

Lima Co. 3/5

VIETNAM 1966-1971



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Lima Company



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**Lima Co. 3 / 5 / 1 ❖ 39th Reunion
Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport
June 5 - 9, 2024, St. Louis, Missouri**



SEMPER FIDELIS

ST. LOUIS REUNION

LOCATION

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel St. Louis - Westport
1973 Craigshire Road
Saint Louis, Missouri, 63146

Phone: 314-434-0100

Webpage: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/stlwpdt-doubletree-st-louis-westport/>

Check-In 4:00 pm / Check-Out 11:00 am

RESERVATIONS

Due-By Date: May 15, 2024

Cost: \$135/night + %15.988 tax = \$156.58

Order by Phone: 314-434-0100

Reference Group Name: Lima 3 / 5 Reunion

Lima 3/5 has a block of 30 rooms;
Call now so you don't miss out.

AMENITIES

Connecting Rooms

Free parking

Non-smoking rooms

Digital Key

Airport shuttle

On-site restaurant

Indoor pool

Fitness center

Room service

Business center

Meeting rooms

Pets not allowed



ST. LOUIS REUNION ❖ JUNE 5 — 9, 2024

Advance orders only ❖ Pick up at the Reunion

➔ Order must be received by May 1, 2024 ➔

Polo Shirts are Silver, 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 Silver 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 Green with Logo on the Front and VSM ribbon on the Back

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

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

Total Shirt & Hat Order \$ _____

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

General Fund (contribution) \$ _____

Total Shirts & Hat Order \$ _____

TOTAL FOR 2024 ST LOUIS REUNION \$ _____

★★★ ORDER FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1ST ★★★

**Make check payable to:
Dennis Freed**

**Send Order Form to:
Dennis Freed
24665 Via Tonada
Lake Forest, CA 92630
949-351-4718
dennisfreed@cox.net**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

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

E-Mail _____

LIMA 3/5 ADMINISTRATION

Dennis Freed (Lake Forest, CA) — Treasurer



Dennis will assume duties as Treasurer and will be available to assist wherever needed. He has attended 20 reunions over the years and hosted 3 reunions in San Diego. Dennis arrived in Vietnam in July 1967 as an 0311 and was assigned to Lima Co., then in Tam Ky, as an Operation Union II replacement. He moved on to An Hoa and was on Swift and other named and un-named operations in and around Indian Country, Goi Noi Island, Hills 55, 41 and 63. Dennis concluded his Vietnam vacation at Hue City in February 1968, when he failed to outrun a grenade.

David Acton (Chittenango, NY) — Newsletter Coordinator



I enlisted in November 1968 and earned the title "Marine" at Parris Island in January 1969, along with my first promotion. At AIT, I became an 0341 mortarman. Landed at Da Nang on July 5th 1969 and was assigned to the 81 mm mortar platoon, H&S Co., 2/3/3. Three months later, the Third Marine Division was withdrawn from Vietnam, but I was too "green," and was reassigned to the 60 mm mortar squad, Lima Co, 3/5/1. The day I arrived, the radio operator for the 60's left for R&R; the squad leader asked "How would like to run the radio?" Was it really a question? Or more like "Hey FNG, you're gonna run the radio." A week later, the returning radio operator got a job in the rear and I stayed on as the 60's radioman. Around February or March I became the Skipper's radio operator, Capt. MacNamee, call sign "Lima Six." I finished my tour in June of '70 as a sergeant and was released from active duty on July 3rd at Camp Pendleton; had a pretty good Independence Day on the 4th!

Dan Cantrell (Bellingham, WA) — Website Administrator



I joined Lima's mortar squad in July 1968 and spent 12 months, 26 days hiking and camping in the I-Corps. I left Lima Co. in the bush during operation Durham Peak, choppered off that no-name mountain-top in the Que Son mountain range. Within 2 weeks I was a civilian, back in the land of the big PX to start my new life. I thought I was done with Vietnam, but in less than 2 weeks, I came down with my first case of malaria... Nam wasn't going to let me go that easily. A brotherhood was forged in the jungles of Nam, which I came to understand and would never want to leave that behind. I'm honored to serve with the men in Lima Company and count it as one of my finest experiences.

