

# Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



**VIETNAM 1966-1971**

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## CROSS OVER THE BRIDGE TO REUNION 2009, CHARLESTON, SC



### ATTENDEES WITH RUNNING TOTALS (No. of Reunions Attended)

Back Row: **Don Rexroad** (1), **Bob Stockham** (1), **Connie Shuler** (4), **Dave Miller** (18), **Al Ross** (17),  
**Greg Cloutier** (11), **Steve Cobb** (18), **Terry Benton** (10), **Jim Haddaway** (7). Middle Row: **Charles Reeder** (1),  
**Joe McLaughlin** (14), **JP Hunt** (9), **Don Levesque** (10), **Leo Hand** (7), **Horace Martin** (9), **Lynwood Scott** (8),  
**Joe Pollicino** (16), **Dan Nordmann** (11). Front Row: **Danny Handy** (4), **George Christo** (9), **John Wold** (11),  
**Wally Loucks** (21), **Jim Andrulewicz** (11), **Jerry Stanfield** (15), **JC Carleton** (15), **Ernie Senez** (11).  
On the Floor: **Dave Meinertz** (5), **Dan Hemphill** (2).

Not in Picture:



**Skip St. Clair** (21)



**Kevin Shaughnessy** (9)



**Bob Stocker** (1)

**SEMPER FIDELIS**

# MEMBERSHIP INFO

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## New e-mail

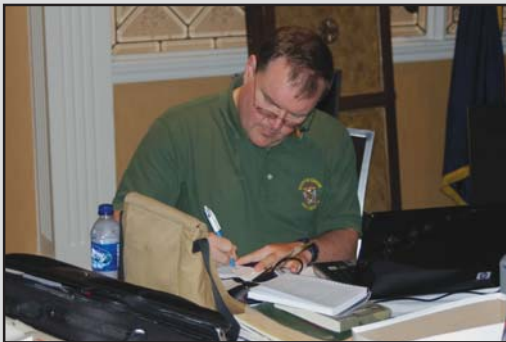
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## Lost Contacts

No Lost Contacts (It's amazing)

## Marine Corps Archive:

Jim Ginther, from the Marine Corps Archive, was our guest in Charleston. He was just amazed with the content of our Lima 3/5 Archive material. Jim talked with several of our group to add some content to some of the pictures from our tours in Vietnam. He heard stories from the '66 group that brought the Colors over to the '71 group that brought them home. Jim would like to be our guest in St. Louis next year for our 26<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Joe McLaughlin is still in the process of copying our Archives to DVD. For all those not at the Reunion, I can send you a DVD of the Archives if you contact me.



Jim Ginther



Jim & Skip St. Clair

## Special Thanks to

**Terry & Nancy Benton and Joe McLaughlin**  
for making this a Great Reunion in Charleston.



Terry & Nancy Benton



Joe McLaughlin



Joe McLaughlin & Nancy Benton

**FNGs this year: Charles Reeder '69-'70, Don Rexroad '68, Bob Stocker '68, and Bob Stockham '66-'67. Total Lima 3/5 Marines in attendance 31. Thanks to all the Wives, Family and Friends.**



# CHARLESTON REUNION 2009 RECAP



The **Bentons** and **Charleston** were gracious hosts for the 25th Lima 3/5 Reunion. On Banquet night the Hotel awarded them the Commemorative Lima 3/5 Plaque that was in the front lobby all week.



The Hospitality Room opened on Tuesday night. **Terry Benton** and **Joe Pollocino** kept the wine, beer and soda on ice, and the tables stocked with snacks. The early crew made good use of the early opening.

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The smoking lamp was lit on the patio for **Gunny Levesque** and **JP Hunt**.



