Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion

VIETNAM 1966-1971

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March 15, 2001 . . . Newsletter #60 . . . *on to the west coast BIG TIME!*

Marines, Corpsmen, Family and Friends of Lima 3/5: Get Ready For The Biggest Lima 3/5 Reunion EVER

Reunion Headquarters

GEE, we didn't expect this to happen!
But damn glad it did! Read this . . .
THE BIG NEWS: We booked 60 rooms in July 2000 for Reunion 2001 San Diego!
We SOLD OUT February 7th! We got 20 more, SOLD 13! Got 20 more, 27 left! 100 Rooms!
We are in unchartered waters, sailing smoothly with Captain Freed! All aboard?
This will be the BIGGEST Lima 3/5 Reunion EVER.
Reserve NOW! Reservation #101 Gets, "Sorry, we are full". Don't end up there.

San Diego is home to the largest military complex in the world!

DENNIS FREED

. . . has maxed out the program. Things to do? Drool on San Diego!
The Reunion has two days of activity . . . Friday and Saturday, the rest is your freedom.

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GUN REFRESHER COURSE

- Gun control is not about guns; it's about control.
- If guns are outlawed, can we use swords?
- If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
- If you don't know your rights, you don't have any.
- Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
- 64,999,987 firearm owners killed no one yesterday.
- Guns only have two enemies: Rust and Politicians.
- If guns cause Crime, then Matches cause Arson.
- You only have the rights you are willing to fight for.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE FIGHTS

Olie North vs James Webb

As Reported in an article in *USA Today*, a 60 year tradition lives on at the US Naval Academy in the form of the **Brigade Boxing Championships**. Some famous past participants – **Oliver North** was a 1967 Brigade Champion. North became a decorated Marine officer in Vietnam but is remembered most as the focus of national debate in the Iran-Contra affair of the 1980s. His foe in the 145-pound final: **James Webb**, who was awarded the Navy Cross, Silver Star and Bronze Star medals for heroism as a Marine in Vietnam. He became a best-selling author and Secretary of the Navy.

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February 7, 2001

Lt. Col. Jim Sinnott
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RE: FLAG PRESENTATION

Dear Lt. Col. Sinnott:

The Vietnam Veterans of Lima 3/5 take great pleasure in presenting to the officers and men of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division this Viet Cong/North Vietnamese Army Battle Flag captured by Lima Co. during operations in the I Corps Area of South Vietnam in 1967. The flag bears the signatures of many of the Lima 3/5 Vietnam Veterans who served at various times throughout the war. This flag symbolizes the fighting spirit of the Corps, and the tremendous pride we have in the men of 3/5 who continue to serve our Country and our Corps.

On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans of Lima 3/5 . . .

Semper Fidelis,

Dennis M. Freed
Cpl., USMC, 1967-69

FLAG PRESENTATION

Flanked by Battalion CO **LtCol Jim Sinnott** and **SgtMaj Mike Jones** are **Dennis Freed** & **Joe McLaughlin**, both '68 Hue City vets, posing with an NVA flag, signed by Hue City veterans and now dedicated to Lima 3/5 active duty for wall enshrinement at Lima 3/5 HQ. Dennis was WIA in Hue City . . . now he returns 33 years later as Reunion Host. Joe McLaughlin's Hue City heroics earned him publication in several novels and military publication magazines. Two tight ships.

Left to right: **3/5 CO LtCol Jim Sinnott**, **Dennis Freed**, **SgtMaj Mike Jones** and **Joe McLaughlin**.

Grunt work is good work . . . that's why we have the United States Marine Corps . . . so grunts have a home of their own, a place to work and a family to protect and care for . . . in the bush!

To those who have fought for it, Freedom has a taste the Protected will never know.

CONGRESS DECLARES ALL VIETNAM VETERANS WERE EXPOSED TO 'AGENT ORANGE'

Congress has declared ANY service member who served in Vietnam during 2/28/61 through 5/7/75 was exposed to Agent Orange and such exposure may have caused several types of cancer. Diagnosis of any of these conditions will be considered 'service-connected' by the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA).

The veteran may be entitled to compensation up to $2000 per month. If the veteran is retired from the military, this could change him or her to tax-free status. All Vietnam veterans should get a complete physical examination, compliments of VA.