COMPANY MEMBERSHIP

TAPS

DAVID ALLEN NIXA



Born April 8, 1947; Died June 19, 2023

Rank: Corporal

Awards: Purple Heart

Obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/hartfordcourant/name/david-nixa->

ROBERT 'HANK' HENRY



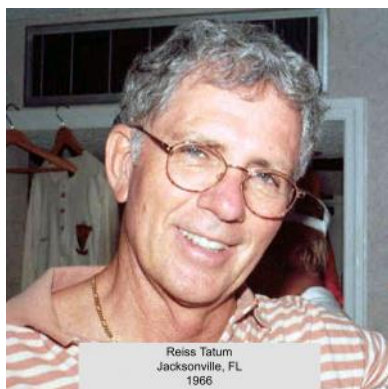
Robert 'Hank' Henry passed away July 14, 2023 in St. Petersburg, FL. Hank was under the care of the VA and died of Agent Orange related issues. There will be no funeral or memorial services. His ashes will be spread in Boca Ciega Bay, St. Petersburg and in his home state of Washington. Condolences may be email or texted to Hank's sister Diane Roehrich at dianemarier@comcast.net or (360) 584-4579. Hank was, for many years, the key to holding Lima Company together and putting on the reunions. We Marines and Corpsmen all owe him a great debt for his dedication to Lima Company 3/5 Vietnam Veterans. RIP Hank, you will be missed. (Submitted by Dennis Freed)

Rank: Corporal

WIA: 29-July-68 & 30-Nov-68

Awards: Bronze Star

REISS TATUM



Born Feb. 18, 1940; Died July 20, 2023
Captain & Lima Co. Commanding Officer

Awards: Bronze Star w/ Combat V

Obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/jacksonville-fl/reiss-tatum-11378306>

FRANK JOSEPH REICHERT

Died September 15, 2023

Rank: Corporal

WIA: 01-Dec-68 & 12-May-69

(More information will be provided
when it becomes available)

HAPPY 248TH BIRTHDAY, MARINES

The traditional celebration includes a reading of Order 47:

MARINE CORPS ORDERS

No. 47 (Series 1921)

HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS

Washington, November 1, 1921

759. The following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November, 1921, it will be read upon receipt.

- (1) On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine." In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.
- (2) The record of our Corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.
- (3) In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.
- (4) This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General
Commandant
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10 November 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

For 248 years, Marines have earned a reputation as the most disciplined and lethal warfighters in the world. This legacy of honor, courage, and commitment passed on to us was paid for in sweat, blood, and sacrifice. From Belleau Wood to Inchon and Tarawa to Sangin, Marines have stepped forward to defend our Constitution when others either could not or would not. Our history is filled with heroes like Chief Warrant Officer 4 Hershel "Woody" Williams, Private First Class Hector Cafferata Jr., Sergeant Major Dan Daly, and thousands of others who performed acts of bravery which went unseen in the heat of battle. We stand on the shoulders of these Marines, and we owe it to them to earn our title "Marine" each and every day.

Marines have given, and have been willing to give, their lives for Country and Corps in every fight our Nation has entered. Our actions turned back the tide of tyranny in Europe during the Great War, defeated fascism in Asia during World War II, fought for democracy in Korea and Vietnam, and offered the hope of self-determination in the Middle East. We go to war whenever our Nation calls, and in the interwar periods we train, we prepare, and we innovate. We have chosen a life of service and sacrifice — an honorable life that has meaning. We sacrifice so our fellow citizens don't have to, and we seek nothing in return but a chance to be first to fight. Most will never understand why we choose to attack when others do not, why we revel in being covered in mud, why we snap to attention when "The Marines' Hymn" is played, or why we say, "Ooh Rah." We understand it, and this message is for us, for the Marines.

As Marines, we live on a war footing because someone must. This means that we ruthlessly adhere to our standards of excellence — Marine standards — as we know this will best prepare us for the wars of the future. Our high standards are a prerequisite of professional warfighting, and how we keep our honor clean in the cauldron of combat. They prepare us for the most difficult mission there is: fighting from and returning to the sea. Most importantly they shape our unique Marine culture which is respected at home and across the globe.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric M. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps