Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion

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October, 2002 . . . Newsletter #66 . . . *June was Big & Easy!*

The 2002 Reunion of the Lima 3/5 Marines is a done deal . . . Perfect! Again!

The spearhead was thrust by our main man **Skip St. Clair**. Nary a flaw over the full week "doin' it on the street"! Gee whiz, you gals are a wild bunch!

Here's the old salts at the Big Easy. . . (# of Reunions attended)

Jim Andrulewicz (6), **David Arrasmith** (4), **Melvin Bellamy** (3), **Terry Benton** (6), **Bob Bragole** (8), **Horace Bryant** (3), **Earl Campbell** (2), **JC Carleton** (9), **Ken Carmen** (6), **George Christo** (4), **Greg Cloutier** (6), **Steve Cobb** (11), **Ed Conti** (6), **Irving Cray** (6), **Benito DeLagarza** (3), **Jerry Drew** (2), **Patrick Dudley** (2), **TJ Dyer** (5), **Dennis Freed** (6), **Robert Garcia** (2), **Chris Gibson** (13), **Johnny Green** (2), **Jim Gulledge** (11), **John Harris** (10), **Robert Henry** (15), **Phil Hobbs** (10), **Richard Hoffman** (8), **Roark Hoffman** (3), **James Hunt** (2), **Herb Johnson** (5), **'Doc' Jones** (5), **Ron Lightfoot** (2), **Wally Loucks** (15), **Marty Martello** (2), **Horace Martin** (3), **Phil Matthews** (6), **Les McFall** (7), **Joe McLaughlin** (8), **David Miller** (12), **Lorenzo Mungaray** (5), **Dan Nordmann** (4), **Pat Normanly** (12), **Joe Pollicino** (9), **Kevin Reilly** (2), **Al Ross** (11), **Tim Sedrowski** (14), **Kevin Shaughnessy** (2), **Bob Snowden** (17), **Frager Spates** (8), **Jerry Stanfield** (11), **Skip St. Clair** (14), **Larry Strum** (4), **Milford Taylor** (10), **Benito Torres** (2), **Gary Underwood** (5), **Tony VanReusen** (6), **Jerry Winters** (10), **John Wold** (4), and **Jim Yakubsin** (7). The Heinz 59 of Line 3/5.

Here's our fresh set in the Big Easy . . . It was a good year . . . Thanks

Don Anderson, **Bill Clark**, **James Haddaway**, **Bill Magnus**, **Teddy Richardson**, **Bobbie Sardie**, **Robert Stalker**, **David Stinson**, **James White**, **Daniel Williams**. A perfect 10.

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We will see these guys soon . . . 2 more Corpsmen, precious!

Dear Members and Families of Lima 3/5:

I wish to take this time to thank all of you for making it possible for me and my friends to completely enjoy ourselves during this Reunion.

I had thought last year was the highest I could experience meeting the friends and comrades of our long ago past, but this year surely surpassed that high.

Having said all this, I would like to give a grateful thanks to "Skip" for pulling off a tremendous task as this.

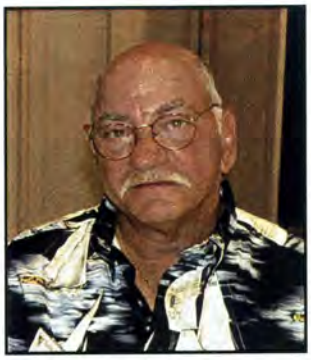
I do hope to see all of you and possibly more this next year. Until then, "Semper Fi". Please try to keep in touch with each other.

As Always,
Patrick Dudley - 60 Mortars, Pamela Stuttler, Elaine Aimsworth

P.S. Way to go Haddaway. Great to see you after all these years.

NEW ORLEANS RECAP

Our guest LZ was the Hotel Monteleone in the French Quarter. Dripping with class, top shelf service and location, location, location. The Lima 3/5 Hospitality Room was above . . . the top floor penthouse with an expansive view and total privacy to do what we do . . . and we do it well, amongst friends . . . celebrations and remembrances. Priceless in 2002!



