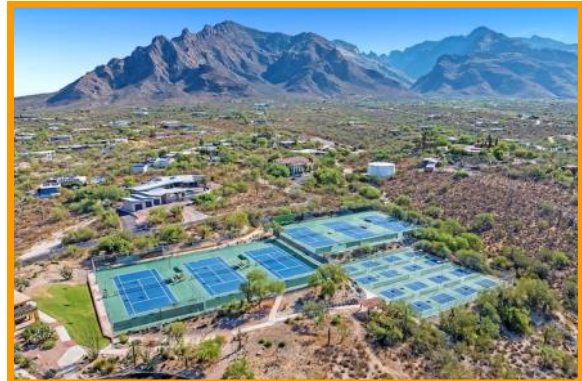


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REUNION NO. 42
MAY 19 - 22, 2027

WESTWARD LOOK WYNDHAM
GRAND RESORT & SPA

245 E INA RD, TUCSON, AZ 85704
(520) 297 - 1151



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WESTWARD LOOK WYNDHAM GRAND RESORT & SPA

HOTEL AMENITIES

100% Smoke-Free Hotel
24-Hour Front Desk
ATM
Banquet Facilities
Bar
Breakfast Available
Bus/Truck Parking
Business Center
Cafe
Concierge
Dry Cleaning Services
EV Charging
Early Check-in Available
Express Check-out

Fitness Center
Free WiFi
Hot Tub Onsite
Late Check-out Available
Laundry Services
Meeting Room
Onsite Parking - Fees May Apply
Pet Friendly
Pool - Outdoor
RV Parking
Restaurant
Room Service
Spa
Valet Parking Available



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HOTEL RESERVATIONS & ROOM RATE

To make your reservation use this link ([RESERVATION](#)) or call (520) 297 - 1151 and tell them you are part of the **Lima Company 3/5 Vietnam Veterans** group. If you need special room accommodations, make your needs known when you make your reservation.

Room Rate (Junior Casita Suites)	\$155.00
Overnight Room Tax @ 14.55%	\$ 22.55
Resort Fee	Waived
Housekeeping/Bellman Gratuity	Waived
Parking (Self & Valet)	Included
Total per Night	\$177.55

Casita Jr. Suites

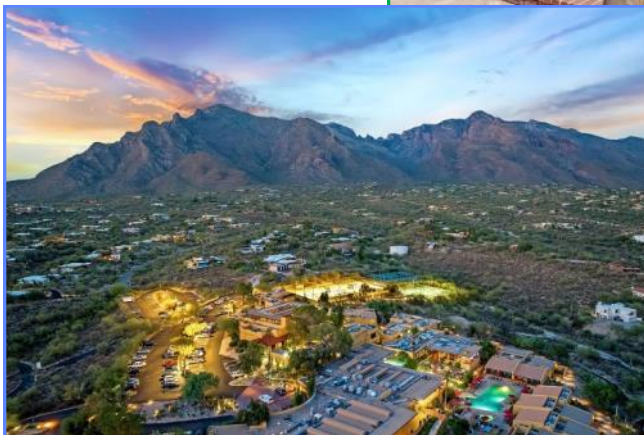
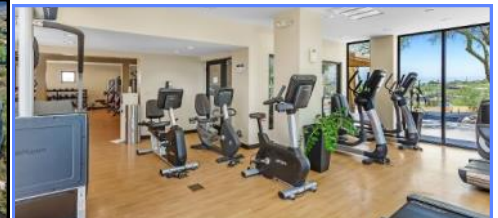
1 King Bed or 2 Double Beds + Sofa Bed |
Sleeps 2-5 | 650 sqft.

The spacious Casita Jr. Suites feature an open floor plan with private patio overlooking the Arizona desert landscape or city skyline. Choose from one king bed or two double beds; many suites include a queen-size sleeper sofa for extra guests.

[Westward Look Wyndham resort video](#)

Also on-site:

- ◆ Four gardens
- ◆ Fitness Center
- ◆ Three Pools
- ◆ Tennis & Pickleball Courts
- ◆ [Sonoran Spa](#)
- ◆ Horseback Riding
- ◆ Golf is nearby



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ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY ❖ PICK UP AT THE REUNION ORDER FORM FOR SHIRTS/HATS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 5, 2027

Shirts and hats are *LIGHT GREEN*, with the *USMC Lima 3/5 logo* embroidered on the front left breast and the *Vietnam Service Ribbon & 2007* on the left sleeve.