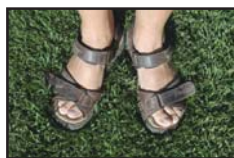
**Jim Ginther**



**Jim, Joe Pollocino, Greg Cloutier, Joe McLaughlin, Terry Benton**

## PARIS ISLAND - At An Easy Pace

Friday we packed up 5 cars and caravanned to Paris Island. After a small obstacle at the gate, the Guard allowed a Hollywood Marine with sandals on to enter the Hallowed Ground of Paris Island.



viewed the Vietnam section,

**It was just a great day at the Island.**



We toured the Paris Island Museum,



and saw a couple of Boots.

## Golf Friday Morning

I missed the golf outing Friday morning, (I was trying to get my sandals past the Guard at PI.) but there were 5 who played a course that Skip found. (I would have still come in last.) Tee times changed and I had to take the heat for giving the Battalion Commander the wrong time to meet at the hotel. He showed up about 45 minutes after the group left. Oops.

## Business Meeting



At the Business Meeting Saturday morning, **Col. Don Rexroad**, the Battalion Commander for 3/5 from March to July 1968, talked about our history from the Battalion Command prospective. Great talk!



The "Gunny Ross Award", started in 2006 by **Jim "Man Overboard" Haddaway**, was presented to **Gunny Don Levesque**. **Sgt Major Al Ross** made the Presentation.

## Saturday Morning Tea

Nancy Benton hosted a Saturday morning Tea for the Ladies while the Business Meeting was going on. Sweetgrass Basket Weavers gave a demonstration and had their wares for sale. The Girls had a good time.



## BRIAN KLEEVES - 2nd Purple Heart

My name is Brian Kleeves, I was attached to Lima 3/5 from May 1969 to March 1970 as their Forward Air Controller.

I was wounded twice while calling in medevacs, once in June 1969 and again in September 1969. I never received my Purple Heart Certificate until a few years ago, after requesting it. At that time I found out that I only was awarded one Purple Heart, the one for September. Apparently, the one for June was called in wrong. If someone remembers that night (the 1st medivac in got shot down), I would like to hear from them, and maybe get the second Purple Heart. It seems to mean more to me now then it did years ago. Thanks.

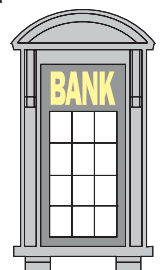
## Bank Balance

All Reunion Bills Paid

General Fund  
\$7,076.65

Operation Reachout  
\$1,986.00

TOTAL  
\$9,062.65





## SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET

**Sgt Major Al Ross** called the Reunion Group to Attention.



And the Color Guard Presented the Colors to the Marine Corps Hymn.



Jerry Stanfield led us in the Benediction and a Moment of Silence for our Fallen Brothers.

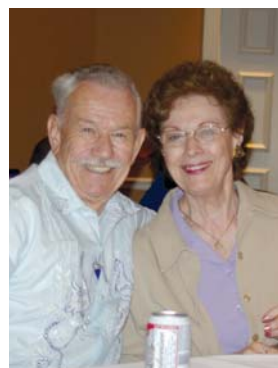


**And the Banquet was Spectacular!**









## REUNION 2010 • ST. LOUIS, MO



**Wed, June 23 thru Sun, June 27, 2010**

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Rooms are blocked from June 20 thru June 29. Room rates are \$95.00 in the South Tower and \$115.00 in the North Tower. Reservations must be made before May 24, 2010 either by phone or on-line.

### **Banquet Dinner**

**Saturday June 26, 2010 at 6:00pm.**

More information to follow.

**ATTRACTIONS:** Gateway Arch, Old Courthouse, Busch Stadium, Forest Park & the St. Louis Zoo, Botanical Garden, Transportation Museum, Anheuser Busch Brewery & Grants Farm, Laclede's Landing, area Casinos and golf courses.

For the kids there's the City Museum, Magic House, Science Center and Six Flags.

**PARKING:** Parking is \$9.00 per day available at a garage directly connected to the hotel by an enclosed walkway. In the event of a St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Game, parking will be \$18.00 per day. (The baseball schedule doesn't come out 'til November.)



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LIMA COMPANY



How did the Christos get all that luggage  
on those 2 motorcycles?



Sunday, it's always sad to say good-by.