

Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



VIETNAM 1965-1971

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27 Years of Reunions and still going strong



35 Marines and 3 Corpsman

Back Row: Al Nidever 2, Carl Kabitsch 6, Jerry Stanfield 18, Dan Cantrel 14, Don Vogelgesang 8, Rich Hoffman 15. 3rd Row: Al Hasselbach 1, George McConnell 2, John Wold 13, John Harris 12, Steve Cobb 20, Phil Jones 6, Jerry Drew 4, Leo Hand 8. 2nd Row: Frager Spates 13, Horace Martin 10, Connie Shuler 5, Larry Goldsmith 1, Dave Petchel 1, Joe McLaughlin 16, Joe Pollicino 18, Ron Pikul 2, Dennis Freed 12, Delone Sentel 1, Skip St. Clair 23, Dan Nordmann 13. 1st Row: Jim Dreksler 4, Harry White 3, Jerry Winters 14, Jim Andrulowicz 13, Dave Miller 20, Kevin Shaughnessy 11, Al Ross 19, John MacNamee 1, Terry Benton 11, Greg Cloutier 12, JC Carleton 17, Bob Stockham 2.

5 New Guys

Larry Goldsmith, Al Hasselbach, John MacNamee, Dave Petchel, & Delone Sentel

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Lima 3/5 Website:

Checkout the Command Cronologies and Operations at www.limathreefive.com

BY THE NUMBERS

- 39 Total Lima Company 3/5 in Attendance at Chattanooga Reunion 2011
- 35 Lima 3/5 Marines
 - 3 Corpsmen
 - 1 Penny representing Benito DeLaGarza
- 29 Purple Hearts awarded to those in attendance
- 22 Recipients of the Purple Heart
 - 16 1 Purple Heart
 - 5 2 Purple Hearts
 - 1 3 Purple Hearts
- 35 0300 MOS Infantry 12 Served in 1966
- 16 0311 MOS Rifleman 18 Served in 1967
- 7 0331 MOS Machine Guns 20 Served in 1968
- 4 0341 MOS Mortars 10 Served in 1969
- 4 0351 MOS Rockets 3 Served in 1970
- 2 0369 MOS Staff NCO's 1 Served in 1971
- 2 0302 MOS Officers
- 3 8404 MOS Corpman

Do You Remember? Dinky Dow; Ham and Mother Fuckers, P38; Dodge City, Indian Country; Fort Apache; Anderson Trail; Highway 1; LZ; Rocket Belt; Burnin' Shit-ers; GI #1 – VC #10; 'Bush; Puff; Parachute Flares; Red and White Tracers; Popping Smoke; Parasites; Dogpatch; Sunday Package . . . more should come to mind!

Submitted by Dennis Freed



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Lima 3/5 Financial Report July 1, 2011

THE GENERAL FUND:

Balance Total July 1, 2010.....\$ 9,454.08

Balance General Fund July 1, 2010.....\$ 6,952.08

Income

General Fund.....	\$ 915.00
Banquet	\$ 3,840.00
Shirt Sales	\$ 1,265.00
Raffle.....	\$ 656.00
Silent Auction.....	\$ 739.00
Total	\$ 7,415.00

General Fund Total.....\$14,367.08

Expenses

Newsletter Postage.....	\$ 675.00
Reunion Banquet.....	\$ 3,892.69
Hospitality Room.....	\$ 1,481.66
Shirts	\$ 1,320.00
Raffle Items.....	\$ 136.43
Checks.....	\$ 25.45
Total	\$ 7,531.23

Balance General Fund July 1, 2011.....\$ 6,835.85

OPERATION REACHOUT:

Operation Reachout

Balance July 1, 2010.....	\$ 2,502.00
Donations	\$ 520.00
Total	\$ 3,022.00

New Balance July 1, 2011.....\$ 9,857.85

Reunion 2012?

Joe McLaughlin has been working out the details for Reunion 2012. The Virginia Beach - Norfolk area of Virginia has proved to be cost prohibitive. Room rates have been in the \$155.00 range and several of the hotels have already been booked for the month of June. The Hastings 3/5 Battalion Reunion was held in Fredericksburg at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center a few years ago. Joe can secure a \$85.00 room rate if this is acceptable. The web page for the Hotel is fredericksburghospitalityhouse.com. Call Joe at 540-455-9273 or e-mail joespappap@comcast.net if you have any other ideas.



Dan -

I just wanted to tell you how much fun I had helping out with this year's reunion. I am not a public speaker, and I froze at the banquet when in front of the mike. What I wanted to say was how honored I was to be there. How honored I was to have just been a small part of putting together the reunion for, in my opinion, some of the BEST MEN in the world!

I joined the Marine Corps mainly to understand my own father a little better. Little did I know what I was getting into. HA!

This is my seventh reunion. And honestly these reunions have helped me understand my dad more than anything. He begins talking about the next reunion the day after the current one ends. I remember coming to the reunion in Florida, my son only 2. I sat and listened to a lot of you guys just talk about what they went through in Vietnam. I looked thru pictures of the war. I will never ever forget those stories. I will never fully understand the feelings that you all still feel to this day, but I do understand the need for each other. I do understand how this company, Lima 3/5, has helped my Dad get back on his feet. My Dad and I were not very close the years before I joined the Marine Corps. Today, we have never been closer! I accept him for the GREAT MAN that he is! The reunion has done this for me. I just wanted to say, that even though I am only a daughter of a Marine who served in Lima 3/5, that I will do anything I can to keep this reunion going for years to come. I see how much good it does for my own dad, it has to do the same for others. I am a bookkeeper, I work in an accounting office, I do tax returns. I am treasurer of the PTA at my sons school. I am handy with the computer. I am here to help. I will be by my dad's side always. If there is anything that you need, please do not hesitate to ask. It would be an honor to help.

