

LIMA CO. 3/5/1 MARINES



VIETNAM 1966-1971

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Lima Company



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**39th Annual Reunion
June 5 - 9, 2024, St. Louis, Missouri**



29 MARINES & 3 CORPSMEN

Oorah... Leathernecks forever!

SEMPER FIDELIS

COMPANY MEMBERSHIP



TAPS



[Jerry W Vess](#)

Died 12/27/2023

Lima Co: Dates Unknown

MOS: Unknown

WIA: Yes, three times

Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star

Navy Achievement Medal

Reunions: Unknown



LIMA 3/5

ROSTER

LIMA 3/5



Dan Cantrell and I have put in many hours updating the company roster; finding the “Lost,” documenting “Deaths,” identifying “Relatives/Friends” and a number of other changes. The Lima 3/5 Roster now carries **643 names of Marines & Corpsmen** and 12 names of Relatives/Friends as shown below:

ACTIVE 391

LOST 64

DIED 186

DO NOT CONTACT 2

RELATIVE / FRIEND 12



LIMA 3/5

782 GEAR

LIMA 3/5



For a long time now, Dan and Mary Ann Nordmann have been sourcing our reunion hats, polos and tee shirts... it's time for them to rotate back to the WORLD. Dennis Freed, our money man, asks all ACTIVE Marines and Corpsmen to look for a supplier, near where you live, who can produce the same quality hats, polos and tee shirts at a reasonable price. Dennis suggests taking your 782 reunion gear to them when requesting a quote. We'll need about 45 units for next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis Freed
Treasurer

06/23/2024

Beginning Balance (end of 2023 reunion) \$7,597.63

Income:	Shirts & Banquet	\$8,098.00
	Raffle	655.00
	Silent Auction	<u>500.00</u>

Total Income: \$9,253.00

Beginning Balance + Income \$16,850.63

Expenses:	Banquet Dinner	\$4,747.86
	Shirts	2,168.70
	Hospitality/Misc	<u>1,015.01</u>

Total Expenses: \$7,931.57

Beginning Balance + Income	\$16,850.63
Less Expenses	<u>- 7,931.57</u>

Ending Balance (end of 2024 reunion) \$8,919.06

(Net increase of \$1,321.43 over ending balance of 2023 reunion)



Issuer: South Vietnam, Military Revolutionary Council 1963 - 1967

ST. LOUIS REUNION

EVERYONE RECEIVED A "WELCOME BAG" PACKED WITH GOODIES



Our Hosts ❖ Dan & Mary Ann Nordmann
with daughters Sandy, Marilyn and son Danny



★ "House Mouse" ★

Robert Oberkrom

Dan's brother-in-law and
a good friend of Lima 3/5

ST. LOUIS REUNION

BY THE NUMBERS



1966



1967



1968



1969



1970



1971

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ROLL CALL

(RED BORDER = 1ST REUNION)

Bill Clark
David Acton
Keith Illbeck



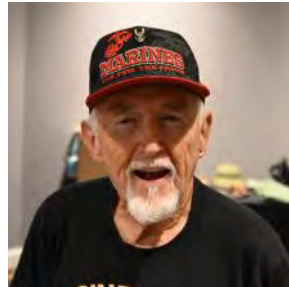
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Rob Thurman
Bob Banks



