

LIMA CO. 3/5/1 MARINES



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**



EXPLORE ST. LOUIS

↓ (click on the link below) ↓

[2024 EXPLORE ST LOUIS VISITORS GUIDE](#)

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ST. LOUIS REUNION

LOCATION

[DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel St. Louis - Westport](#)
[1973 Craigshire Road](#)
[Saint Louis, Missouri, 63146](#)

Phone: 314-434-0100

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.



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 _____

COMPANY MEMBERSHIP



TAPS



LCPL DUANE BOLANDER

Died 07/25/2022

Lima Co: Oct '67 - Aug '68

MOS: 0311/0331

WIA: Unknown

Awards: Unknown

Reunions: 0



"While reading Captain Snowden's diary for 21 September 1968, I found that this Marine's name wasn't on our memorial. Many of us still remember this day. LCPL Laurence E. Garron will be added to the memorial wall on our [website](#).

I didn't know this Marine, but hopefully somebody will remember him. You can find his name on the Vietnam Memorial Wall by clicking [here](#)".

LCPL Garron served with Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Third Marine Amphibious Force and was attached to Lima Company at the time of his death.

Submitted by Dan Cantrell



CAPT. JAMES SIMS

Died 02/05/2023

Lima Co: May '66 – Mar '67

MOS: 0302

WIA: Yes

Awards: Numerous (see obituary)

Reunions: 0

LOST CONTACT

William Brooks ↔ Bronx, NY

John Conley ↔ Bartlesville, OK

Thomas Adams ↔ Buckhannon, WV

John Conley ↔ Bartlesville, OK

Rick "Bo" Greenwood ↔ St. Petersburg, FL

Dave Peters ↔ Mountaintop, PA

Robert Sinor ↔ Norman, OK

David Miller ↔ Loveland, OH

Frank Ambrose ↔ Melbourne, FL

Robert "Nick" Fogress ↔ Fredericktown, OH

David Miller ↔ Loveland, OH

Gerald Gordon ↔ Beaumont, TX

Robert Goodlow ↔ Westland, MI

Truths and Myths about the Vietnam War

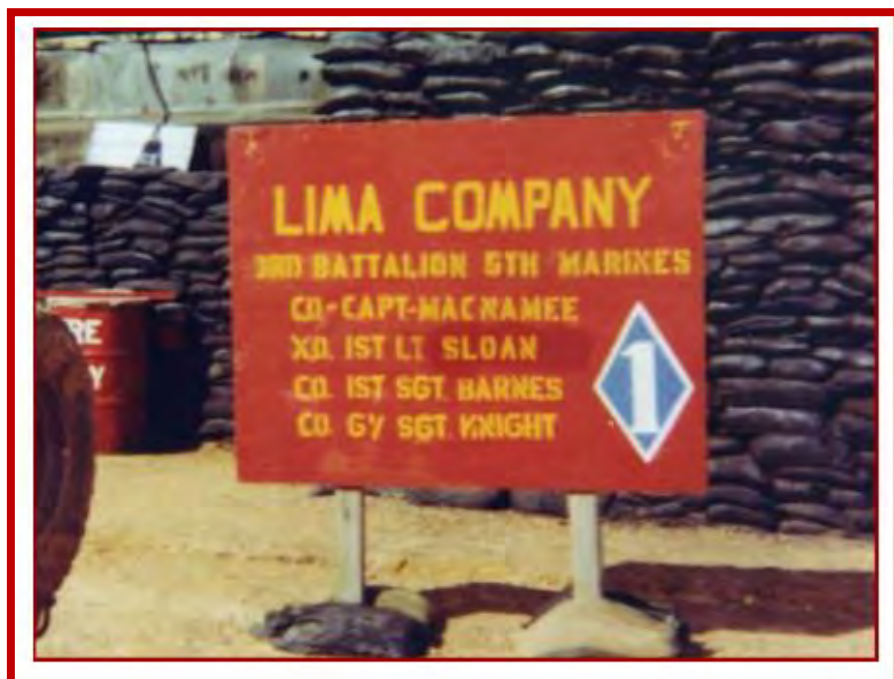
"The [Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association Foundation](#) is proud to present a new 47-minute documentary film, entitled **"Truths and Myths About the Vietnam War"** with an introduction by actor Sam Elliott.