Polo Shirt S, M, L, XL \$28 ea. Size _____ Qty _____ \$ _____

Polo Shirt XXL / XXXL \$32 ea. Size _____ Qty _____ \$ _____

T-Shirts have silk screened USMC Lima 3/5 logo on the front left breast

T-Shirt S, M, L, XL \$19 ea. Size _____ Qty _____ \$ _____

T-Shirt XXL / XXXL \$23 ea. Size _____ Qty _____ \$ _____

Hats have the logo on the front and VSM ribbon on the back

Hats are adjustable \$18 ea. Qty _____ \$ _____

\$20 Postage for shirt/hat order if not attending the reunion \$ _____

Total Shirt & Hat Order \$ _____

Banquet Dinner \$65 Per Adult # _____ @ \$65 = \$ _____
(Children under 12 Free)

My Shirts & Hat Order \$ _____

General Fund (contribution) \$ _____

MY TOTAL FOR 2027 TUCSON, AZ REUNION \$ _____

This will be my first (1st) reunion: Yes _____ No _____

★ ★ ★ **ORDER FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 5, 2027** ★ ★ ★

Make check payable to:
Dennis Freed

Send Order Form to:
Dennis Freed
12 Dornoch Way
Trabuco Canyon
CA 92679

949-351-4718
dennis@themenace.us

Name _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _(_____)_____ Cell _(_____)_____

E-Mail _____

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TUCSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (TUS)

Airlines serving TUS:



Westward Look Wyndham (our firebase) is approximately 19 miles north of the airport, a 35 - 40 minute drive, depending on traffic. The hotel **does NOT** offer shuttle service... you're on your own.

Taxi rate: \$7 + (\$3/mile x 19 miles) = \$64 + tip = say \$75 total (estimated one-way cost)

Ride-share service is available through Lyft, Uber, Hum and Turo

Nine car rental companies—seven at the airport and two off-site (with shuttle service):

On-site:

Avis ★ Budget ★ Dollar ★ Enterprise ★ Hertz ★ National ★ Sixt

Off-site:

Alamo ★ Economy



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HISTORY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA

(Source: Wikipedia)

The history of Tucson, Arizona began thousands of years ago. Paleo-Indians practiced plant husbandry and hunted game in the Santa Cruz River Valley from 10,000 or earlier BCE. Archaic peoples began making irrigation canals, some of the first in North America, around 1,200 BCE.[1] The Hohokam people lived in the Tucson area from around 450–1450 CE in a complex agricultural society.

Jesuit missionary Eusebio Francisco Kino founded the Mission San Xavier del Bac in 1700. Through the 1700s, Spanish missionaries tried to get the Native Americans to convert to Catholicism and a Spanish lifestyle. The Spanish built a fort at Tubac in 1751. It was moved to Tucson in 1775 where Hugo O'Connor, an Irishman working for the Spanish crown, officially founded Presidio San Augustin del Tucson.[2] ([click here for the rest of the story](#))

THE CLIMATE OF TUCSON

Source: [Weather Atlas](#)

Tucson, positioned in the state of Arizona, United States, experiences a dominant BSh, or Subtropical steppe, climate classification according to the Köppen system. This implies arid conditions, with sparse rainfall and prevalent sunshine. Tucson's weather conveys an annual cycle, with discernible alterations in temperature, precipitation, and sunlight.

Throughout the course of a year, temperatures in Tucson can range from 43°F (6.1°C) to a sweltering 96.6°F (35.9°C), with a generally warmer trend manifesting from May to September. On the other hand, the temperate drops significantly from October to April, dipping to lows of 43°F (6.1°C). The recorded humidity relative also displays considerable fluctuation, escalating from a mere 19% in June to 45% in December.

Consistent with the classification, Tucson receives minimal rainfall, particularly from April to June. The highest volumes of rainfall are observed between July and August, with August recording highest rainfall of 1.42" (36mm). Yet, despite these occasional downpours, Tucson experiences longer daylight hours, with sunny days spanning 14.2 hours at their peak in June.

