Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion

VIETNAM 1966-1971

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Bourbon Street
French Quarter

Marines, Corpsmen, Family and Friends of Lima 3/5 Vietnam . . . Let's party on

Super Bowl 2002 . . . small potatoes!

Lima 3/5 Reunions 2002 . . . large potatoes!

BEST BET
is the Lima 3/5 Reunion
100% WINNERS, GUARANTEED, SEMPER FI

We are set for a HUGE gathering in 2002 . . . get in line ASAP, foxholes in the Hotel Monteleone are filling up fast. A large number of shopping carts have been reserved by . . . guess who? Ladies, start your engines and "Get Some"!

DON'T MISS THE BIG PARTY IN "THE BIG EASY"

BEEN THERE? Then you know! Haven't BEEN THERE? Then you will learn . . . SOON!
NEW ORLEANS is a place to experience . . . then tack on Lima 3/5! Whoa!

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THE TESTIMONY OF WAR HAS NO RANK!

In recent weeks we have had several requests via our website for any information concerning **Lima 3/5** Marines and Corpsmen. Many of these inquiries are from the families of **Lima 3/5 Marines/Corpmen** who were KIA in Vietnam.

We are seeking to identify the Company chain of command from the beginning in May of 1966 to the end in February 1971. Simply, for the record! Further for the opportunity to channel an accurate account of our experiences . . . for the families of **Lima 3/5** veterans seeking to find some validation, confirmation and perhaps closure . . . long overdue for them.

The impact of the Lima 3/5 Newsletter reaches far beyond its MEMBERSHIP. Our READERSHIP also includes family members of WIA's and KIA's, parents, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters . . . seeking information and connections.

This is our family . . . we respond with a 'Duty, Honor, Country' commitment. The preservation of history that is **Lima 3/5 Vietnam** . . . only we know!

Can we reconstruct the family tree, put it on paper? Simply for the record!

Any piece of memory you have is important. Tho' some periods of Lima 3/5 rank and file are listed, many gaps remain. To many, they only want a day of information . . . we are the library and your thoughts are exclusive.

Contact **Lima 3/5** by pen, pencil, letter, e-mail or phone . . . for any reason!

Jim Kirschke

One of our own . . .
81 Mortars PLT Commander 3/5, 1966

This is a story written by one of "us". I remember a young lieutenant **Jim Kirschke** from 1966 as one of the best of the best. "Not Going Home Alone" is a must read for any Marine who served in Vietnam and anyone who wants some insight into the daily ordeals and challenges of a small unit commander in combat. Kirschke joined 3/5 at Camp Pendleton in late 1965 as the 81 Mortar Platoon Commander. His story takes the reader through the grinding training in California, Okinawa and the Philippines in preparation for deployment as Special Landing Force and eventual ground combat operations from his perspective as a mortar platoon commander and later as a rifle platoon commander in 2/5. This story is a testament not only to his experiences and sacrifices, but also is an inspiring tribute to every "grunt" who slogged the rice paddies and jungles of that far away, but never forgotten place. Highly recommended.

– Reiss Tatum

Barnes & Noble Book Review

1LT James J. Kirschke recounts the unceasing test of stamina and courage endured by Marines who served at the DMZ and An Hoa regions of Vietnam in 1966-1967. Unlike the cynical portrayals of reluctant warriors marking time until their return to the world and indifferent cruelty to the indigenous population, this book describes the Marines as having high morale under sparse and brutal conditions; employing vigilant and professional combat tactics in the field; and making all efforts to reduce suffering by the innocent local population. For 13 months, every step is measured taking into consideration a guerilla ambush, an organized NVA assault, and the never-ending threat of land mines and booby traps. The author's writing style is brilliantly clear, with detailed facts and accounts of the people who served and the engagements that took place. The book comes to a shocking conclusion, and the reader comes away with a sense of inspiration, respect and gratitude.

$6.99 at barnesandnoble.com or www.bn.com

Help Us Find Our Corpsmen!

Below is a list of docs that served with 3/5 in Vietnam. If you recognize any from Lima Co., contact Lima 3/5 HQ. Thanks.

E4 Gregory, TN
E3 Hartmann, GR (?)
E3 Hasselbac, AL
E5 Hitchman, CH
E3 Hoist, JA
E3 House, JM
E4 Howell, DB
E4 Hunter, RC
E3 Janiak, JS
E3 Jardina, JM
E3 Kavanagh, RA
E3 Klinkowicz, JA
E3 Kular (?), RW
E3 Lagy (?), RD
E3 Laufgas, LB
E3 Lindstedt, JA
E5 Locklear, HL
E4 Manget, VA
E3 Mann, PE
E3 Marflak, AJ
E4 Matz, GM
E5 Mayo, RB
E3 Merriman, JA
E7 Miller, AH
E3 Montgomery, RL
E3 Moore, JE
E4 Moreno, MJ
E4 Morlan, WD
E4 Rema, AV
E3 Rehner, AH
E6 Roberts, GC
E5 Sarcione, JJ
E3 Short (?), TJ
E3 Stragnold, D
E5 Thurman, RL
E4 Tille, AN
E6 Valdez, JR
E2 Warfield, GM
E3 Weckel, TM
E3 Williams, GL
E3 Williamson, JE
E3 Wise, DF
E3 Youngblood, RL
E3 Zender, MD

A FEW GOOD MEN: The Fighting Fifth Marines, A History of the USMC's Most Decorated Regiment. By Ronald J. Brown. Presidio Press, Novato, CA, 2001, 416 pp.