If a Vietnam veteran is afflicted with the following, it will be 'service-connected:' lung cancer, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's disease, lymphoma and prostate cancer - even if it happens many years after service.

Call 1-800-827-1000 for a claim form and submit to the nearest VA facility. If difficulties are encountered, call your local Chapter (3rd Marine Division?), VFW Post, American Legion Post, Order of the Purple Heart, or any other service organization for free help.

REUNION 2001
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Hanalei Hotel
2270 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 297-1101

VIC KRULAK - Keynote Speaker
Vic Krulak, former 3/5 (Vietnam) Chaplain, has agreed to be our keynote speaker in San Diego.

REUNION DATES 2001

Basically . . .
June 12th thru June 17th
. . . however!

It's a buffet . . . how much of it do you want?

AMBUSH: Get here when you can and leave when you have to . . . that's cool!
GRUNT: Wednesday, June 13th and Thursday, Friday and Saturday . . . depart Sunday the 17th - 4 nights
GUNG HO: Tuesday, June 12th plus Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. and Sun. - depart Monday the 18th - 6 nights
HARD CORPS: No rules: Motel rates are good from Sunday the 10th thru Wednesday the 20th

RESERVATIONS: (800) 882-0858 say "LIMA 3/5 REUNION"
mstclair@hanaleihotel.com - Marla St. Clair, Sales Manager

HOTEL INFO

The DEADLINE for room reservations is when we book #100 . . .
Hotel parking is $6 for guests, $8 for not guests, $10 if you pay me!
Airport to motel transportation thru Cloud 9 Shuttle . . . $7 a head.

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Tuesday, June 11th:

All Day . . . • Vigil, awaiting the opening of the Hospitality Room

Wednesday, June 12th:

9 a.m. . . . • Open Hospitality Room, the Reunion hub, rooms 1132 & 1133

Thursday, June 13th:

8 a.m. . . . • Golfers, muster in the lobby - T-Times @ 9 a.m.

9 a.m. . . . • Open Hospitality Room

Friday, June 14th:

6 a.m. . . . • Fishermen, muster in the lobby

9 a.m. . . . • Open Hospitality Room

• Boot Camp Graduation group departs

Noon . . . • The Beachgoers, muster in the lobby

• The Camp Pendleton tour of Lima 3/5, muster in the lobby

• Dinner at the beach or motel return

Saturday, June 15th:

9 a.m. . . . • Open Hospitality Room

10 a.m. . . . • Business Meeting, Paradise Room - Marines & Corpsmen only

5 p.m. . . . • Photos & no host bar near the pool, raffle ticket sales

6 p.m. . . . • Opening Ceremonies

• Dinner, a Hawaiian luau, is served outdoors by the pool, cool!

• Keynote Speaker

• Polynesian Dancers

• End, Silent Auction

LET'S GET WET! We are goin' **deep sea fishing** in the Pacific Ocean. FISH ON! 35' - 40' big boats, 6 fishermen max . . . 1 boat is already full. $100 deposit! 7 a.m. Friday, June 15th, back by 1 p.m. . . . with fish! 3/4 & full trips available also at a higher cost. *Sign up on page 7 - $100 deposit required . . . refundable in case.

LET'S GET WET! We are goin' **golfin'** for 18 holes . . . water on the right! 9 a.m. T-times, Thursday, June 13th . . . 20 t's available - The 12th Annual Golf Tournament. Bring a handicap #, we trust ya. The reigning champion, a humble man, will defend . . . so bring it on! *Sign up on page 7 - no deposit, pay $23 to play 18 if you show. This is a Championship course at cow pasture prices, gotta love it. Spending 4 hours in a beautiful setting, with friends, is a trophy in itself . . . winning gives you 365 of glut. I'll play for that! Low Gross Men & Women, Low Net Men & Women and one more thing . . . Big Thanks to our tournament host . . . **John Lepore**.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Come join, any or some of these: The Ultimate! USMC BOOT CAMP Graduation! We will do that! Party all day at the beach with burgers, dogs, munchies, beer, soda & water! $6 a head all you can eat & drink, pay on site. We will do that! 3/5 HQ and Lima 3/5 TODAY! Lunch at the 3/5 mess hall $5, tour of the 3/5 area, live fire demonstration, amtrack rides & more! We will do that! Dinner at The Beach, $8, all you can eat & drink. BBQ chicken, beans, salads. We will do that!