Tucson Average Temperature By Month

Average	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	66°F	70°F	76°F	83°F	92°F	100°F	100°F	97°F	94°F	85°F	74°F	66°F
Temp.	52°F	56°F	61°F	68°F	77°F	87°F	87°F	85°F	82°F	72°F	60°F	52°F
Low	42°F	45°F	49°F	55°F	63°F	72°F	77°F	75°F	70°F	60°F	49°F	43°F

Source: [Weather Spark](#)

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THINGS TO DO IN TUCSON

[Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum](#) - A visit to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is a journey into the living heart of the Sonoran Desert. Equal parts zoo, botanical garden, and natural history museum, it lets you wander trails lined with towering saguaros and spot native wildlife—from coyotes to hummingbirds. The cave exhibits and raptor free-flight show are local favorites. Insider tip: Arrive early to see animals at their most active, and don't miss the panoramic desert views near the Ironwood Terrace Café. If you have children, the indoor desert-themed play area is delightfully thematic.

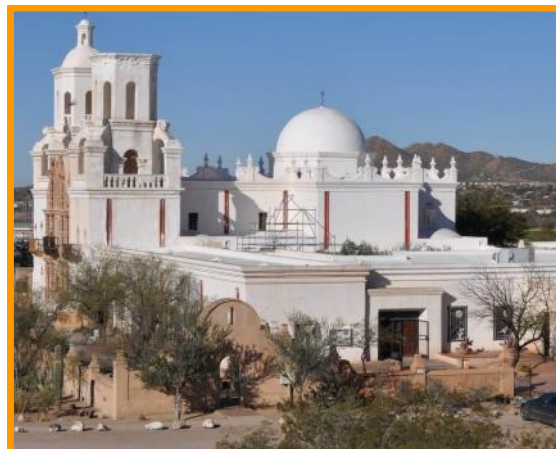
[Sabino Canyon](#) - At the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, Sabino Canyon offers some of Tucson's most beloved hiking and walking trails. A tram ride winds past pools, waterfalls, and striking rock formations, while the trails reward hikers with sweeping desert views. Local tip: Visit after a rare desert rain to see Sabino Creek flowing—a magical sight that brings the canyon to life.

[Downtown Tucson](#) - Vibrant, walkable, and rich in history, Downtown Tucson blends old adobe charm with contemporary creativity. Explore street murals, sip cocktails at rooftop bars, and sample farm-to-table menus at buzzing eateries like Café à La C'Art or El Charro Café—the nation's oldest Mexican restaurant in continuous operation. Local tip: Ride the streetcar (currently free!) for a car-free experience.

[Saguaro National Park](#) - Few symbols define the American Southwest like the saguaro cactus. Saguaro National Park—split into east and west districts—celebrates them in grand style. Drive the scenic loops or hike among forests of these spiny giants, many over 150 years old. Insider tip: Go at sunset when the silhouettes of saguaros stand tall against a golden-pink sky—it's pure desert poetry.

[The Gaslight Theatre](#) - For a night of laughter and retro fun, The Gaslight Theatre delivers. This Tucson institution offers family-friendly musical comedies packed with slapstick humor, live music, and audience interaction. Grab popcorn or pizza, sing along, and cheer the heroes as the villains twirl their mustaches. Local tip: Book tickets in advance—the theatre fills fast, especially around holidays.

[Mission San Xavier del Bac](#) - Known as the “White Dove of the Desert,” this stunning 18th-century mission blends Spanish colonial and Indigenous artistry. Its gleaming white façade rises dramatically against the blue sky, and inside, intricate carvings and paintings reveal centuries of devotion. Insider tip: Visit in the early morning for soft light and fewer crowds, and don't miss the frybread, which is sometimes sold at a nearby stand.



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THINGS TO DO IN TUCSON

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[DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun](#) - What started as a small construction project in the early 1950s developed into a 10-acre National Historic District. Designed and built by acclaimed Arizona artist Ettore “Ted” DeGrazia, the Gallery in the Sun has six permanent collections of paintings that trace historical events and native cultures of the Southwest. Four rotating exhibitions display some of the 15,000 DeGrazia originals housed at the Gallery. A consignment room displays DeGrazia originals available for purchase, while the gift shop offers a wide selection of reproductions. The grounds include the Mission in the Sun, with rock floors, interior murals, and open-air roof. The Gallery is open daily from 10am-4pm.