A Few Good Men, not to be confused with the mindless Hollywood movie of the same name, is a historical account of the 5th Marine Regiment acclaimed to be the U.S. Marine Corps' "most decorated regiment." The book chronologically spans from the formation of the regiment on 29 May 1917 prior to its introduction into World War I, and closes on the regiment's focus prior to the new millennium. *A Few Good Men* provides the reader a unique perspective of the regiment's adaptation to modify tactics, techniques, and procedures in response to its many battles and campaigns. It is the product of a former 5th Marines officer who himself contributed to the regiment's history during the Vietnam War.

USS Renville Reunion

Sept. 2002
New Orleans, LA

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Revisit New Orleans at the Reunion of the ship that carried Lima 3/5 from CA to Okinawa in early '66.

Wedding Bells?

Geez, got some!
Skip St. Clair married longtime companion **Linda White** in December.
Frank Reichart remarried ex-wife **Ginny** in June and celebrated their 1st grandchild in July . . . and congratulations to **John Templeton** and his new bride Carol.

The French Market

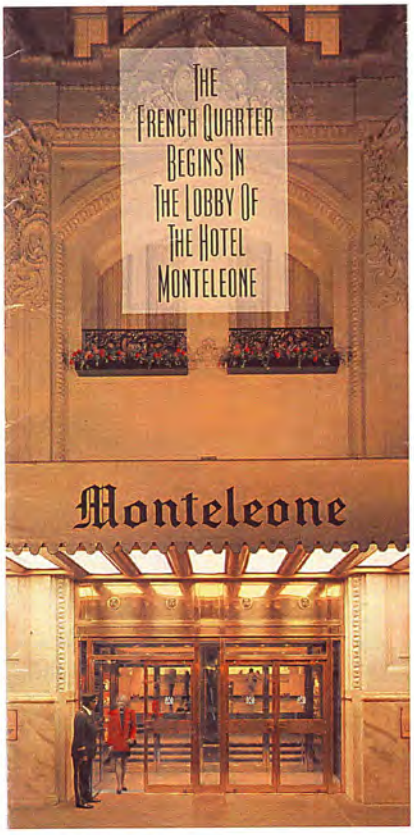
September 11, 2001 . . . changed all of our lives to some degree
Millions of words and thousands of photographs responded
It was an ambush . . . we all know that well
Our response is individual and strong
GOD BLESS AMERICA

REUNION 2002 - NEW ORLEANS

June 2nd thru June 9th
(any or all)

Banquet is Saturday, June 8th

Hotel Monteleone
214 Rue Royale
New Orleans, LA 70130



Reunion 2001 was a record breaker. We consumed 84 rooms. This year we have booked 90 tents . . . by January now, 32 are staked out . . . 'Get Some' 4U ASAP. Respond to the Hotel Monteleone . . . for the Lima 3/5 Reunion

1-800-535-9595 or **1-504-523-3341**

Visit their website . . . **http://www.hotelmonteleone.com**

Courtyards & Balconies
French Quarter

FLYING IN?

Catch the Airport Shuttle, easy

- Official ground transportation to downtown New Orleans hotels from N.O. International Airport.
- Please proceed to Baggage Claim area - Lower Level
- To purchase a ticket, go to Airport Shuttle Ticket Desk across from Baggage Carrousel.
- See Airport Shuttle's representative for assistance.

522-3500

DRIVING IN?

Drivers need to request a "Parking Permit" . . . 1/2 price, which is $10.00 a day. We have 45 parking stalls, jump on yours. It's $20 a day if you don't heed. Make that connection when you phone, register at **1-800-535-9595** . . . **Lima 3/5**!

SUN AND SWIM AT THE HOTEL POOL

MORE MEMORIES FROM REUNION 2001 - SAN DIEGO

GOLFERS! Hey! Can you hack it? OK! Here's the deal: Thursday, June 6, 9:00 am T's Bourbon Street Golf at the Joe Bartholomew Golf Course, a testy 6,000+ yards in Cajun! . . . **JP Hunt**, your 2001 Champion, will host the 'hackers in the swamps' as we pursue the **13th Annual Lima 3/5 Combat Golf bizzare** . . . our 15 seconds of fame, history made . . . fore sure! The field of 24 will include Champions past and legends of the future. Check the GOLF BOX on the order form, your good 2T! The cost is LESS than a buck a hole ($17.75) . . . a deal/a steal! Thanks **Skip**! The booty? **The Lima 3/5 Brass USMC putter** . . . 15 seconds of fame for 365 days! **Joe Mac** has donated something special . . . can't describe it, it's too cool! Low Gross, Low Net, Men and Women flights . . . looking for a few good golfers!