BLUE WATER
FISHING
FRIDAY AM

18 HOLES
GOLF
THURSDAY AM

MCRD
BOOT CAMP GRAD.
FRIDAY 9 AM

PHOTOS
HAWAIIAN LUAU
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SILENT AUCTION

VISIT LIMA 3/5
PENDLETON TOUR
FRIDAY NOON

BEACH PARTY
FRIDAY NOON

SAN DIEGO AREA ATTRACTIONS

- *World Famous San Diego Zoo*
- *San Diego Wild Animal Park*
- *Sea World of California*
- *Old Town State Historical Park*
- *Performing Arts & Theatre*
- *Balboa Park Museums & Art Galleries*
- *World Class Shopping*
- *Charter Boat Excursions*
- *83 Golf Courses*
- *Seasonal Sportfishing and Whale Watching*
- *Exceptional Restaurants of all Cuisines*
- *Beaches, Desert and Mountain Regions*
- *Nearby Mexico*
- *and much more!*

REUNION 2002?

WE NEED a location! Bring your presentation forth this 2001. Have questions, need help? Call me: Hank @ (727) 864-6291 EST. We will vote on Reunion 2002 this June at the Reunion. Where do you want to be in June 2002? Searching for LZ's! No LZ, no landing . . . we will LZ somewhere in 2002! Host us!

Saturday Evening Dinner

THE HAWAIIAN LUAU

Garden Greens with Assorted Dressings
Hawaiian Pineapple Coconut Cole Slaw
Colorful Marinated Vegetable Salad
Assorted Tropical Fruit
Chicken Breast with Orange Pineapple Sauce
Hawaiian Baked Ham
Teriyaki Sliced Sirloin of Beef
Steamed Rice, Roasted Red Potatoes
Stir Fried Vegetables
Assorted Rolls and Butter
Chef's Selection of Dessert
Freshly Brewed Kona Coffee, Tea, and Decaffeinated Coffee

Outdoors by the Pool

MARINE CORPS CASUALTIES 1775-1995

CONFLICT	KIA & DOW	WIA
Revolutionary War	49	70
Quasi-War with France	6	11
Barbary Wars	4	10
War of 1812	46	33
Creek-Seminole Indian War	8	1
Mexican War	11	47
Civil War - Union	148	131
Spanish-American War	7	13
Samoa (1899)	0	2
Boxer Rebellion	9	17
Nicaragua (1912)	5	16
Mexico (1914)	5	13
Dominican Republic (1916-1920)	17	50
Haiti (1915-1934)	10	26
Nicaragua (1926-1933)	47	66
World War I	2,457	8,894
World War II	19,733	67,207
Korean War	4,267	23,744
Dominican Republic (1965)	9	25
Vietnam War	**13,067**	**88,633**
Lebanon (1982-1984)	240	151
Grenada (1983)	3	15
Persian Gulf (1988) (Oil Platforms)	2	0
Panama (1989)	2	3
Persian Gulf War (1990-1991)	24	92

Reference Section - History and Museums Divisions, February 1996

LIMA 3/5 COMPANY STORE

"WHO LET THE SHIRTS OUT? . . . WHO LET THE HATS OUT? WHO? . . . WHO?"

Lima 3/5 has! Order NOW, over! MAIL in Page 7, CALL or E-MAIL your choice. We are bustin' the huns, all of 'em: 100 Polos, 100 Ts & 100 Covers, period. Get yours ASAP if you have a pocket/no pocket issue. Otherwise, you get what you get . . . which is 'Some'. Are the shirts cool? Help me, I'm stunned. Skip St. Clair has bounded the fence again . . . the sly ole fox is at his best in 2001! Tommy Hilfiger has no candle! Am I hypin' the cotton? No way, don't need 2 . . . We'll sell out easy! Here's your printed peek: "Hey you, no pushin' over there, get in line".