The purpose of this film is to honor those who served in the Vietnam War, by providing factual information to address the decades of misinformation that has presented a skewed historical perspective of the war.

We believe this a very important and long overdue film, one that captures the information and lessons learned most Vietnam War veterans want reported about the war.

As Vietnam veterans, we consider this film to be our enduring legacy for future generations. To view or download this long overdue film, please click on the following link below."

[Truths & Myths video link](#)



ST. LOUIS REUNION ❖ JUNE 5 — 9, 2024

TIME MARCHES ON—AND SO DO MARINES. **65 DAYS** UNTIL THE START OF FESTIVITIES. MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS, TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND SUBMIT YOUR REUNION ORDER FORM.

Lima Company
3RD Battalion, 5TH Marine Regiment, 1ST Marine Division

39th Annual Reunion of Service During the Vietnam War
June 5-9, 2024

Doubletree Hotel, St. Louis, MO

	NAME	REUNIONS	MOS	RVN DATES	PURPLE HEARTS	RANK	STATE
1	Freed, Dennis/Norma	18	0311	67/68	1	CPL	CA
2	Dreksler, James	9	0311	70/71	0	L/CPL	FL
3	Acton, David/Sallie	4	0341	69/70	0	SGT	NY
4	Thomas, Wesley	3	0341	66	0	S/SGT	PA
5	Dean, Kenny/Jackie	3	0311	67/68	1	L/CPL	OH
6	Hartog, James	Lima 3/5 Friend					MO
7	Flayler, Paul	12	0351	70/71	0	L/CPL	MO
8	Cantrell, Dan/Anne	20	0341	68/69	0	CPL	WA
9	Hand, Leo/Mary Anne	18	0311	68/69	1	L/CPL	TX
10	Brown, James	9	0351	69/70	0	SGT	TX
11	Nordmann, Dan/Mary Ann	23	0331	68	2	L/CPL	MO
12	Pollicino, Joe/Joyce	24	0311	67/68	1	CPL	NY
13	Kabitsch, Carl H.	14	0311	66/67	0	CPL	KY
14	Banks, Bob	15	0311	69/70	1	CPL	TX
15	Carleton, JC	21	0311	69/70	1	PFC	FL
16	Van Reusen, Tony	21	0331	67/68	1	CPL	AZ
17	Andrulewicz, James	18	0331	67/69	2	CPL	IL
18	Templeton, John	6	1371	66	1	CPL	AR
19	Clark, Bill	15	0311	66/67	1	CPL	TX
20	Shaughnessy, Kevin	19	0311	66/67	0	CPL	FL
21	Thurman, Robert	0	0311	66	0	CPL	CO
22	Manifold, Donald	4	0311	69/70	0	L/CPL	MD
23	Bergeron, Stephen	5	8404	69	0	HN	MT
24	Bragole, Jerry	11	0369	66	1	SGT	AZ
25	Dyer, Thomas "TJ"	12	0341	68/69	0	CPL	TX
26	Illbeckl, Keith	1	0331	69/70	0	CPL	WI

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LIST OF ATTRACTIONS & RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA (Provided by Mary Ann Nordmann)

Attractions:

Maryland Heights Aquaport – 5 miles
Hollywood Casino and Amphitheater – 12 miles
Ameristar Casino – 12 miles
West County Mall – 9 miles
Streets of St Charles – 9 miles
Old town St Charle – 12 miles
The Quarry Golf Course – 10 miles
Creve Couer Golf Course – 10 miles
The Landings Golf Course – 20 miles

Restaurants:

Westport Plaza has several restaurants – 1 mile
The Bistro – 1.5 miles
Denny's – 3 miles
Waffle House – 3 miles
Sybers – 3 miles
Pasta House – 2.5 miles

Also explore St. Louis by clicking here: [2024 EXPLORE ST LOUIS VISITORS GUIDE](#)

And the St. Louis Cardinals: [June Schedule](#) Playing the Colorado Rockies, June 6 thru 9
CJ Carleton is going Friday night; anyone else up for the game?