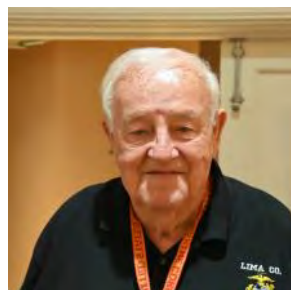
Dennis Freed
Kenny Dean
Ron House



George McConnell
Bob Bragole
Wes Thomas



Kevin Shaughnessy
Steve Bergeron
Al Brooks

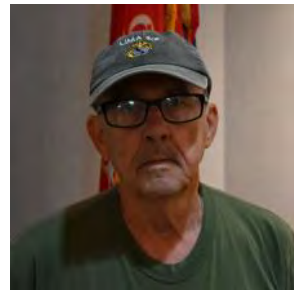
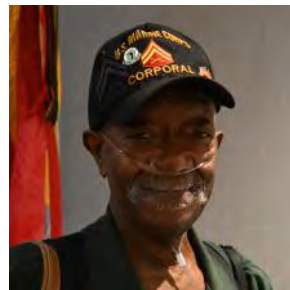
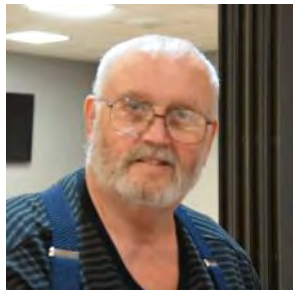


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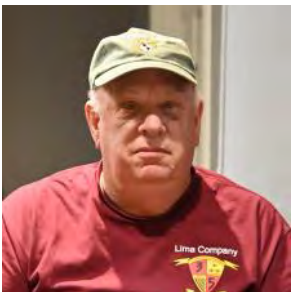
Carl Kabitsch
JC Carleton
Marty Schweiner



Ted Crisp
Connie Shuler
Jim Andrulewicz



Paul Flayler
Teddy Robinson
Dan Cantrell



Jim Dreksler
Pete Taylor
Tim Pell



Rich Prawdzienski
John Templeton
Dan Nordmann



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TJ Dyer
Ken Parkman
EGA



Saturday morning business meeting.



David Harvey's family:
Ginger Harvey (right)
Clint Harvey (son, left)
Bryce Allen (grandson) and
Tara Allen (daughter, both
center)



The Nordmann's celebrated their 54th
wedding anniversary during the reunion

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CORPSMEN UP!

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ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE

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COMPANY STORIES

GUNNY LOUCKS CHALLENGE COIN

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - DETACHMENT # 876



COMPANY STORIES

R & R STORY

Richard Prawdzienski prawdz@aol.com

My first Vietnam tour included a six-month extension, which resulted in two R&Rs - Taipei and Bangkok - I needed both! Then I volunteered for a second Vietnam tour with 1st MAW. This time R&R was in Sydney, a tad relaxing.

Sydney had happy hours, when happy hour ended, male Aussies left for other bars, but many young ladies stuck around to dance. Ladies taught me how to dance.

Went to Cocoa Beach to watch boat races, a young, beautiful blonde asked if I liked beer, told me about a nearby beach bar and she joined me to tip a few.

Went horseback riding in the country—the event came with steak and beer and fun.

Ladies were members of Clubs (casinos), when asked where to go - it was to theirs. Good food, good shows, more fun!

Did not have time to see tourist sites, I had to return to Vietnam.

Returning back to the States after 1st MAW tour, I did a delay in Honolulu; when I ran out of money, I got a ride home on a C130.

A lot of hard work and a little party... my life.

Ski with a P



REUNION 2025

LIMA COMPANY 3/5 MARINES, CORPSMEN and ASSOCIATES

YOU WILL REPORT FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNED DUTY (TAD) AT

MYRTLE BEACH, SC

(FIREBASE TO BE DETERMINED)

ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 4, 2025 AT 1800 HOURS.
YOUR TAD WILL TERMINATE AT 0100 HOURS ON SUNDAY JUNE 8, 2025.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!

ANYONE NOT PRESENT AT ROLL CALL EACH MORNING
WILL BE CONSIDERED ***AWOL***,
AND WHEN FOUND, WILL BUY THE COMPANY A ROUND OF DRINKS!

This chart shows the attendance of Marines & Corpsmen at Lima Co. 3/5 reunions from 2000 to 2024. 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. The 2025 reunion—our 40th—is a big deal, so let's make it a big deal—no time left for saying "I wish I had gone."

NOW OR NEVER!!!

