

Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



VIETNAM 1966-1971

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MEMBERSHIP INFO

LOST ADDRESS

Rich Greenwood
St. Petersburg, FL

David Watson
Andover, MN

Bill Woodall
Sun City, CA

TAPS

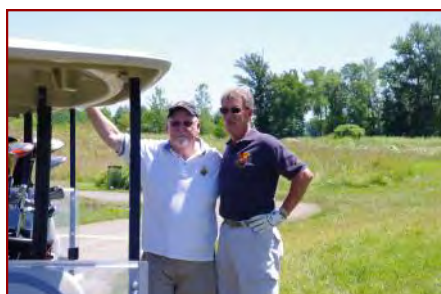
Rich Hoffman

Passed away on Feb 22, 2023

Rich served in Vietnam with Lima 3/5 from Nov 67 to Feb 68. He was a Cpl from Lima 3/5 and his MOS was 0311.

He was a Purple Heart on Feb 22, 1968.

Rich attended 18 Reunions with the Lima 3/5 Reunion.



RICH HOFFMAN

Richard R. Hoffman

May 30, 1949 ~ February 22, 2023 (age 73)

Tribute & Services
Tribute Wall

Tribute

Richard R. Hoffman, Sr. was born on May 30, 1949, in St. Louis, Missouri to Charles Hoffman and Christine Sales. He was number seven of ten children. Richard lived in St. Louis until he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1967. The Corps became an everlasting central part of Richard's life. He completed boot camp at Marine Base Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California, and arrived in Vietnam in November 1967. Richard was critically wounded on February 22, 1968, in Hue City, during the Tet Offensive, and was sent to Great Lakes Naval Hospital to recuperate. Richard was medically discharged from the Marine Corps and eventually worked at the Department of Veterans Affairs until he retired in 2000.

Richard was very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His positions included Past All State Commander and Past All State Quartermaster to VFW Post 3150 in Arlington, Virginia. He also maintained contact with, and attended many of his 3rd Battalion / 5th Marines / Lima Company annual reunions.

After a long illness, Richard passed away peacefully on February 22, 2023, at home with his wife by his side. He is survived by his wife, Gail Hoffman; his two sons, Richard Hoffman, Jr. (Dana Bell) and Michael Hoffman (Cristina Hoffman); grandchildren Lee Bell Hoffman and Austin Hoffman; his sisters Cindy Demma and Debbie Demma; and numerous nieces and nephews.



John Lyon Gazette Veterans of Foreign Wars John Lyon Post #3150

Richard R. Hoffman, 73, on 22 February, in Alexandria, after a long illness. Richard was Marine who served in Vietnam. An example of irony and Marine determination, Richard held out until it was exactly 55 years after he, as a young Marine serving with Lima Col., 3/5, was critically wounded during the Battle of Hue in Vietnam. Air Evaced to the U.S., in subsequent years he would celebrate it as his "Alive Day".

Richard was an All-State Post Commander in 2002-2003. His wife, Gail, was President at the same time; they were the only husband-wife team to lead Post 3150 since 1975-76. Together they earned the National Outstanding Community Service Award in 2003 and received the sign seen above, the only time Post 3150 has received that award. The sign currently hangs on the Post front door.

Richard was also All-State Quartermaster Ten rime between 1999 and 2013. He received the Virginia Quartermaster of the Year Award in 2011. And twice was an All-American Quartermaster. He also initiated the post's first website and made a number of changes to Post processes. As Past State Commander "Doc" Crouch put it, Richard "made a terrific impact on the Post over a large number of years." He will be greatly and sadly missed. Burial information is not yet available.

2023 SCOTTSDALE, AZ REUNION



Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort

5001 N Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

480-949-1414

Press 0 for front desk

Room Rates June 7th to 11th 2023

Hospitality Room June 7th to 11th, 2023

Wednesday thru Sunday

Order Phone

480-949-1414 press 0

**You have to register before
Sunday May 9th**

Room Rates are \$129.00

Plus 14.02% Tax - Aprox \$147.00

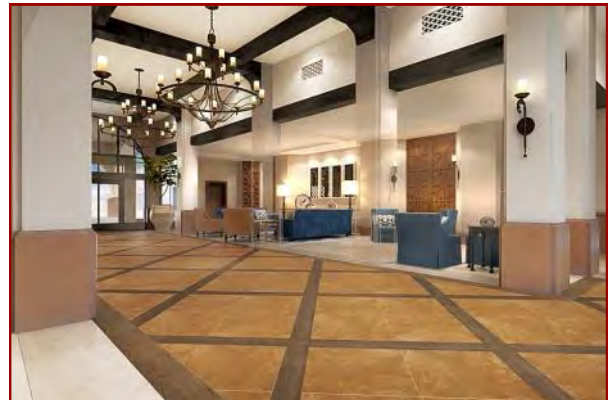
Order by Phone

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Use Group Name

Lima Company Reunion

**Register before Sunday
May 9th**



TONY VAN REUSEN AT SCOTTSDALE, AZ

2023 Lima 3/5 Reunion Scottsdale, Arizona

The 2023 Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion (Viet Nam 1966-71) will be held June 7-11, 2023 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort located at 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. The room rate is \$129 per night for two guests plus state and local taxes (currently 14.02 % subject to change). An additional charge of \$15 will be added to triple occupancy and \$30 will be added for quadruple occupancy for each additional adult in a guest room. For our reunion, a daily resort fee of \$25 dollars per room per night, which is subject to tax has been waived. This room rate is offered three days pre/post our reunion based on the hotel's group room availability. The hotel does not provide a shuttle to and from Sky Harbor Phoenix International Airport.