[Tohono Chul Gardens](#) - Embrace the authentic beauty of the Sonoran Desert year-round at Tohono Chul, Tucson’s charming crossroads of nature, art, and culture. Deemed “One of the World’s Ten Best Botanical Gardens” by Travel + Leisure Magazine, Tohono Chul has been celebrated by Tucson as one of its “best-kept secrets” for over a quarter of a century.

Set on 49 acres of lush desert, the vibrant offerings at Tohono Chul awaken your senses. Locals and visitors alike delight in the experience of having nature at their fingertips. Stroll along winding paths past soaring Saguaros, through themed botanical gardens, and marvel at a chance encounter with a resident hummingbird. Enjoy a quiet retreat in the artfully designed relaxation spots sprinkled throughout the lush grounds. Various art and garden exhibits reveal the unique qualities of the Sonoran region and renew a deep appreciation for the treasures of the desert.

[Colossal Cave Mountain Park](#) - This half-mile long guided walk takes about 40 minutes to complete. It’s the perfect family-friendly introduction to the Cave. You’ll learn about the Cave’s history, its legends (like train robbers and ghosts), and its unique geology. As you descend approximately six stories deep (363 stair steps) you’ll see some amazing cave formations including stalactites, stalagmites, flowstone, box work, and helictites that were sculpted by millions of years of geological activity. And keep an eye out for the wildlife too!



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THINGS TO DO IN TUCSON

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[Trail Dust Town](#) - Since 1961, Trail Dust Town has been a Tucson landmark where people gather, parents see their kids' eyes light up, and memories are made.

Trail Dust Town began as a simple idea: to bring the spirit of the Old West to life in Tucson. Over the decades, it has grown into a beloved Tucson tradition. At its heart, Trail Dust Town has always been about connection. In a world full of screens and busy schedules, it offers something different. Visitors have the chance to slow down, share a meal at Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse, cheer for a cowboy stunt show, or laugh together on a miniature train ride.



[Tucson Botanical Gardens](#) - This 5.5-acre property houses more than a dozen gardens featuring everything from roses, herbs and cacti to irises and plants used by the native Tohono O'odham people. In addition to the outdoor themed gardens, visitors can experience the wonder inside the Cox Butterfly and Orchid Pavilion (which is open seasonally from October to May). Many garden visitors take a break at Edna's Eatery for breakfast or lunch. What's more, the gift shop offers unique items for the garden and home.

[Pima Air & Space Museum](#) - One of the world's largest aviation museums, Pima Air & Space features over 400 aircraft—from vintage warplanes to spacecraft—in massive hangars and outdoor exhibits. Local tip: Pair your visit with a tour of the nearby “Boneyard,” where thousands of retired aircraft rest under the desert sun (book ahead for security clearance).





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TAPS



RONALD HOUSE

Died: 8/11/2026
 Lima Co: '66 - '67
 Rank: LCPL
 MOS: 0331
 WIA: Yes
 Reunions: 1



ROSTER & SOCIAL MEDIA

Lima 3/5 membership roster has 647 Marines & Corpsmen and 42 relatives & friends

Lima 3/5 Website: <https://limathreefive.org>
 Rosters, newsletters, stories, videos, KIA memorial & more

Lima Facebook Group (private group, must apply to join):
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/149906508829193>

Active	353
Lost Contact	42
Died	249
Do Not Contact (DNC)	3
Relative/Friend (R/F)	42