Skip St. Clair

The party started early, gee whiz, why not? It's New Orleans for the Marines. **Skip St. Clair**, **Marty Martello** and **Bobbie Sardie** were the tri-hosts . . . GREAT JOB.

Skip extends his appreciation for all of you who jumped up to keep the Hospitality Room in mint condition every morning . . . not an easy task, but, we Marines start out fresh every morning . . . regardless! It's a big part of the family, we all, pitching in for the cause, because . . . Semper Fi!

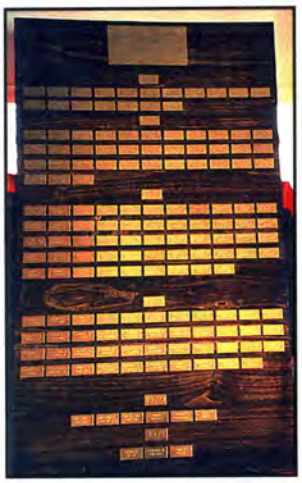
New Champion in Golf! 2002 Champ **James White** (left) and 2001 Champ **JP Hunt** (right)

GOLF? we had that and much more. **JP Hunt**, the defending Champ and the other 18 of us got whacked by the new club in town, **James "Butch" White**. We got butched big time! He fired a 2 over par! End of golf, let's go bowling. We will invoke rule 2003 in Myrtle Beach next June . . . we'll see how the Champ likes that! Back-to-back is a shallow foxhole. Hail to the Champion for 365.

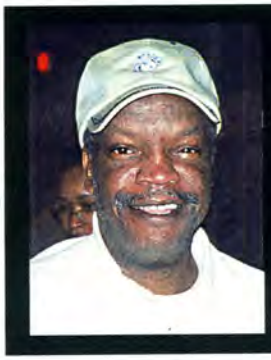
So . . . these 2 guys are playing golf, they park their cart and approach the green to putt finish the hole. Who put on the cart brake? The driver, **JP Hunt**? No! The passenger, **Phil Vangel**? No! By the time they counted the no's it was 2 no's 2 late, Mr. Cart was heading downhill to the greenside pond, then into, then down, further . . . to the rooftop . . . Plunk! JP played the navy seal to recover the clubs . . . lost was camera, film, cigars and the rest . . . sunk off the coast of a putting green in a Louisiana golf course . . . the few, the proud . . .

4 were witness to the greatest gaffe in Lima 3/5 Golf history. We 16 laughed and knee pounded ourselves silly. 4 were witness to the lowest 18 hole score in Lima 3/5 Golf history. We 16 were agape. I can always say, "He only nipped me by 37, really, I was there!" As golf legends continue, let it be known that James White bags the Lima 3/5 Gold Championship Putter . . . he is the man!

David Miller



David Miller's personal contribution . . . to the families of Lima 3/5 Vietnam! A work in progress completed . . . it was a journey my friends. We own it now. A long time pondered, planned and now done . . . the "Moving Wall of Lima 3/5"! David Miller brought to New Orleans this treasured rendition of our memory and respect for the Marines and Corpsmen who were killed in action . . . amongst us! "This is sacred ground . . . guarded by Lima 3/5 Marines . . ."



Another brother lost, our friend too . . . **Irving Cray** . . . US Marine Vietnam. Irving Cray passed away July 13, 2002 . . . just weeks after his attendance in New Orleans Reunion 2002. To his wife, Dora, and his family of 2 sons, Charles and Irving, Jr., and young daughter, Yolanda . . . we will remember, every day. We extend our memories of thanks for his gift of the time he shared with us . . . 1967 and since! Our prayers will be heard. He was a special man, a trusted friend, a spark at each of his 6 reunions attended . . . a cold Rolling Rock with a big smile . . . this brother will be toasted and stories of told, forever! Too often, the good die young! Lima 3/5 Service: CPL Nov 67-Dec 68 - 0331 2nd Platoon - WIA June 12, 1968, Navy Achievement Medal for his 1967-1968 service in Vietnam . . . He is Irving Cray . . . damn, we were a lucky bunch. Semper Fi!

