Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion

VIETNAM 1966-1971

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February, 2003 . . . Newsletter #67 . . . *hang on Myrtle, we're hitting your beach!*

Friends of the Family . . . here we are, let's get busy for 2003!

Myrtle Beach, SC
June 9th thru June 16th

On the cusp of Reunion 2003 . . .

It's a get sandy thing and deal with the sharks!
Woo Hoo . . . sounds like fun to me!?
I prefer the 13 swimming pools, the plush beachside
Hospitality Rooms and a cold Rolling Rock . . . go for yourself.
No sharks in Nebraska, Illinois or tim bucked 2,
but take a chance. Join us!

Hank here with the EDITOR'S CORRECTION from the #66 Newsletter: I stated it was the Heinz 59. Wrong, it was the Heinz 62. My bad. I didn't get it right this time. I failed to note the presence of 3 regulars . . . **Phil Vangel** (3), **Harry White** (3), **Ralph Sorrell** (4) and 1st timer **James Brown**. Which makes for a perfect 11. I apologize for these omissions.

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New Marines: the tradition continues . . . Semper Fi

Brad Andrulewicz . . . son of **Jim "Andy"** . . . Graduated December 20, 2002
Matthew O'Brien . . . son of **Jerry "Obie"** . . . Graduated November 8, 2002, Meritorious PFC

Future Marines:

Grandchild for **Patrick Dudley**, his 1st, **Cooper McDay**
Grandchild for **Brenda** & the late **Paul Gibeau**, their 1st, **Nina Skye**, a 7 lb. 14 oz. future WM
Grandchild for **Grace** & **Ed Conti**, their 4th, **Massimo Tek Conti**, 8 lbs. 10 oz.

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The bugle sounds again . . . those taken before their time:

December 31, 2001 - **Alvin "Doody Blues" Belteau** . . . no known family
November 10, 2002 - **Mel & Judy Bellamy** . . . see attached family statement
December 9, 2002 - **Fred Babbidge** . . . see attached family statement

Fred W. Babbidge

I am writing to you to try and get information about my Dad. My Dad just passed on December 9th, 2002 and served in the Vietnam War. He was a Marine and told me he belonged to Lima Company 3/5. I have no other information. Before he died he told me I would need a copy of his dd214, but I don't know how to obtain that. My dad never liked to talk about his experience in Vietnam and I would like to learn more about what he did and what he went through. My Dad's name was **Fred William Babbidge** and he served from 1967-1971, he was injured and sent home sometime in 1968. I think he told me he served 18 months at war but I can't be sure. He was 100% disabled from his injury. His date of birth was February 15, 1948. I would appreciate any information you might be able to share with me. Thank You so Much.

Kim Maguire - kmsons3@netzero.com

Mel & Judy Bellamy

When I was asked to submit something for the January issue of the Lima 3/5 newsletter regarding the death of my parents, **Mel** and **Judy Bellamy**, I didn't really know what to write. Mostly because I am writing to a group of people that I have never met. And while I know my father had bonds greater than I can fathom with some of you, I'm still not sure how to convey what should be said. What I will do is speak to the events that transpired on November 10th and days after, some of the things the family would like everyone to remember about our parents, and then provide the testimony of my father which will speak loud and clear to many of you. This testimony was completed not long before his death, and since it recalls many life changing events from Vietnam, will hit close to home for you.

On November 10th, two great souls were lost in an instant. Mel and Judy Bellamy were traveling home from a Marine Birthday Ball in Fort Leonard Wood, MO to Beaver Island, MI, when their private plane disappeared from radar not more than 45 minutes from home. They were anxious to make it back as there was a AmVets dinner that evening, a ceremony the next day at which my father was supposed to read *The Ragged Old Flag*, but more importantly the beginning of deer hunting season. My father's brother was at their home for deer season, waiting for their arrival, and when they didn't arrive back on time, we all knew something tragic had happened. The Coast Guard searched for approximately 48 hours, while the Civil Air Patrol continued their land search until November 17th to no avail. It wasn't until December 7th that we finally learned what had happened. My mother's body was recovered from the beach in Charlevoix, MI confirming that their plane had gone down somewhere in Lake Michigan. While my father's body, or the plane, have not yet been recovered, we do know that my mother (and most likely my father) died on impact which provides the family with some relief. While this saddens the family more than anyone can know, we are comforted to know that they died together, and without suffering. I can only speak for myself, but I believe they accomplished everything they were set out to in life, and that their death is now being used as a tool to pull more souls to Christ. When I see the number of people affected by this so dramatically, it only confirms this for me. I know they are looking down on us now - Mom with the smile that was always on her face, and Dad with his cocky grin, so happy that they affected so many lives in a positive way.

