Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion

VIETNAM 1966-1971

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May 15, 2001 . . . Newsletter #61 . . . *the Marines are hitting this beach, hard!*

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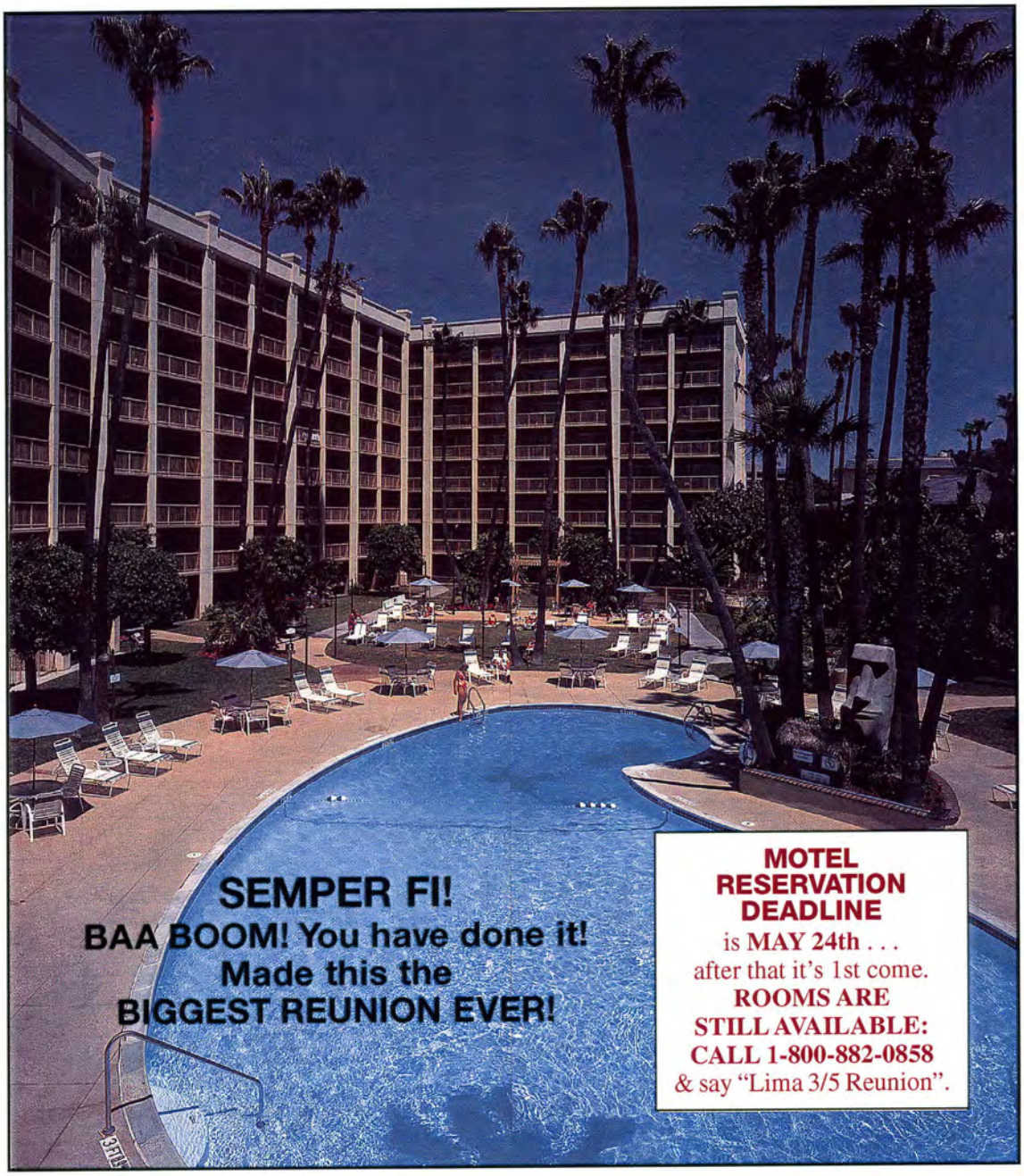

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RULES SET FOR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Veterans awarded the Purple Heart for combat wounds will find it easier to get medical care from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Under new VA rules, Purple Heart veterans now have a higher priority for health-care services than before. Also, they don't have to make out-of-pocket payments, technically known as "co-payments," for either inpatient or outpatient VA medical services.

The new rules authorize VA to reimburse Purple Heart recipients for any medical co-payments made to VA for care given after November 29, 1999. Purple Heart recipients are still responsible for making co-payments of $2 for each 30-day supply of prescription medicine given to out-patients for conditions that are not related to military service.