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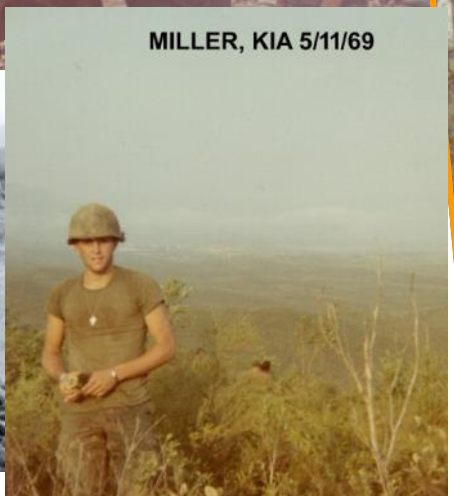
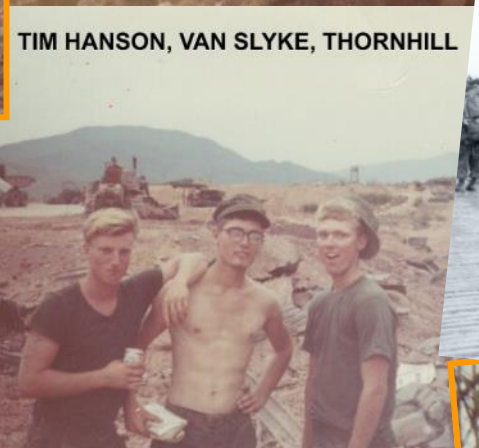
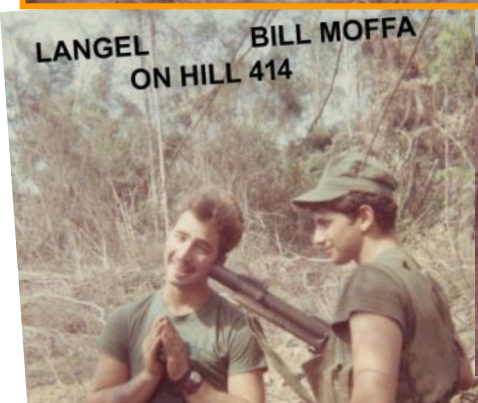
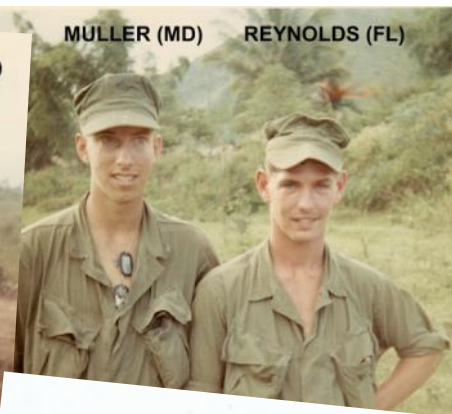
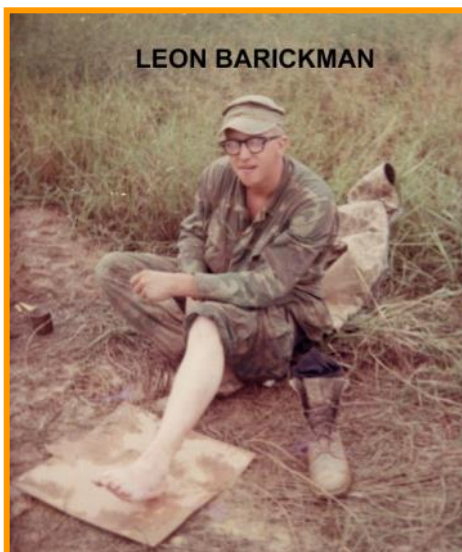
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Leon Barickman Photo Album

[KIA 7/27/1969](#)



[Bill Moffa](#) was Leon's best friend in Vietnam and escorted Leon's casket back to Minnesota. Moffa attended four reunions prior to his death in 2013.

Kurt Barickman, Leon's younger brother, attended the New Orleans reunion and allowed me to scan these photos and more, for the Lima 3/5 archive.





Another “My Story” response... Thank you Jacinto for stepping forward

Good afternoon, David. My name is Jacinto Ybarra, aka Yogi, Cpl E4, and I was stationed at Lima Co. headquarters at An Hoa, working as an 0311/0141 (was able to get the 0141 designation because I learned to type in high school). I worked closely with the Top (forgot his name but he was a big man w/ red mustache). My experience was mundane with a few attacks by VC/NVA over the year I was there, Feb 1969 through Jan 1970.