Robert "Hank" Henry loved Lima Company, he served as the newsletter editor for many years. To honor Hank's memory and his strong ties to Lima Company, Hank's sister, Diane, made a substantial contribution to our General Fund and has given two "Hank" creations for the silent auction at this year's reunion.

THANK YOU DIANE!



COMPANY STORIES



This photo is from the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery on Saturday, March 23, 2024. The lady is from the [Vietnam Unforgettable Memories Foundation](#).

Jim Carleton

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REUNION 2025

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*I NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS... **YOU, YOU AND YOU**... ONE STEP FORWARD!*

AYE-AYE, SIR!

LIMA COMPANY 3/5 MARINES, CORPSMEN and ASSOCIATES

Now is the time to give consideration to hosting our **40TH ANNUAL REUNION IN 2025**, that's right folks, the **BIG FOUR-O**. Volunteers are needed to make this a reality. Yes, it's over a year away, but that means there is plenty of time to make it happen. I hope... no, no... WE hope that there will be two or three proposals for our 40th reunion, presented this June during our business meeting at the St. Louis reunion.

Below are bullet points to help plan and organize a reunion.

Host responsibilities (that's you):

HOTEL

- Close to a metropolitan airport (hopefully)
- Preferably has airport shuttle service
- Clean modern rooms and related facilities (that's what we want)
- Not undergoing major renovations or construction (a real no-no)
- Offers a reasonable group room rate; the room rate for the last 10 reunions averaged \$116 + tax = \$130; shoot for no more than \$150 total
- Preferably has on-site dining facilities, if not, then near-by restaurants within walking distance
- Banquet room for our exclusive use on Saturday night
- Hospitality room, at no additional charge, for our exclusive use, all day Wednesday through Saturday; stock the hospitality room with soda, beer, wine and liquor; **you will be reimbursed** based on purchase receipts (or talk with Dennis for different arrangements)
- On-site parking at no additional cost

BANQUET

- Food service to include two or more main course dishes, several side dishes and dessert
- Bar service during the entire banquet; non-alcoholic drinks, beer, wine and liquor
- Guest speaker
 - Active or retired military (preferably USMC); or
 - Someone with an interesting life story or awesome personal accomplishment
 - Reasonable speaker's fee (preferably none in exchange for a free dinner)
 - NO POLITICAL or IDEOLOGICAL AGENDA**
- Musical entertainment (optional); live music, DJ, or recorded

FLAG CEREMONY

- Arrange for an honor guard to present the National and Marine Corps colors
- FOR COLOR GUARDS (OUTSIDE OF 60 MILES OF A MARINE CORPS INSTALLATION):
 - Download the [DD 2536 form](#)
 - Complete the form and forward to the Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES) Community Relations at mfrcomrel@usmc.mil

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LOCAL ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT (Helpful, but not necessary)

Provide information about local activities or entertainment that reunion attendees might enjoy; examples are:

- Major or minor league baseball
- Museums – science, history, art, entertainment, military, etc.
- Historical sites to tour
- Botanical garden
- Scenic tours; walking, driving, bus, boat
- Golf Courses

The local office of tourism can be a good resource

REUNION 2025 OBSERVATIONS

“I personally feel like we should have our last reunion in Florida in honor of Captain Snowden, Hank and Skip, since they were the ones that started the reunions ...just my thoughts.” Submitted by Ken and Sherry Carman

(Editors note: No one said 2025 will be our last reunion, but the reality is we are all old men, at least 71 years of age, many approaching 80, so the 2025 reunion should be special, a blowout... what do you think? How will you help to make it special?)

This chart shows the attendance of Marines & Corpsmen at Lima Co. 3/5 reunions from 2000 to 2023. Early on, there were close to 80 of us, but now we number between 20 to 40; attendance is dropping due to age and health issues. As of late March, there are 26 signed up for the 2024 St. Louis reunion. As I see it, the 2025 reunion—our 40th—is a big deal and let’s make it a big deal—no time left for saying “I wish I had gone.”

NOW OR NEVER.

