

Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



VIETNAM 1965-1971

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2010 REUNION IN ST. LOUIS



34 Attendees including 3 Corpsmen

Back Row: **Pete Kelleher** (1), **Bill Nidever** (1), **Charles Reeder** (2), **Tony Van Reusen** (13), **Joe Magilton** (1), **Connie Shuler** (4), **Don Anderson** (6), **Dave Miller** (19), **Earl Campbell** (3), **Skip St. Clair** (22), **Dave Harvey** (7), **Frager Spates** (12). 3rd Row: **Doc Fowler** (5), **Joe McLaughlin** (15), **J P Hunt** (10), **Dennis Ward** (1), **J C Carleton** (16), **Steve Cobb** (19), **Doc Gilbreath** (1). 2nd Row: **Carl Kabitsch** (5), **John Wold** (12), **Dennis Freed** (11), **Kevin Shaughnessy** (10), **Al Ross** (18), **Bill Clark** (8), **Ken Carmen** (11), **Doc Bammer** (10). Front Row: **Rich Hoffman** (14), **Joe Pollicino** (17), **Jerry Stanfield** (16), **Jim Andrulewicz** (12), **Gunny Loucks** (22), **Ron Pikul** (1), **Dan Nordmann** (12).
Not in Picture: **R. Putman**, 5th Marine Scout attached to Lima Co.

Penny DeLagarza attended again and stood in for her departed Husband **Benito**.

The Lucky 7 are the FNG's this year. They are: **Doc Gilbreath**, **Pete Kelleher**, **Joe Magilton**, **Bill Nidever**, **Ron Pikul**, **R. Putman**, and **Dennis Ward**.

This is such a great addition to the Lima 3/5 Family. Welcome Home and Welcome aboard!

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PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE DEATHS

of **Mike Edwards** of Fenton, MO 1968-69, and **Bruce Johnson** of Temecula, CA.

I will e-mail the Lima Company Roster quarterly. If you want one, I need your e-mail address.
If you don't have a computer, give me a call and I can send out a hard copy.

**Lima 3/5 Website: Checkout the Command Chronologies
and Operations at www.limathreefive.com**



Top of the Arch Reunion, St. Louis 2010 in Review

Presidential Suite 326 was the home of the Lima 3/5 Hospitality Room in St. Louis. The doors opened at 12:00 noon. With help from the early arrivals, the bar was stocked with spirits and snacks. **Sgt. Major Ross** and **Skip St. Clair** made sure the job was done right.



Sgt. Major Ross & Skip St. Clair

The Ladies settled in and started planning their adventures on the town. Actually they were the ones who oversaw setting up the Hospitality Room. All of the girls make our Reunions the best.



Phyllis Ross, Gail Hoffman, Joyce Pollicino, Mary Ann Nordmann & Penny DeLagarza



The Andrulewiczs - Jim, Courtney & Brad

The Lima 3/5 Archive on the laptops were used a little more than last year. Everyone at the Reunion got an updated DVD with all of the archival material to date. Last year's Reunion photos were on the tables along with the photo roster, Then & Now Roster, and golf pictures from past Reunions.



Carl Kabitsch & friend Dan

The Bar was usually crowded. Friendships renewed. Stories told and re-told. Lots of hugs and smiles. Each year it gets better and better.



Tony Van Reusen, Mary Ann Nordmann & Rich Hoffman



Frager Spates & Connie Shuler

A few of us did get some golf in. Early morning tee times after a late night didn't seem to bother anyone. **J P, Skip, Richard, Andy, Dave, Mary Ann** and I played through the Vietnam-like heat, and still managed par or just over. (We're not getting that much better really. It was two 3-man scrambles on Friday. I did manage to break 100 on Thursday though.) J P, Richard, and Mary Ann shot even par, while Skip and Dave had me for a handicap and were 2 over.



Rich Hoffman, Jim Andrulewicz, Skip St. Clair, JP Hunt, & Dan Nordmann on Thursday



B-Team: Skip St. Clair, Dave Miller & Dan Nordmann at Friday Scramble



A-Team: JP Hunt, Mary Ann Nordmann & Rich Hoffman at Friday Scramble



A-Team Victory at 18th Hole

We had 3 corpsmen this year. **Doc Fowler, Doc Bammer** and new guy **Doc Gilbreath**. These are the Men! I got to find out more about Friday the 13th, 1968. Joe Bammer and Jim Gilbreath were the Corpsmen who patched me up that day. In 2000 at the Asheville, NC Reunion I was introduced to Doc Murphy who remembered Gene Feeley, a KIA that day. I just assumed he was the Corpsman who came out to help me. Doc Bammer was the one who rescued me that day though. Doc Gilbreath and Doc Murphy also took care of me at the LZ. I can't ever express enough thanks to all you Corpsmen.

– Dan Nordmann



Doc Jim Gilbreath, Doc Bob Fowler and Doc Joe Bammer

St. Louis 2010 Lima 3/5 Reunion Banquet



Sgt. Major Ross called the group to attention for the presentation of Colors at 1900 hours, Saturday, June 26th. The Color Guard presented the Colors as the Marines' Hymn played in the background. They looked sharp as they always do. Dress Blues have to be the best uniform

in the Armed Forces.

Gunny Loucks offered the Invocation Prayer before we began dining on barbeque, St. Louis style. The buffet consisted of barbecued beef brisket, chicken, and ribs along with all the trimmings. All you can eat, and we all got our share.



The Rosses, Penny DeLagarza & the Van Reusens



The Wolds & the Stanfields



Bill McClennan, a columnist from the St. Louis Post Dispatch and Marine Vietnam Veteran Combat Correspondent, was the guest speaker after supper. He mixed a little humor with a serious touch. To paraphrase his last comments, he thanked the room full of Lima 3/5 Marines for our service. He said that the respect and praises that he gets for being a Marine Vietnam Veteran is because of the courage and professionalism that we displayed. Ohh Rah!

Bill wrote a column that was in the Friday newspaper the week of our Reunion. The first paragraph told of the history of Lima Company in Vietnam 1966 to 1971. Then the article focused on me. Needless to say I've taken a lot of good natured ribbing about what appeared in print. You guys at the Reunion weren't nearly as creative with the jabs as my neighbors and friends though. However, the article had a positive note. We got a couple of area residents, **Ron Pikul** and **R. Putman** from Lima Company, to visit with us on Friday and Saturday.

A big thanks to all who donated to the Silent Auction, especially **Jim Dreksler**, **Jim Gilbreath**, **Hank**, **Joe McLaughlin**, **Gunny Loucks**, **J D Murray**, **Joe Pollicino**, **Al Ross**, **Connie Shuler**, **Skip St. Clair**, and **Mary Ann & Dan Nordmann**. Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets and Silent Auction items for donating almost \$2,000 to the cause.



Mary Ann Nordmann's quilt with 116 faces of Lima 3/5 veterans

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Lima 3/5 1966 Vets: Shuler, Clark, Ross, St. Clair, Kabitsch, Wold and Shaughnessy