There were a lot of grunts that I knew, and one in particular, Manuel aka Shorty, who was shot through his ass and when he returned after being rehabilitated, he became our mail clerk. There was another Marine, Sgt. Dan/Don Hathaway (I think), who was also working alongside me, don't know what happened to him. Another Marine that I knew, aka Blue had two tats over his breasts—one said “Sweet” and the other said “Sour.” I think he was from New Orleans.

Willie was a Black Cpl who pinned on my Cpl stripes and left my arm paralyzed for about a week. Anyway, that's a few I recall... I just wanted to respond to let you know.



BUNKER

Submitted by Bill Magnus

Cpl, Apr '68 - Apr '69

We were called upon to hold this hill that was already setup with sandbagged bunkers on the perimeter and for the vital operations. The bunker on top of the hill was mostly underground but had areas where one could look out. It was good sized and divided into two parts, one of which was the captain's quarters and the other side was the headquarters radio operations where the duty operator monitored the necessary frequencies 24/7 and could confer with the captain should something important come up.

The way the bunker was designed you accessed the bunker through one opening on the captain's side. One night I was on the 4 - 8 am watch and having been in country for a number of months, I was getting a little salty. This particular night I was there without a weapon (salty), when at 6 am a gun went off in the bunker on the captain's side. I'm obviously pretty freaked out with no means of self defense. I heard the captain moan so I went to see what happened. Turns out the captain was about to clean his pistol and got the sequence wrong and ended up shooting himself in the hand. A tragic situation as this was the best of all commanders. Needless to say I brought my rifle after that.



TED CRISP STORIES

L/CPL, JAN 69 - JAN 70



COMBAT CLEAN - #1

While I did my twelve-month tour in Viet Nam, I attempted to keep my M16 rifle in a condition called Combat Clean. The outside of the weapon could look somewhat dirty, but the inside firing mechanism was very clean and functional. I had more problems with the ammunition magazines as we had to make sure they were very clean, or you could get a jammed round in your chamber from dirty cartridges. I don't ever remember having my rifle inspected by those in authority. It was a set rule to keep it internally clean. Neither do I recollect my rifle jamming my time over there. Some Marines (if you knew someone in supply) would acquire a Chrome Bolt for their rifle, but these were rare to find.

Tried to teach this concept to all my grunts.

HO CHI MINH PEE HOLE - #98

When I was at the Da Nang Navy Hospital, I had to do some personal business at the head, privy, bathroom. I walked into an outside small area surrounded by boards for privacy. There was a large platform on the ground, eight feet in diameter with pictures painted on it. There were one-foot diameter holes with painted targets on them and point numbers assigned to each. In the middle of the target area there was a large head picture of Ho Chi Minh (North Vietnam Communist Leader) with his mouth open. Worth extra points.

I got the bonus points.

Here's a Jane Fonda (Hanoi Jane) urinal target.





COFFELT DATABASE OF VIETNAM CASUALITIES

Named in honor of Richard Donham Coffelt
06 Aug 1932 - 25 Jan 2012

The [Coffelt Database of Vietnam War casualties](#) has its roots in an effort begun by Richard Donham Coffelt. A Korean War era soldier and later an attorney in Hays, Kansas, Richard became aware that the government had not made public a central source of information regarding the servicemen and women who died as a result of service in Vietnam. In 1980 Richard set out to determine the unit of assignment for each Army soldier who died in Vietnam. As this was two years before the IBM PC (personal computer) came on the market, the work necessarily was done the old-fashioned way: by library research, travel, and in hand-writing.

In 1993-94, after PCs had become commonplace, Tom Holloway (Emory University, Atlanta) changed the landscape by obtaining the Department of Defense's casualty database and the Army Adjutant General's database in digital form. Using the university's mainframe computers to read the reel-to-reel computer tapes, Tom integrated the two databases and converted the information into a commonly used small-computer format. The "Holloway Database" effectively became the public's sole source of information regarding all our Vietnam dead.

In the late 1990s, others joined Richard's effort, contributing information and collating the collected material into digital form using the Holloway database as a baseline. The additional resources allowed the project's scope to expand to include unit of assignment information for all service branches. In 2002, an early version of the Coffelt Database was deeded to the National Archives, which made it available on-line as a searchable database.

