

Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



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*Happy
Holidays*



Vietnam 1967

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This Newsletter will be the first to be sent out via e-mail to save on postage.
I also need your e-mail address to send up-dated rosters.
If you move, send me a change of address, phone number and e-mail. Thanks*

Just a few of the Purple Heart and Specialty License Plates at the Chattanooga Reunion



A Thank You to all Vietnam Vets from a Marine in Iraq

A guy gets time to think over here and I was thinking about all the support we get from home. Sometimes it's overwhelming. We get care packages at times faster than we can use them. There are boxes and boxes of toiletries and snacks lining the center of every tent; the generosity has been amazing. So, I was pondering the question: "Why do we have so much support?"

In my opinion, it all came down to one thing: Vietnam Veterans. I think we learned a lesson, as a nation, that no matter what, you have to support the troops who are on the line, who are risking everything. We treated them so poorly back then. When they returned was even worse. The stories are nightmarish of what our returning warriors were subjected to. It is a national scar, a blemish on our country, an embarrassment to all of us.

After Vietnam, it had time to sink in. The guilt in our collective consciousness grew. It shamed us. However, we learned from our mistake. Somewhere during the late 1970's and on into the 80's, we realized that we can't treat our warriors that way. So ... starting during the Gulf War, when the first real opportunity arose to stand up and support the troops, we did. We did it to support our friends and family going off to war. But we also did it to right the wrongs from the Vietnam era. We treat our troops of today like the heroes they were, and are, acknowledge and celebrate their sacrifice, and rejoice at their homecoming ... instead of spitting on them.

And that support continues today for those of us in Iraq. Our country knows that it must support us and it does. The lesson was learned in Vietnam and we are all better because of it.

Everyone who has gone before is a hero. They are celebrated in my heart. I think admirably of all those who have gone before me. From those who fought to establish this country in the late 1770's to those I serve with here in Iraq. They have all sacrificed to ensure our freedom. But when I get back home, I'm going to make it a personal mission to specifically thank every Vietnam Vet I encounter for THEIR sacrifice. Because if nothing else good came from that terrible war, one thing did. It was the lesson learned on how we treat our warriors. We as a country learned from our mistake and now we treat our warriors as heroes, as we should have all along. I am the beneficiary of their sacrifice. Not only for the freedom they, like veterans from other wars, ensured, but for how well our country now treats my fellow Marines and me. We are the beneficiaries of their sacrifice.

Semper Fidelis, Major Brian P. Bresnahan, United States Marine Corps

POPPY By *Laura Howells* - Dave Stinson's Granddaughter

Poppy always smiles with jet black eyes.
Through sealed red lips he filters careful thought,
He's forced into the present from the pain
Of drifting back to days when young men fought.

He will not soil clean sleeves with his own heart,
But I saw his shirt one day the staunch wall fell
It's stained with ruby handprints - his best friend
Who clung to him while slipping out of hell.

My mother's life replaced his friend's that day
But Poppy did not hear her firstborn cries,
The gunshots were too loud, the smoke too thick
And joy is hard to see through bloodstained eyes.

But Poppy's walls are strong and rarely fall
(Perhaps his weakness is his lock and key)
No words he speaks can make us understand
The tragedy of what he had to be.

I go to Poppy's house, I see his room -
Lone tribute to his dark and taboo past -
Where centered 'midst the medals and the pride
Beloved flag is hanging at half mast.

Now standing on a cold November morn
I watch him march - a shadow of the days
Where men were men and brandished willing hearts
To hold a nation in their jet black gaze.

Photographs from Jerry Winters' Vietnam Scrapbook - sometime in 1967



Bill Rhoads & Jerry Winters



Tom Falk & Lorenzo Mungaray



Rich Motzinger & Horace Martin



**Bill Burger, Bill Rhoads
& Jim Morelli**



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**Jerry Winters, Dwight Tigelaor
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Business Meeting Saturday, June 16th 9:00 am

Banquet and Silent Auction Saturday, June 16th
Cocktails at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm

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