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET

The Saturday Evening Banquet was again the special day for Lima 3/5 . . . Banquet 2002 in the ballroom . . . we all dressed to the hilt. From the slinky gown in high heels to the tank top in tennis shoes . . . we stuffed the 'coup de gras' with our own personal styles . . . Lima 3/5, the family . . . Ain't no stopping us now, we own this place . . . for an evening! Flawless . . . It was a perfect night with special friends, because and thanks to you! The $1 Raffle tickets were baitfish in a swarm of hungry Marine family folk. All us kids love it. **Phyllis Ross** and the ladies burned off 1500+ tickets before **TJ Dyer** got his second drink. That's not long now. The items up for our Silent Auction was an eclectic group again. A few elbows were thrown getting to the bid sheets and when the curtain was drawn a bunch of smiles told the story . . . Got Some!

10 Hut . . . 1900 hours . . . **Al Ross** hosted the presentation of colors. 4 Marines . . . duty done perfect. The Marine Hymn and Star Bangled left this audience standing tall in spirit. **Chaplain Bob Bragole** touched us all with and for the thanks we have . . . **Richard Hoffman** dedicated the remembrance tribute to our brothers KIA. Taps was played . . . and heard well.

Host Skip St. Clair welcomed our Reunion Group as Emcee. He thanked you all. He toasted our 10 first time attendees and their families to a standing ovation from all of us and them . . . dinner is served and the evening is off.

Master ticket reader **Joe Pollicino** machine gunned the raffle ticket numbers as the hoots of winning and the groans of despair, "Hey, stir 'em up bucko," made for a frenzied rush to the table of goodies . . . it's a hoot, you people.

The "JoeMac" $10 Raffle" winners from 2002 are **Pat** and **Gail Normanly** . . . says it is FREE 4 2003! The Normanly's get a special suite for 4 nights FREE, transportation to and fro for FREE, 2 banquet dinners for FREE . . . all for a $10 ticket, not bad! We'll do it again Saturday, June 2003 for 2004! My $10 bucks is in for the next lucky sucker in 2004. You don't need luck, just a ticket in the bucket to score a vacation for a dime. I'm chucking my Hamilton in for sure . . . just in case. Free is cool beans!

Pat and **Gail Normanly**

Reunion Photos? We had a Marine photographer who flicked the whole weekend. If you ordered some and want more, reach him at:

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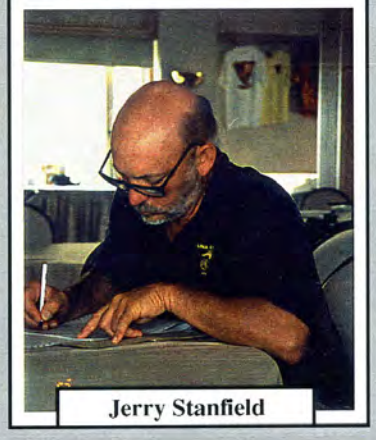
THE GIRLS

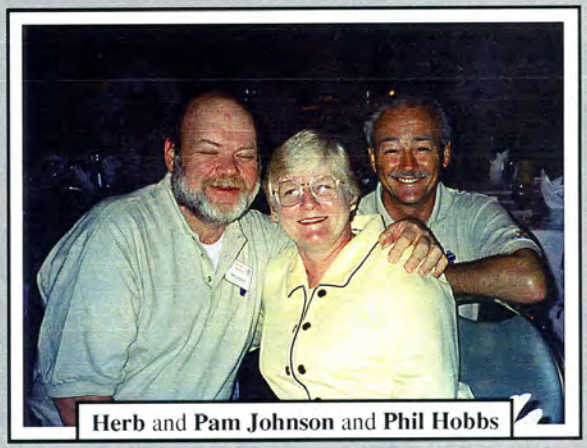
Tim Sedrowski, **Lorenzo Mungaray**, **Horace Martin** and **Harry White**

It was a GREAT ONE. Photos this issue and next in January 2003.