In late 2006, the project scope was extended further by including circumstances of death information in the Coffelt Database - the "how and where" of their deaths. As before, emphasis was placed on obtaining hard documentation, a task made easier as material became available on the Internet from governmental and private organizations. The Internet cannot and has not replaced on-the-spot investigation, though; in example, one member of the Coffelt Group has photographed over 80,000 documents at the LBJ and Nixon Presidential Libraries and in the National Archives. These photographs have become a part of the Coffelt Database.

Richard Coffelt's health began failing, and on 29 October 2010 he made his last contributions to the Coffelt Database. Others now continue the work Richard began 30 years ago.

Lima's first casualty:	PFC LOUIS XAVIER CABRERA JR	June 18, 1966
Lima's last casualties:	PFC ANTHONY ROBERT BOSH PFC FREDERICK WILLIAM BALDAUF	January 6, 1971



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FROM THE LIMA 3/5 ARCHIVES

Submitted by Robert Henry

Wisnesski (sp) & "Mojo" Ryan
Robert William



Cantrell, Bernsen
Busis & Henry



Cobb, Cantrell & Maxey



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Cobb, Wise, Page
Carmichael

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Maxey & Henry/Christmas '68

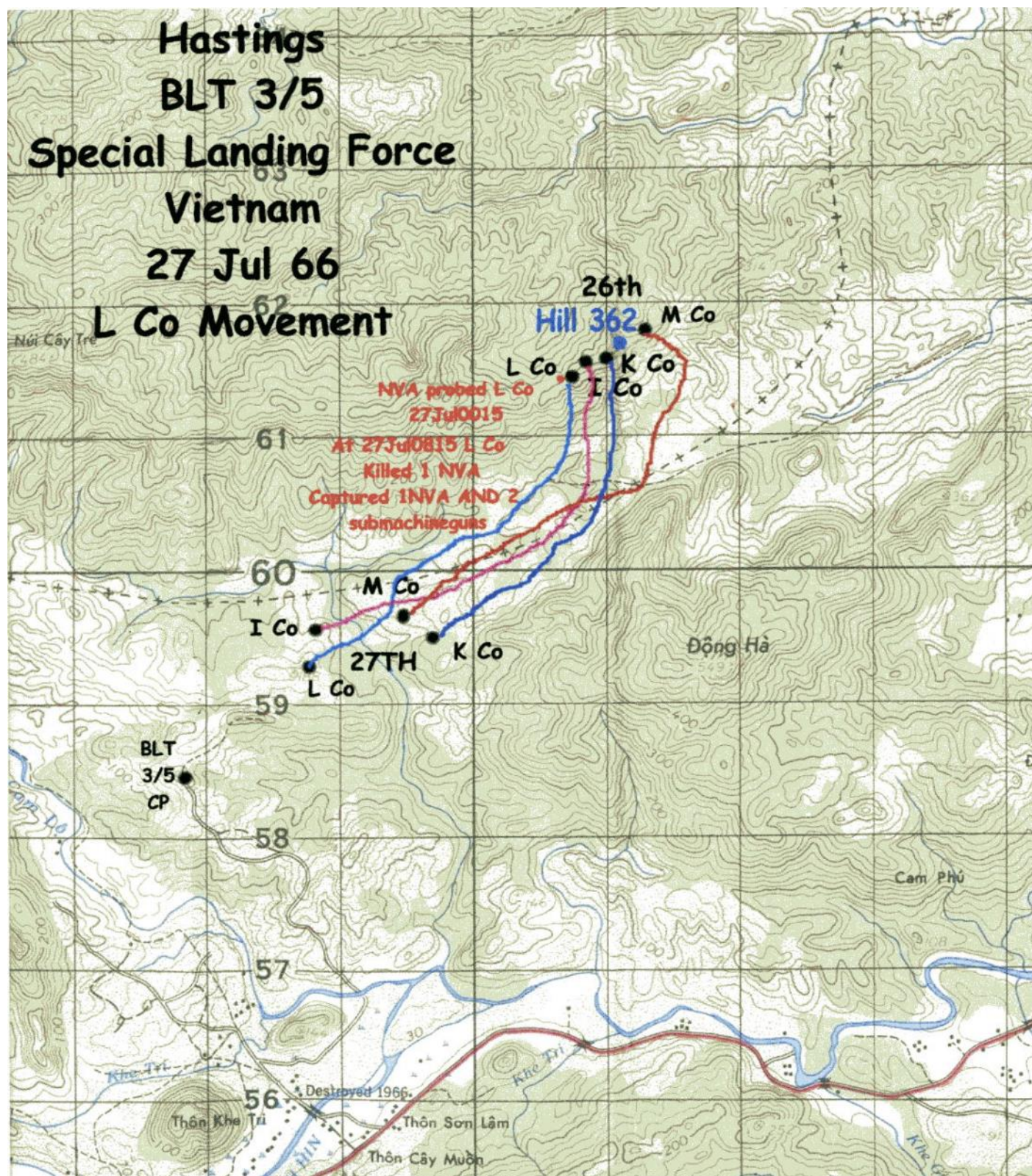




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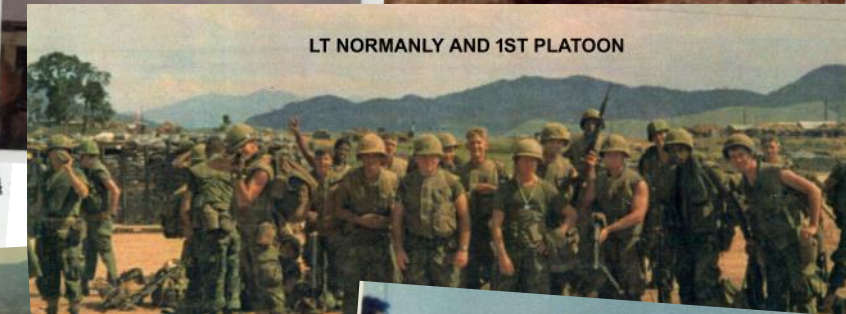




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Michael McDonald, TJ Dyer, Robert Garcia
Robert Henry



1970
2nd
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C. Dwan
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P.O.
Capt Tom Williams
69-Plt Archus Griffith



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LIMA COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 5TH MARINE REGIMENT WEAPONS PLATOON SPRING 1966