"We urge Purple Heart recipients who have medical conditions they believe are related to their military service to contact VA for help in filing a claim," said Joe Thompson, VA's Under-Secretary for Benefits.

By itself, the Purple Heart doesn't qualify veterans for VA disability compensation. That requires a separate screening process. Nor does the Purple Heart affect eligibility for long-term nursing care.

VA's new eligibility rules for Purple Heart recipients were approved last year by Congress in the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act. The change affects the seven-step priority system that Congress set up for VA health care.

It moves Purple Heart recipients who were in VA's priority groups 4 through 7 into priority group 3. Purple Heart recipients who qualify for priority groups 1 or 2 by virtue of service-connected disabilities will stay in those higher groups.

Anyone claiming benefits as a Purple Heart recipients must prove that they have been awarded the decoration. VA will accept the following as proof: Defense Department Form 214, discharge papers, military personnel records, orders or award certificates.

The Purple Heart is the nation's oldest military medal. George Washington presented the first medals in 1783. Today, there are approximately 600,000 living veterans who were wounded in combat and received the medal, according to the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Other VA News – In response to an Institute of Medicine study, Acting VA Secretary Hershel Gober decided 9 Nov. to permit claims by Vietnam veterans who developed diabetes after their service in Vietnam.

PHOTOS FROM THE LIMA 3/5 ARCHIVES

LEON WILSON - SEPTEMBER 1968
KIA APRIL 8, 1969

FIDENCO JOVEN - 1968

LEFT TO RIGHT:
BILL CLARK
MEL BELLAMY
BILL MAGNUS
OCTOBER 1967

LEFT:
THOMAS MURPHY
AWARDED THE
SILVER STAR

RIGHT:
STEVE COBB
60 MORTARS

PHOTO ON
RIGHT TAKEN
OCTOBER 1968,
DAVID ARRASMITH
&
JAMES STEWARD

REUNION 2001

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Hanalei Hotel
2270 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108
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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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Wednesday, June 13th:

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

Thursday, June 14th:

8 a.m. . . . • Golfers, muster in the lobby - 14 are in so far

9 a.m. . . . • Open Hospitality Room

Friday, June 15th: Pay Attention Here,

you have choices: morn, afternoon, late

Morning:
- 6 a.m. Fishing muster in the lobby
- 9 a.m. BOOT CAMP tour departs to MCRD

Afternoon: Buses off by noon to 2 locations:
- The beach for food, fun & beverages
- 3/5 HQ Camp Pendelton - lunch & a tour

Evening:
- Bus to the beach for the sunset party . . . or
- Bus back to the motel

Saturday, June 16th:

9 a.m. . . . • Open Hospitality Room

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

5 p.m. . . . • The party is on . . . 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 14th . . . 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 15TH 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!

DAVE STINSON'S EMAIL . . .
. . . TO REISS TATUM

Hi Reiss:

Received the Platoon Photo and the Company Roster today and want to thank you very much. No, I wasn't in the picture, sorry to say. Yes, I would say there were about nine guys missing. I can't believe how young everyone looked. Must be getting old. But I must say I never served in a greater outfit than the one we went into combat with. They were a great bunch of men and officers. I often think of the great burden of responsibilities that were put on the officers and NCOs.

Received the latest newsletter, sounds like this Reunion is going to be a great one. I've already got my T-shirt and shirt.

One day, Reiss, I'll sit down and write about the Operations. The only thing with that is I'd like it to be as accurate as possible. I've been hearing from some of the guys and memories are coming back in leaps and bounds. Hopefully, if the Reunion is on the east coast next year, I'll get to it. I think that's when it will all come back to me. Take care and keep in touch. Once again thanks for the Photo and Roster, they both mean a lot to me.

Semper Fi,
Dave Stinson
Squad Leader, 3rd Platoon
Lima 3/5 1966

FINDING A BUDDY

You can call the Regional VA office nearest you and give them the service number and if they have it they will say something like, "Yes, we have it, what's the person's name you are looking for?" (This is to make sure it's the right guy.) Once it's confirmed, you can then write a letter, put it in an envelope unsealed and put a stamp on it, then put it in another envelope and address it to the VA and they will put the guys address on it and send it to him with their return address, so make sure your info is in the letter. By leaving it unsealed, they will see you're not a bill collector or something of the like. If your guy wants to be connected with you, he will have the info you put in the letter.