Hank and Garz

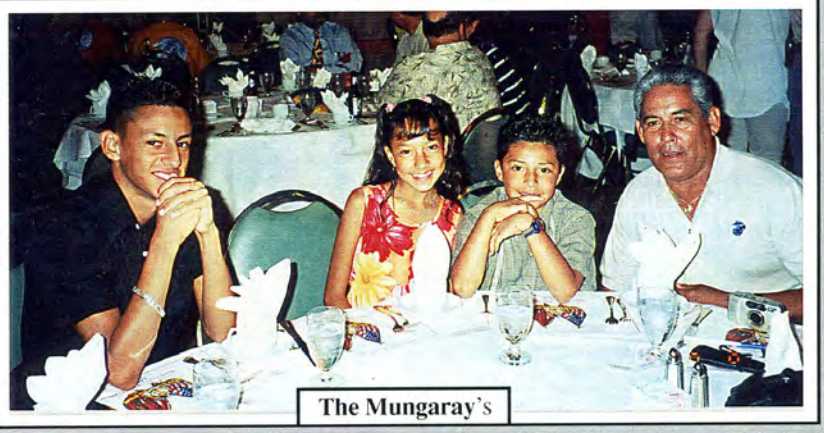


Jerry Stanfield

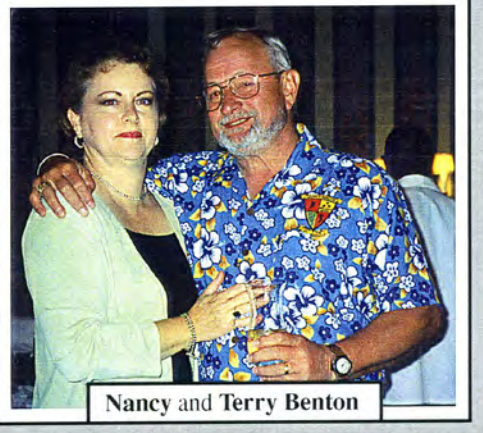


Herb and Pam Johnson and Phil Hobbs

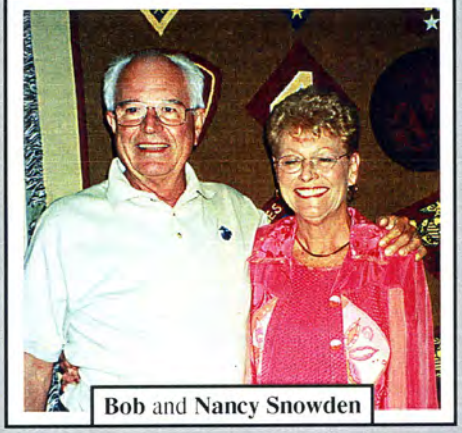
Ralph and Maria Sorrell



The Mungaray's



Nancy and Terry Benton



Bob and Nancy Snowden

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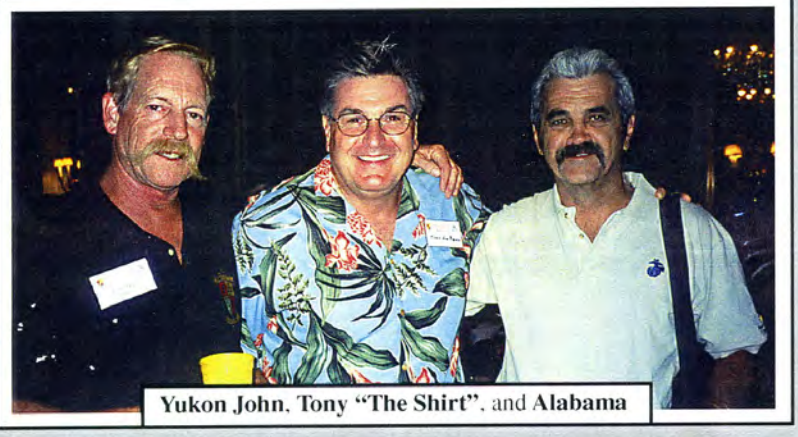
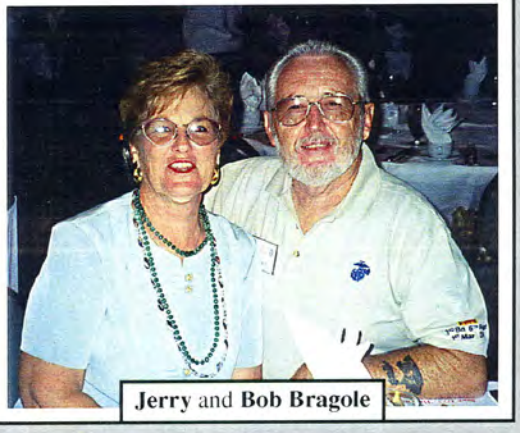