There are several things we wish everyone to remember of our parents: Their lust for life, their love of God, and their love of family. I cannot think of anyone else that has done as much, traveled as much, or just plain lived as much as my parents. My father, while sometimes a little pushy, short-tempered, and crude was also great at making you laugh when you really needed to, wonderful at getting to the bottom of things and accomplishing anything he put his mind to, and most importantly the best husband he could be for my mother. While he would not cave from his opinion or direction for anyone, he would for my mother. My mother on the other hand, was never without a smile (unless my dad was somehow the recipient of the sour mood). She was the perfect compliment for my dad. I never heard a curse word come from her mouth. Nor did I ever hear her speak badly about someone for conversation. Her mood was always pleasant, and temperament easy going. She would just 'go along for the ride' with a smile on her face and take everything in stride. I take comfort knowing they truly loved each other, and left this world side by side without ever having to face a day without the other.

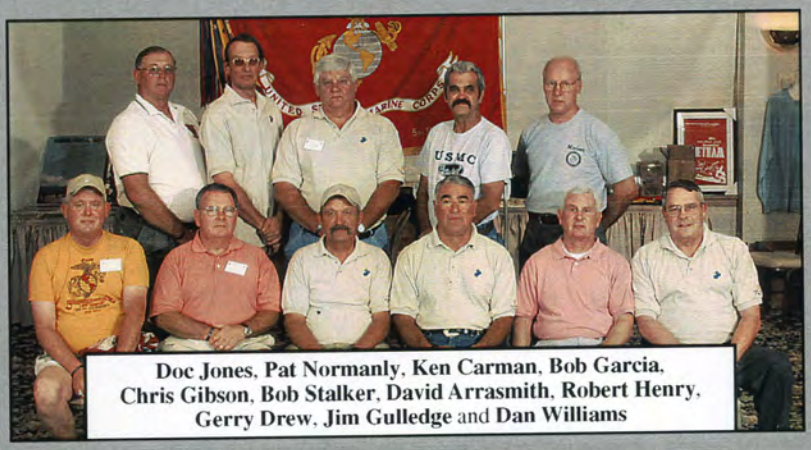
Missy (Bellamy) Crova

New Orleans 2002 . . .

picturisque? . . .
photografish? . . .
mugshotalcoholic's?

Some more of the faces of Lima 3/5 2002 - Vietnam then . . . now USA today! It was a jolly time . . . and we are US Marines to boot! These are treasured moments to live for . . . and remember. It only happens once a year. Reality can justify that . . .

George and Pat Christo



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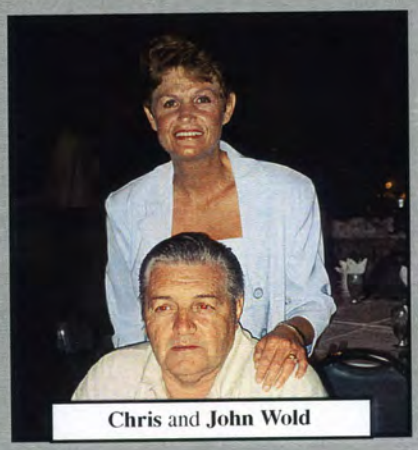
Grace and Ed Conti



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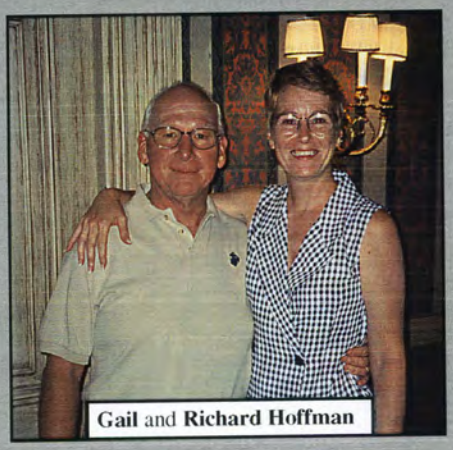

Gail and Richard Hoffman

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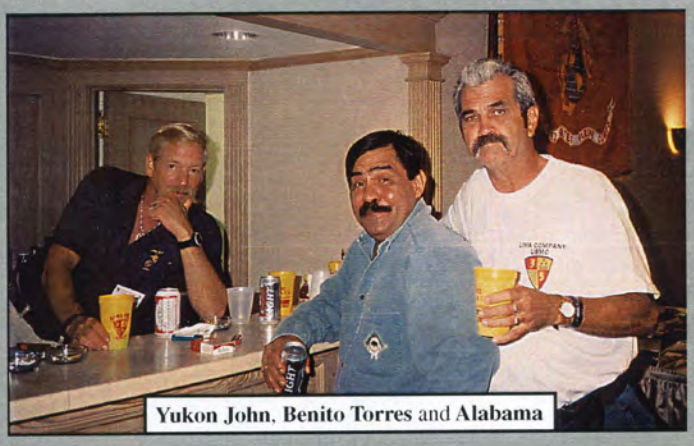
Mabel and Phil Vangel