Polo Shirt: Dress/Navy Blue in color, 2 button collar, 7 oz. pique fabric, with 3 different embroidery works in 6 different thread colors! Left Breast: 3/5 Logo, with LIMA stitched above. Right Breast: USMC . . . stitched in pride. Left Sleeve: Vietnam Service Ribbon . . . stitched in memory. *PLEASE SPECIFY . . . pocket/no pocket.
$24

Tee Shirt: OD Green . . . with 3/5 & LIMA embroidery work, left breast . . . Basic issue, no pockets. Gungy with class.
$12

USMC Cover: The classic! OD Green issue with USMC Emblem silk-screened. Just like US government issue worn by the Marines today. Label says: CAP, UTILITY. M.C. Made in USA! Bring your own starch. SIZES: X-Small 6¾, Small 7, Medium 7¼, Large 7½, X-Large 7¾. *PLEASE SPECIFY . . . XS, S, M, L, or XL.
$11

Pretty good wear, anywhere! ONLY from the pages of this Newsletter. FULL REFUND if we are out of stock! . . . which means you're late, but safe.

Lima 3/5 2001 Merchandise . . . The Company Store . . .
ALL ITEMS will be MAILED . . . 2nd DAY Priority USPS.

OPERATION REACHOUT is poised again to benefit a 'few good men'! Our resources are available to any who call . . . no questions asked. The men of L 3/5 have made contributions to this fund specifically to assist fellas to get travel or motel accommodations to a future Reunion, like, **say June 2001**? Call **Hank @ (727) 864-6291** EST for the scoop. We're rollin' in the stuff.

LIMA 3/5 2001 MERCHANDISE ... THE COMPANY STORE ...

ALL ITEMS will be MAILED . . . 2nd DAY Priority USPS
First In . . . First Out!

	QTY.	SIZE(S)	POCKET? yes/no		TOTAL
Lima 3/5 Polo Sizes: M, L, XL, XXL	_____	_____	_____	@ $24 . . . . . =	$_____
	_____	_____	_____	@ $24 . . . . . =	$_____
Lima 3/5 T-Shirt Sizes: M, L, XL, XXL	_____	_____		@ $12 . . . . . =	$_____
	_____	_____		@ $12 . . . . . =	$_____
USMC Cover Sizes: X-Sm. 6¾, Sm. 7, Med. 7¼, Lg. 7½, XL 7¾	_____	_____		@ $11 . . . . . =	$_____
	_____	_____		@ $11 . . . . . =	$_____
3/5 Hat/Lapel Pin	_____	. . . . .		@ $ 3 . . . . . =	$_____

2nd Day USPS POSTAGE & HANDLING . . . . . $ 4.00

GENERAL FUND Contribution . . . . . $_____

OPERATION REACHOUT Contribution . . . . . $_____

PRE-PAY Banquet Dinner: Saturday Evening Outdoor Luau . . . . . $_____

Party of _____ adults $36.00 + _____ under 18 FREE. (Pre-pay for dinner is optional. You can pay on-site if you choose, just let us know how many to expect.)

TOTAL LIMA 3/5 INVESTMENT . . . . . >>> $_____

**Stinkin' Fishin' Deposit (Separate $100 check). . . . . $_____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LIMA 3/5
(Post dated checks okay)

THANKS!
SEMPER FI

YES? to some of the stuff which you intend to do! We need accurate counts for all 8 t's: t-times, tickets, transportation, to these things . . . THANKS!

GOLF . . . Thursday, June 14th, 8 a.m. . . . $23, YES! Party of _____! No deposit.

FISHING . . . Friday, June 15th, 6 a.m. till 1 p.m., open waters of the Pacific Ocean
Target species is tuna . . . with
YES. Party of _____! $100 deposit*: separate check to L 3/5 (record above)

BOOT CAMP Graduation Ceremony MCRD Friday 9 a.m. - FREE - YES! Party of _____!
HIT THE BEACH for hours of sun, food & spirits! $6 YES! Party of _____!
3/5 HQ @Camp Pendleton - live fire demo, tours & lunch at the 3/5 Mess Hall $5. YES! Party of _____!
Sunset DINNER at the beach, join the fried beachhogs, food & drinks! $8 YES! Party of _____!

* Free Transportation to and from all activities.
*NO OBLIGATION, but we need an expected head count to plan things, OK?

Name _____

Address _____

_____

Phone: _____

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Dedicated to all American servicemen and women who served in Vietnam.

Answering our country's call to duty on a distant shore in a strange land, many who went stayed behind forever and others who came home are yet still there

The flags are now furled, the arms stacked and the battlefields silent. Let the bugle's fading notes carried on the wind remind us of the courage, dedication and sacrifices of those brave Americans who, when called, served with loyalty and honor.

58,183 men killed in action • 303,704 wounded • 2,338 missing in action • 240 medals of honor