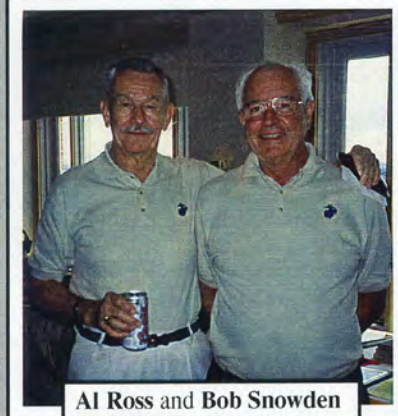


Yukon John, Tony "The Shirt", and Alabama



Jerry and Bob Bragole

Steve and Irene Cobb



Al Ross and Bob Snowden

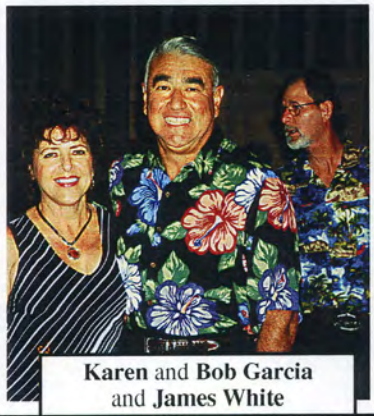
The Carleton's

Cindy and Tim Sedrowski

1968-1969

JP Hunt

Lou Sorrell, Skip St. Clair and Mel Bellamy



Karen and Bob Garcia and James White

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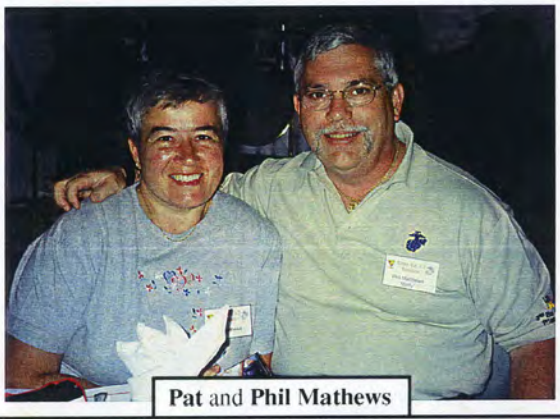