LIMA 3RD BATTALION 5TH MARINE REGIMENT WEAPONS
PLATOON Spring 1966



**FLASH BACK ❖ FLASH BACK ❖ FLASK BACK****2012 - FREDRICKSBURG****MINUTES OF 2012 BUSINESS MEETING**

The Business Meeting opened Saturday morning at 9:00 am with 30 members present. (almost everyone)

Introduction of 3 new members, Marty Schweiner '69 ,70, Wes Thomas '66, and Al Young '66 was made, and then our 2 Corpsman were recognized, Doc Fowler and Doc Schweiner.

Since Ed Conti was retiring, we discussed what to do with the Lima 3/5 Newsletter. It was decided to mail only 2 printed versions of the newsletter because of the cost to the organization. One would be mailed out after the Reunion in July or August and the other to be mailed out prior to the next Reunion in March or April. There will be 3 or 4 newsletters e-mailed throughout the year. Connie Shuler provided Dan Nordmann with a publisher program to provide the layout for the newsletter. Once the newsletter is complete, Dan will e-mail to those with e-mail addresses and Connie will have the newsletter printed, folded, stamped, and mailed out.

The Host for next years Reunion will form a committee at the Reunion to take care of the Hospitality Room.

Next years Reunion will be hosted by Leo and Maryanne Hand and will be in Arlington, Texas at the Sheraton Hotel during the week of June 11th thru June 16th.

A moment of silence was held for our fallen brothers. James Crawford, Nov 69 to Mar 71, who passed away 1 Nov 2010. Terry Sjulín, Jul 68 to Dec 68, who passed away 25 Aug 2011. Michael Ryan, May 68 to Sep 68, who passed away 30 Jan 2012. Greg Cloutier, Feb 68 to Sep 68, who passed away 11 March 2012. Dave Harvey, Mar 69 to Feb 70, who passed away 17 Mar 2012. Dean Esslinger, Dec 66 to Jul 67, who passed away Apr 9 Apr 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am and the group photo was taken.