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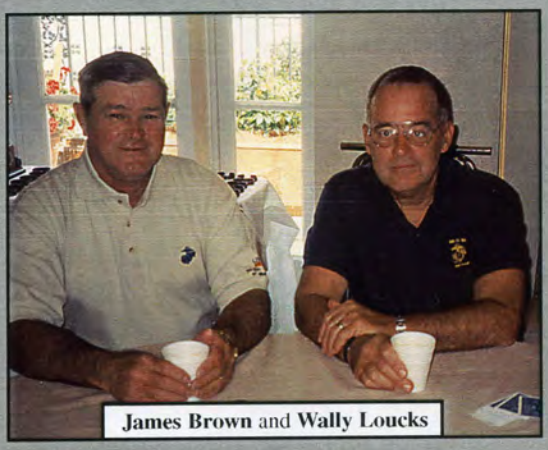

James Brown and Wally Loucks

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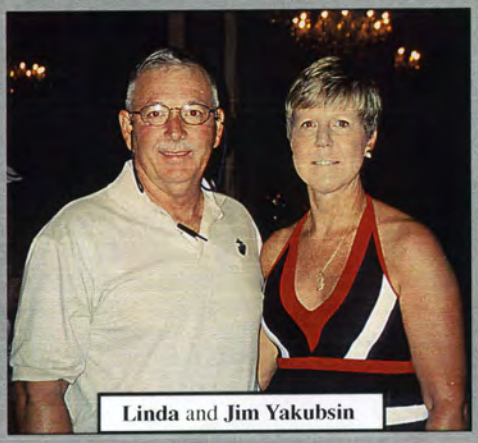

Linda and Jim Yakubsin

Kathy and Tony Van Reusen

Nancy Snowden and Sherri Carman

Karen and Bob Garcia

Skip St. Clair and Phil Hobbs

Les McFall and Al Ross

The photos on this page were taken by **Dan Nordmann** - Thanks "Digital Dan"

"Ready for Inspection, Sir" . . . The Lima 3/5 Archives!

After 17 years of travel and all that lookin', we have put on a fresh face 4U! A full overhaul of the terminal tackle. The Archives are looking very fit! 14 new Archive covers, full collateral damage repair to pages WIA over the years (a ruff bunch we are) and ready to invade Myrtle Beach, SC! Best ever! The Lima 3/5 Archives are what they are now . . . "Better now" . . . right? "I think the Gunny would be happy" . . . can't beat that, for cryin' out loud!

Off Season Reunions, Lima 3/5 . . .

Washington, DC - "The Wall" . . . 20 years later! A re-dedication! **Richard Hoffman**, **Tim Sedrowski** & **Joe Pollicino**, all 03 grunts. Hanging @ the VFW with some other war vets, till 2 a.m. . . . whoof! Doin' the "Wall", very late, 3 a.m. . . . was a precious moment for this trio . . . silence speaks a loud word when no one asks to hear it.

Jacksonville, FL - USMC Ball . . . Dress blues & tuxedos! **Reiss Tatum**, **Bob Snowden**, **Wally Loucks**, **Skip St. Clair** and the ladies dressed to the hilt . . . thank you very much! Plenty of medals present here my friends . . . Yes, the ladies for sure.

For a party on the Atlantic Ocean, beach front for 95 bingo's? DON'T CALL ME!!
Call the Sand Dunes Resort Hotel @ 1-800-599-9872 . . . say Lima 3/5 Reunion! Got Kids? Bring 'em . . .
they eat for FREE the whole weekend. I know that Lorenzo Mungaray will be there
scooping up on that feature in a heartbeat. CALL 1-800-599-9872 the Sand Dunes! THE SPOT! . . . this year!

REUNION 2003 - MYRTLE BEACH, SC

Sand Dunes Resort Hotel

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"

Free Parking, Free Airport Shuttle (sign up when you phone register at Hotel Reservations),
Free Food for Kids

$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

Sand Dunes Resort Hotel website: www.sandsresorts.com
Myrtle Beach entertainment website: www.myrtlebeach.com

Want stuff? Newsletter #68 willl have stuff . . . standby!