Pat and Phil Mathews

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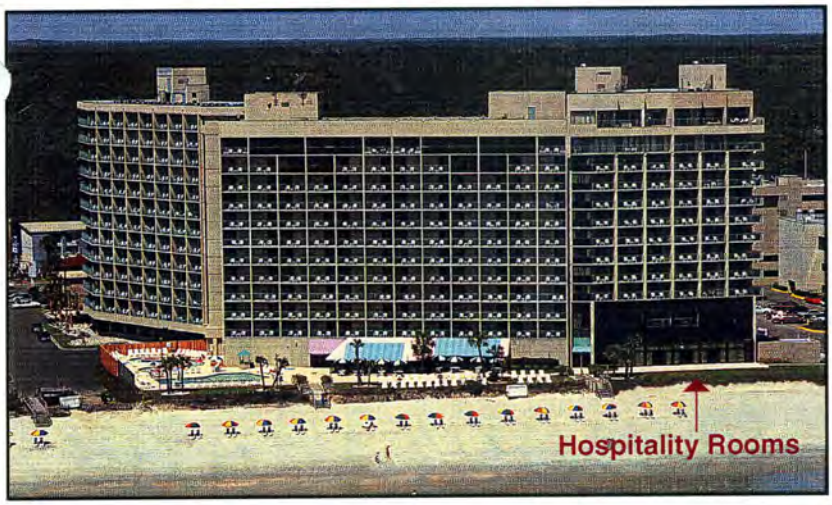

It took a squad of 6 to secure Myrtle Beach, SC for 2003 . . .

Skip and I from Florida, Terry Benton from South Carolina, Pat Normanly from North Carolina, Les McFall from New Jersey, and the 'Boomerang' Steve Cobb from Connecticut. What a crew . . . we hashed, kicked tires, sampled facilities and ate food for 4 days. We didn't jump the surf, fish or walk the beach, didn't golf, didn't do 13 swimming pools, no tattoo's . . . but we found "THE SPOT".

Reservations 1-800-599-9872 . . . say "Lima 3/5 Reunion"

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$95 per night, good from **June 9** through **June 16**. We have **70 rooms blocked** - King singles or Queen doubles. We also have rooms blocked and available with 1 BR Junior Suite ($155), 2 BR Executive Suite ($195), and 3 BR Deluxe ($230). Floor plans available upon request.

Reunion Banquet is Saturday, June 14th, 2003

We will be present from Monday to Monday . . . come as you so choose

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Financial Statements of the Lima 3/5 Reunion Group on July 1, 2002 (fiscal)

THE GENERAL FUND:

Balance Forward July 1, 2001	$ 7,646.35
INCOME:	
Contributions	$ 1,412.00
Sales (Coins/Pins, Shirts/Hats, Raffle/Auction)	$ 8,598.00
Accounts Receivable	$ 1,850.00
TOTAL Income:	$11,860.00
EXPENSES:	
Merchandise for Sales	$ 8,038.28
Reunion '02 Hospitality Room	$ 2,708.37
Newsletters/Postage	$ 680.00
Postage (other)	$ 283.19
Office Supplies	$ 524.26
Project: KIA Bracelets	$ 640.00
Project: Flag/Battle Streamers	$ 464.40
Post Office Box	$ 20.00
TOTAL Expenses:	$13,358.85
2002 NET PROFIT/(LOSS)	$ 351.15
NEW GENERAL FUND BALANCE	$ 6,147.50
Accounts Receivable	$ 1,850.00
BEGIN 2002 BALANCE	$ 7,997.50

OPERATION REACHOUT:

Balance Forward July 1, 2001	$ 1,506.00
Contributions	$ 1,062.00
Reunion '02 Outreach	(-$ 489.00)
NET GAIN	$ 573.00
BALANCE	$ 2,079.00
2001 Raffle Balance	$ 589.00
2002 Raffle Incoming	$ 1,530.00
BALANCE	$ 2,119.00
OPERATION REACHOUT NEW BALANCE	$ 4,198.00
ASSETS:	
General Fund - Cash	$ 6,147.50
General Fund - A/R	$ 1,850.00
Operation Reachout - Cash	$ 4,198.00
Inventory: Shirts/Pins/Videos	$ 1,290.00
TOTAL ASSETS	$13,485.50
LIABILITIES:	
None	$ 0
NET WORTH - July 1, 2002	$13,485.50

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