Keep in mind, sometimes the news hurts, because they can tell you if your friend is no longer with this world. This is sure fire if your friend's service number is in the VA data base. If you don't have a service number, write for a company roster with your time and theirs all on it. You can call the VA as many times a day as you wish and each time ask them to look up three service numbers at a time.

Go with the info above and this address www.va.gov/sta/guide/home.asp?DIVISION=ALL.

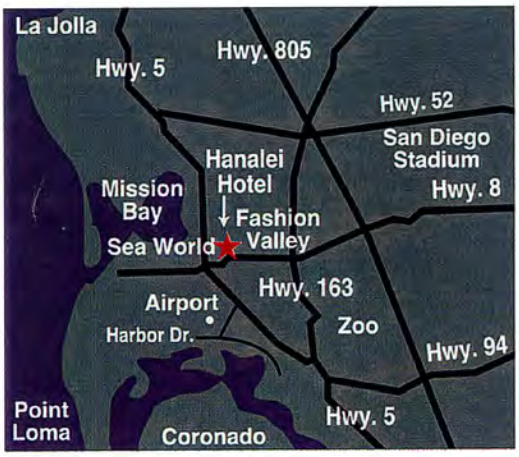
To all our brothers and sisters who made it back, but never made it home. In memory of those who have died from physical and emotional wounds received while serving in the Vietnam War. We honor and recognize their pain and suffering, but above all we respect their courage. When our country called, you were there. We have not forgotten. You are not alone.

(Washington state Vietnam Veterans Memorial) . . . visited April 2001 . . . hank

"THE SHIRT"

"Hey Yo, you with the no taste in shirts" . . . listen up, may be your chance! Tony "The Shirt" Van Reusen has sanctioned 8 rags in varying sizes: Hawaiian prints, embroidered with LIMA and 3/5 emblem, left breast . . . $30 a pop! This tradition has bred a new line of limited annual Lima 3/5 issue, aloha! Reunion sales only . . . see Tony for it, in the 'Dago!

FOLLOW "THE 5" TO "THE 8" AND YOU WILL FIND THE **LIMA 3/5 BUNKER**



The Lima 3/5 merchandise is selling off big time . . . like pancakes, so HURRY! ORDER yours on Page 7 . . . Skate, be late . . . shirtless in San Diego!

Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 13

- 9:00 a.m. -- The *16th Annual Lima 3/5 Vietnam Veterans Reunion* officially begins as the hospitality room (#1132/1133) opens. The room is poolside. Look for the 3/5 banner.

Thursday, June 14

- 8:00 a.m. – Annual reunion golf tournament at the Admiral Baker Golf Course. Stroke play. Per player cost: $23.00. Muster in hotel lobby.

Friday, June 15

- 6:00 a.m. – All aboard the SS Minnow! Deep sea fishermen muster in the lobby for transportation seaside. See *Skip St. Clair* for details.
- 8:30 a.m. – Arrangements have been made for two USMC buses to transport interested Marines, their families and friends to MCRD San Diego. Tour the base, visit the museum and witness (some of) the *Few and the Proud* graduate boot camp.
  - The buses will depart MCRD @ approximately 11:30 a.m. One of the two buses will return passengers to the hotel. The second bus will transport passengers directly to the beach @ Camp Pendleton's Del Mar (details below).
- 9:00 a.m. Hospitality Room remains open.
- 11:00 a.m. – Muster in the lobby and board the bus for transportation to Camp Pendleton's Del Mar for a day at the beach. Sun, fun and food. All you can eat and drink (BBQ ribs & chicken, side dishes, soft drinks and beer). $15 per person (under 12 free). See *Joe McLaughlin* for details/payment. Beach rentals/PX on the beach! Board the buses back to the hotel between 5-7 p.m.

Note: *Duty Calls.* 3/5 unexpectedly put out to sea 6/8/01 for exercises. As such, the 3/5 tour and static display have been cancelled.

Saturday, June 16

- 9:00 a.m. – Hospitality Room remains open.
- 10:00 a.m. – Business meeting in the Paradise Room. Marines & Corpsmen only.
- Hawaiian Luau Buffet Dinner (Programs will be distributed)
  - 5:00 p.m. – No host bar opens . . . Raffle . . . Silent Auction
  - 5:45 p.m. – Opening Ceremonies . . . Memorial . . . Introductions . . . VIP Guests . . . Dinner . . . Keynote Speaker . . . Polynesian Dancers. Raffle and Silent Auction concludes.

Sunday, June 16

- 9:00 a.m. – Hospitality Room remains open.
- Final goodbye – LZ secured until 2002!