C U next year!

Sincerely, Sonya Keller

Thank you to everyone who attended the Chattanooga reunion. It was an honor for me, my family and the City of Chattanooga to host the greatest company the Marines has ever put together; one of discipline and respect even in war. Jim Gullage, "Alabama" always wanted to host a reunion. Perhaps we could dedicate the next southern reunion to "Alabama", Capt. Bob Snowdon and all of the Marines we have lost.

I hope to see you'all in Virginia Beach next year for a bigger & better reunion.

Jerry Stanfield



2011 Chattanooga Reunion in Review



Hospitality Room opened on Tuesday in the Pennsylvania Station. It was an old bar converted into our Hospitality Room. **Al Nidever, George McConnell** and **Joe Pollicino** looking at some of the archive material.



There was plenty of room at the bar **George McConnell, Dennis Freed, Joe Pollicino, Larry Goldsmith** and **Rich Hoffman** look over Joe's Vietnam photo album.



The girls take a break after sightseeing **Joyce Pollicino, Gail Hoffman, Marilyn Nordmann** and **Penny DeLaGarza** resting by the pool.



The Pool was right outside the door. **Dan Cantrell, Bob and Jeanie Stockham** and **Tony Grant** enjoying the sunshine.



Or you could overflow to the tables down the stairs.



And it seems like the Brass always get the girls. **Debra, Sharon** and **MaryAnne** getting a hug from **Col. John MacNamee**, Lima Co. 1970. It's his first Reunion and look at the love he gets.

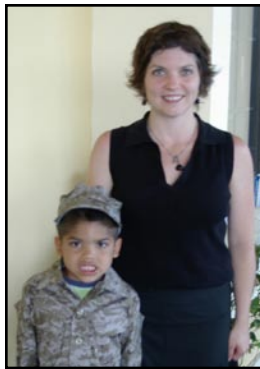


Al Hasselbach brought a propaganda banner home from Vietnam in 1967. **Joe Pollicino**, **Al Hasselbach**, **Horace Martin** and **Leo Hand** looking at a piece of Lima 3/5 history.



Dan Nordmann opened the Business Meeting Saturday morning and almost everyone was there. After introduction of the 5 new guys, and Corpsmen, a moment of silence was dedicated to 3 of our Fallen Brothers who passed away since the last Reunion:

Nick Douzanis, **Ron Miller** and **Ernie Senez**. **Sgt. Major Al Ross** presented the Gunny Ross Award to Dan Nordmann for unselfish service to Lima 3/5. The Gunny Ross Award was presented for the first time to **Sgt. Major Ross** by **James Haddaway** at the 2006 San Diego Reunion.



Jerry Stanfield's grandson **Jackson** sporting his USMC haircut.

Sharon and **Jerry Stanfield** were wonderful hosts for this year's Reunion. Jerry's daughter **Sonya** lives in the Chattanooga area, and worked with the hotel and did an excellent job. (You would think that somewhere in the pictures I took that I would have captured Sonya in at least one. This is a picture of Sonya and Jackson from the Charleston Reunion in 2009. Her hair is longer now.) Sharon ran the bar and did an outstanding job. Sonya put together a Pig Pull Luncheon on Friday. The Stanfield Clan was all the entertainment at Happy Hour before the Banquet. And the Banquet was a feast.

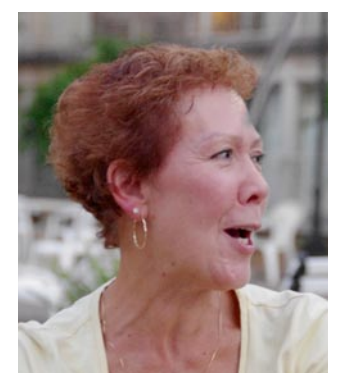
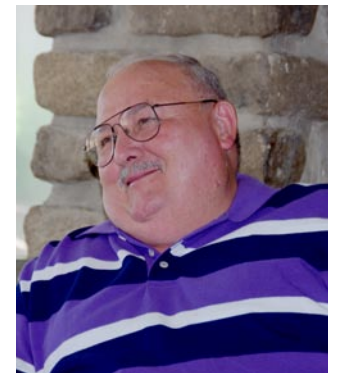
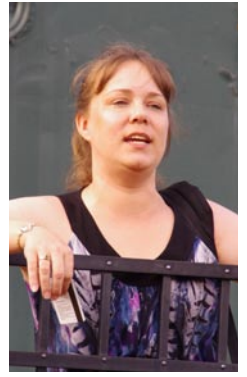


Larry Goldsmith and **Dave Petchel** made my day. They filled me in on some more details of Friday the 13th, 1968. Dave got the guys who shot me and was wounded and med-evaked on the same chopper with me.



Rich Hoffman and **Joe Pollicino** welcomed **Delone Sentel** to his first Reunion. Joe and Delone were in the same squad in 67-68.





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