

Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



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REUNION INVITATION

Go West, not so Young Marines and Corpsmen, Go West... The Valley of the Sun Awaits You!

For well over a decade now, our annual reunions have been held on the East Coast, in the Mid-west and the South. This year, the 2016 Lima 3/5 Reunion will be held in scenic Scottsdale, Arizona from June 13-18th at the Doubletree Resort. We hope this year's reunion location will attract more of our Lima 3/5 Viet Nam Veterans and their families and friends who live in the Western States.

The Scottsdale and the Phoenix area have an abundance of shopping venues, family entertainment, golf and other sporting activities, as well as hundreds of restaurants. Moreover, if you like your women hot, bring them to Scottsdale. The average afternoon June temperatures will be in the 90's with low humidity. But not to worry, the hotel has two great swimming pools and provides food and beverage services poolside. Also, Scottsdale's Fashion Square has been rated as one of the best shopping malls in the Southwest, and downtown "Old town" Scottsdale offers a large variety shops and places to eat.

While the hotel does not provide a shuttle service from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, it does provide a complimentary shuttle service every hour on the hour to Fashion Square and Downtown Scottsdale, 10am to 10pm daily. The City of Scottsdale also provides a Free Trolley Service to resorts, to Downtown Scottsdale and Fashion Square. Several Indian Casinos are also located within a 15 minute drive from the hotel.

So to all of you West Coast Lima 3/5 Hollywood Marines and Corpsmen (and to you East Coast Lima 3/5 Paris Island Marines & Corpsmen as well), please accept this personal invitation to attend our 2016 Reunion, see old friends and enjoy Scottsdale and the Valley of the Sun. The 2016 Reunion will also mark the 50th year anniversary of the unit's deployment to Viet Nam and the 30th year that Lima 3/5 annual reunions have been held. Go West not so young Marines & Corpsman, Go West.

Please remember to register prior to May 14th, 2016 to assure your reunion rate and allow us to get an accurate head count for the banquet on the evening of June 18th. Your Reunion host, Tony Van Reusen, along with Rudy Abril and James "Doc" Gilbreath all reside in Arizona and can provide you with other information about other things to do and see in the *Grand Canyon State*. Hope to see you in June.

Semper Fi,
Tony

Doubletree Resort by Hilton Highlights

In room mini-bar refrigerators, complimentary coffee makers, wet or dry bars, ironing boards and irons, and hair dryer

Private patio or balcony of each guestroom

Work station with two telephone lines, executive chair and data port in each guestroom

Negotiated High Speed access for each guestroom

Full service fitness center with spa services and amenities

Tennis courts, Racquetball courts, Water Volleyball, Water Basketball, Putting green Mini-beach

Gift Shop on site; Avis Car Rental Service, Self-service Business Center

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport with service from 13 major carriers is located approximately 13 miles from the resort with preferred airport transportation at \$35 per Lincoln Town Car or \$18 per person one-way for Super Shuttle (1-800-Blue Van or 258- 3826).

Warm delicious Doubletree Chocolate Chip Cookies at check-in!

Cable TV with pay-per-view and complementary HBO

Doubletree Resort Paradise Valley-Scottsdale

5401 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85250

Dial Direct (480) 947-5400

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Wayne Starcher's Vietnam Pictures 1966



Wayne Starcher



Dennis Rutherford & Bud Seacor



Phil Vangell



Rich Bartos Vietnam Pictures 1968





TO BE A MARINE....

Some people think we came from hell, others think we should all go there. Then there are the wise ones who are glad we are around.

So what does it take to be a **Marine**? I admit that you have to be a bit foolish, a little daring, somewhat adventurous, looking for a challenge and according to most parents, crazy. Why? Because. We are special. We train differently. We act differently. We think like no others. We take chances where others never would. We do more with less. We are overflowing with pride. We wear our uniform with pride. We hold our heads up high with pride and our families are proud of us. Our country respects us. There are those who are not fond of us and the enemy fears us. So, unless you've been a Marine, no one really understands us or what it takes to be a Marine. We are damn proud to be called "**Marine**".

You can find a former **Marine** in all walks of life. People say we're dummies, stupid, crazy, obnoxious, animals. They just don't know. I have met former **Marines** who are lawyers, doctor, artists, police captains, business owners and just about any profession you can imagine. And every former **Marine** I have met is just as proud now as when they were in the Corps.