To make your reservation please call **1-800-362-2779**. **Be sure to refer to the Lima Company Reunion to secure this special group rate. The cut-off date for receipt of reservations will be May 9th, 2023.** ANY RESERVATION REQUEST AFTER THIS DATE IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND WILL BE OFFERED AT THE PREVAILING RATE. In short, be sure to make your reservation for the reunion by the cut-off date.

All guest rooms are two (2) room suites (500 sq. ft.). Each basic guest room will include internet access, two bottles of water daily. The venue includes self-parking, use of resort bicycles, 10% off any purchase of \$50 or more in the hotel restaurant, and free local and toll free phone calls. The Embassy Suites accepts and awards Hilton Honors Points. In addition, we'll have access to complimentary full cooked to order breakfast daily, a complimentary evening reception, and a complimentary 24 hour state of the art fitness center. Tony Van Reusen is this year's reunion host. Feel free to call him at 661-331-6485 should you have any questions.

The Phoenix/Scottsdale area offers a variety of attractions and activities including golf, shopping and hiking. The following are available during your reunion visit:

Taliesin West-Frank Lloyd Wright Desert Workshop (60 minute tour)
Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center – Arizona desert wildlife
Old Town Scottsdale-Shops, Art Galleries, horse cart tours, restaurants
McDowell Sonoran Preserve –Gateway Loop trail; slightly challenging bring water
McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park –McCormick Ranch
Pinnacle Peak Park- Hiking
Butterfly Wonderland
Western Spirit: Scottsdale Museum of the West
Tom's Thumb Trailhead –challenging hiking
Scottsdale Fashion Square-Medium to high end shopping and restaurants
Penske Racing Museum –Scottsdale –lots of racing cars on display
Odysea Aquarium
Kirkland Commons – Line stores and restaurants
Phoenix Zoo
Papago Park-hiking trails
Main Street Arts District- Scottsdale
Talking Stick and Arizona Casinos
Great Wolf Lodge Water Park
Heard Indian Museum-Downtown Phoenix

As you can tell, lots to do and see while you attend this year's reunion, so be sure meet the reservation deadline with the Embassy Suites. See you in Scottsdale.

SCOTTSDALE REUNION ORDER FORM

**Advance orders only Pick up at the Reunion
Send order by May 1, 2023**

Polo Shirts are Maroon Moisture Wicking, with the USMC Logo embroidered on the Front left breast and the Vietnam Ribbon on the left sleeve.

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

Polo Shirt XXL, XXXL \$26 ea. Size____ Qty____ \$ _____

T-Shirts are Maroon with Silk Screened 3/5 Logo on the Front left breast.

T-Shirt S, M, L, XL \$20 ea, Size____ Qty____ \$ _____

T-Shirt XXL, XXXL \$22 ea. Size____ Qty____ \$ _____

Hats are Maroon with Logo on the Front and VSM ribbon on the Back

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

\$10.00 Postage for shirt order if not attending Reunion \$ _____

Total Shirt & Hat Order \$ _____

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

General Fund \$ _____

Total Shirts & Hat Order \$ _____

Total for 2023 Scottsville Reunion \$ _____

I need the Order Form by May 1st so I can order the shirts & hats.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

**Make checks payable to
Dan Nordmann**

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TED CRISP

The Hill of the Bouncing Light

We were on a search and destroy operation in the mountains. It was night and we were set up in a company 360 degree defensive perimeter. Some troops noticed a strange light on the hill next to us. Strange, because it was an enemy occupied hill. The light looked like it was bouncing up and down. We finally figured out that it was an enemy soldier walking down the hill on a path with a flashlight and every step he took down the hill made it look like his light was bouncing. The Forward Observer (Officer in charge of calling in artillery on the enemy) said he was going to call in an artillery fire mission on the bouncing light. He called for a Phosphorus marking round to be fired and then he would adjust the coordinates depending on where the round landed. It landed way too high so he called for a 100 meter down adjustment. Still too high. At this time the light started to bounce faster. The soldier was descending the hill at a faster rate. After the next Phosphorus round landed closer, the light really started to bounce faster. He was now running down the hill. One more adjustment from the F.O. and he said "fire for effect" and then six to eight 155 millimeter cannons let loose their deadly salvo of explosive rounds. At that moment the bouncing light then turned to the left went a few yards and then shut off his light (he finally got smart) but just then the position he was in erupted into a tremendous fireball of explosions. We never did go over to the next hill to check it out as it was too dangerous on the enemy mountain.

**It is stupid to carry a flashlight on at night in enemy territory.
Friend or Enemy**

Ouija Board

On a ten day leave for Christmas in 1968, I returned to my home in Saginaw, Michigan. I went over to visit my best friend's Mother and Father. She was playing with an Ouija Board (a game by Parker Brothers used by occultists to contact the spirit world). She asked me if I was interested in asking the spirit of the board a question. After one solid year of training in the military for the infantry and having received orders to report to Viet Nam, what question do you think I would want to ask it? Am I going to make it back alive from Viet Nam?

The planchette

(A heart shaped moveable indicator) moved to **no!**

The proof is in the pudding.

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