Jackson Square
French Quarter

Tour Order Form
Lima 3/5 Reunion
June 5 - 8, 2002 • Hotel Monteleone

Tuesday, June 4, 2002		**#pax**	**Cost**	**Total**
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	**Nature's Beauty** *Adventure into the Louisnana Swamp, discover the beauty of the Louisiana wilderness. This is a photographer's and bird watcher's paradise.*	_____	**$42.00 p.p.**	_____
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	**Plantation Tour** *Visit two plantations, Laura, a Creole plantation and the American Home of Br'er Rabbit and Oak Alley where part of "Interview with a Vampire", "Primary Colors" and other movies were filmed.*	_____	**$48.00**	_____
Wednesday, June 5, 2002				
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	**Remembering D-Day** *Visit the National D-Day Museum, the only one in the country. Includes the living history of our brave soldiers and round-trip transportation.*	_____	**$25.00 p.p.**	_____
Thursday, June 6, 2002				
10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	**Cities of the Dead and lunch on the Natchez Steamboat** *No visit to New Orleans is complete without an overview of the city and a ride on the mighty Mississippi River. The tour begins with your cruise on the Natchez, a genuine steamboat. This fully narrated trip takes you down river to the Chalmette Battle Field where the Battle of New Orleans took place. Upon the return up river you will have a wonderful lunch which is included in the price of the tour. Once you return to the dock, a motorcoach will be waiting with your tourguide to take you on a tour of the Cities of the Dead. The tour will take you to two of the oldest cemeteries in the city and a Voodoo Priestess will join up with you at a visit to Congo Square. Everyone will receive a Voodoo doll as a souvenir.*	_____	**$62.00**	_____
			Total enclosed	_____

☐ Enclosed is check $_____ for tours or

☐ Please charge my Visa_____ MC _____ American Express _____ Discover _____

Card Number _____-_____-_____-_____ exp. date ____/____

Please print

NAME ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE PHONE

Orders must be received before May 10, 2002

Mail or fax form to:
Crescent City Hosts
Attention: Lima 3/5 Reunion
4000 Highway 59
Mandeville, LA 70471

All tours will meet in the lobby of the Monteleone Hotel 15 minutes prior to tour time
Phone 800-543-6362 Fax 504-892-3602

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UNIFORM OF THE YEAR 2002 is here!
And ONLY here! 1 Polo 1 Hat . . . 2002 Stuff!

The Lima 3/5 USMC Polo Shirt 2002 is in color, cobblestone . . . crisp! **100 only!** In two shades of Navy/Royal blue thread is the USMC emblem, left breast, simply USMC! . . . a classic rendition of the Eagle, Globe & Anchor! Unique!! Left sleeve is highlighted in 4 colors of embroidery with the VSR Ribbon and Lima 3rd Bn 5th Regt 1st Mar Div in Navy blue thread . . . very crisp! ORDER BELOW.

The 2002 Lima 3/5 Hat is WHITE! Navy blue piping on the bill, with the USMC emblem embroidered on the cap crest, in blue and white threads. More crisp! Again, a 1st and only, with USA and the 2002 special design . . . **we have 96!** ORDER BELOW.

LIMA 3/5 MERCHANDISE AND ORDER FORM ... 2002 NEW ORLEANS

ALL orders mailed out 2nd day USPS 4 your $3.00, below cost . . . and worth it!
Will be able to ship when the boat comes in, shortly!

Shirts available in M, L, XL, XXL

	QTY.	SIZE(S)		TOTAL
Lima 3/5 Polo	_____	_____	@ $25 . . . . . =	$_____
	_____	_____	@ $25 . . . . . =	$_____
Lima 3/5 Cover	_____	1 size fits all	@ $12 . . . . . =	$_____
GENERAL FUND Contribution			=	$_____
OPERATION REACHOUT FUND Contribution			=	$_____

PRE-PAY Saturday Banquet:

$35.00 Adult . . . $18.00 Under 18 . . . Under 12 FREE

Party of _____ adults + _____ under 18 . . . . . = $_____

SHIPPING/POSTAGE . . . . . flat out, just . . . . . = $ 3.00

Lima 3/5 Reunion 2002 INVESTMENT . . . . . = $_____

Everybody gets a free 2002 roster with any order . . . or just free by asking!

THANKS!
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GOLF? YES! Sign me up for _____ people @$18.00, will pay off when we tee off

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

Name _____

Address _____

_____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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