Our ways in life and in combat are unconventional, unlike others, daring foolish or rude at times, impetuous, usually tough but always successful. We have been called, "America's 911". We know how to "take it" and we know how to "dish it out". We have gone through Boot Camp or OCS and became sensitive, caring and loving. Sensitive to what people say about us, caring for our fellow **Marine** and loving our **Corps and Country**.

The men and women of the **Marine Corps** are highly motivated and held in high esteem by those who love us, hate us and fear us. We have an ego the size of Texas and a history to back it up. No one can ever take that away from us because we have earned it. When you join the **Marine Corps**, it's because you want to be a **Marine**. I know.

Over the past century, we have been looked down upon, insulted, spat on, rejected, degraded, used, abused, exploited and taken advantage of. We love it! We can take it; that's what makes us a **Marine**. This is special treatment. We are respected and admired by other countries yet not in some social circles in our country. That is just fine because we shall be here, prepared to fight when our country needs us again. And we ask for nothing. That's what it takes to be a **Marine**.

Gen. George S. Patton could not have said it any better when he said, "The highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country." If it weren't for these crazy, foolhardy, vulgar, wild, gutsy, braggarts who joined the **Marine Corps**, we would not have a country, a free country. A free country that allows others to call us names. We have protected this country and died for you.

Thank you for that honor.

Semper Fi,

Anonymous Marine

REUNION 2016 SCOTTSDALE, AZ



June 13 thru 19, 2016

**DoubleTree Resort
By Hilton Hotels
Paradise Valley, Scottsdale, AZ**

**5401 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85250
480-947-5400**

Ask for Lima 3/5 Reunion

Room reservation deadline May 14th

Room rates are **\$79.00** for 2 Queen beds or a single King bed plus 14% tax.

Order by phone at **480-947-5400** and ask for the **Lima 3/5 Reunion rate**.

You can also order online at:

http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/P/PHXSJDT-L16-20160613/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Shuttle Service is available from Phoenix International and Scottsdale Airports for \$18

Things to do in Phoenix & Scottsdale

Desert Botanical Gardens
Heard Museum
Arizona Science Center
Phoenix Art Museum
Talking Stick Resort and Casino
Casino Arizona
Castles & Coasters Water Park
Wrigley Mansion Tours
Old Town Scottsdale
Rhythm Room Concert Club
Arizona Zoo
Scottsdale Train Park
Hiking Trails
Paradise Valley Shopping Mall
Fashion Square Shopping Mall
Kierland Commons Shopping Mall
Rawhide Steakhouse Chandler
50 Restaurants in Scottsdale
Golf
Chase One Ball Park Marlins 6/12 Dodgers 6/13-15

Hospitality Room will open on Monday June 13th. If you belong to any **service organizations** see if they will make a **donation for our Hospitality Room**. It will help to stock our bar and snacks.

Silent Auction will be Saturday after the Banquet. We are always looking for items to be donated. If you have anything to contribute, bring it to the Reunion or let me know and send it to me. The **Silent Auction, Raffle, and General Fund Contributions are our only source of income** for the Reunions.

The Banquet is Saturday June 18th. We really need to have a head count before June 13th. **Please let me know by sending the Reunion Order Form prior to arriving at the Reunion.**

Shirt Orders need to be sent to me by **May 9th** so that I can have them completed before I leave for the Reunion.

**Semper Fi and hope to see you at the Reunion,
Dan**

2016 SCOTTSDALE REUNION ORDER FORM

Advance orders only
Pick up at Reunion



**Shirt orders due
By May 9th.
SHIRT ORDERS
DUE BY
MAY 9th !!!!!**

Polo Shirts are White with Logo embroidered on left breast

Polo Shirt S, M, L, XL \$23 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

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

Pocket Polo Shirt S, M, L, XL \$26 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

Pocket Polo Shirt XXL, XXXL \$28 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

T-Shirts are White with Logo embroidered on left breast

T-Shirt S, M, L, XL \$18 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

T-Shirt XXL, XXXL \$21 ea. Size____ Qty.____ \$_____

Hats are Green with Logo on front and VSM Ribbon on back

Hats are adjustable \$20 ea. Qty.____ \$_____

\$8.00 Postage for shirt order
If not attending the Reunion \$_____

Total Shirt Order \$_____

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

Pre-Pay Banquet Dinner \$50 Per Adult (Children under 12 Free) . . . #____@ \$50 = \$_____

General Fund Contribution \$_____

Operation ReachOut Contribution \$_____

Total Shirt Order \$_____

Total for 2016 Scottsdale Reunion \$_____

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