

# Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



**VIETNAM 1966-1971**

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*"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference.  
The Marines don't have that Problem."*

*President Ronald Reagan*

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## TAPS

**Luciano Perez** passed away in 2003.

His wife Cheryl just notified me of his passing. Luciano was a Sgt. 0311 with Lima Company in Vietnam from July 1970 to February 1971. He received 2 Purple Hearts for wounds, the 1st on 24 Dec 70 and the 2nd on 2 Jan 71. Sgt Luciano was also awarded the Navy Commendation Medal. Chico, you'll be missed. Semper Fi Brother.

Hi Dan,

My new e-mail address is [lima2135@gmail.com](mailto:lima2135@gmail.com). I use this at the Veterans Outreach Center, so I check it every-day, Monday thru Friday. I Just finished my VAC training and DAV training. So I have a PHD (If you ever could have one in dealing with the VA) Last month my partner and I at the VOC assisted 140 Veterans and their widows file claim for benefits. This month we are on target to top that if the first couple of days of October are any indication. In 6 working days this month, we have assisted 45 Veterans with applying for their benefits in 3 different states and growing. We only are open 9am till 2 pm. It keeps me hopping. My Partner in crime assists local vets with housing. I handle the benefits. Our system works and is extremely self serving for me. We are sending in mostly fully developed claims which go thru the VA system much faster. The fastest I had one go thru was 5 days!! Very unusual but it was a slam dunker. The VA Rating Officers love FDC because they are rated on the number of claims they process, so the easier the VSO's make their job the faster they go thru. Let the guys know that any Marine, Navy, or vender that was stationed at Camp Lejeune for 30 days is entitled to benefits due to the water being full of carcinogens. They have a list of presumptive diseases that this could cause. President Obama signed this into law just this past July. Widows of veterans that died from any of these diseases should be eligible for a service connected death pension benefit, just like Agent Orange presumptives.

Semper Fi,  
Dennis Ward

Hi again Dan,

<http://benefits.va.gov/TRANSFORMATION/disabilityexams/index.asp> This is a link to Fully Developed Claims and DBQ's. This may help some of the vets with submitting claims for their benefits. It is really a pretty good system. It puts more work on the VSO and the vet to file a complete claim with all the info needed for the Regional Office Claims Processor to turn around a faster decision. A Vet can lock in the retro date by submitting form 21-4138 stating that they intend to file a claim. Send this with the 21-22 to a POA of their choice in the regional office. The VA will date stamp this and lock it in. He will then have 12 months from the date of submission to gather his info.

Semper Fi,  
Dennis Ward

You can contact Dennis with questions at [lima2135@gmail.com](mailto:lima2135@gmail.com)

## A True Hero

It always seems like we procrastinate too long and then it sometimes becomes too late to properly thank the people who affected our lives the most in a positive way.

In 1962, out of boot camp, I was assigned to L-3-5 and served with a Company Gunnery Sergeant who taught me more in the next 2 1/2 years not only about military life, but lessons that apply in civilian life to this very day, almost 50 years later.

This Marine had — and still has — unquestioned integrity, loyalty, and devotion to duty and a great love for this country. He set high standards for himself and subordinates that made one proud to be in his company and made everyone a better Marine by always trying to emulate him and doing one's best to live up to these high standards by which he lived every day. Anyone who ever served in the Marine Corps, and the people of this country, owe a huge debt of thanks to this gentleman and the many Marines like him who served numerous years with great distinction to insure the freedom we all have today. This debt can never be adequately repaid, but I am sure he would say "paid in full".

I had to take this opportunity to say what an honor and privilege it was to serve with this Marine — and that space limits all that should be said about him. My family and I can only say thank you and may God always bless **SgtMaj George F. Meyer**.

Semper Fi,  
Dan Becker  
Crystal City, MO

This letter submitted by Robert Henry from **The Old Breed News**

<http://www.dvidshub.net/video/158810/honor-country-2012-marine-corps-birthday-message#.UINAxYbN3Cb>

Dan,  
In case you miss a formal event this year, it's 12 minutes of history and good Marine stuff.

Happy Birthday... only a few of you actually look 237 years old.

Semper Fi,  
Mike Maehl

### Together We Served

If you're looking for a good website with USMC connections, try [marines.togetherweserved.com](http://marines.togetherweserved.com). Texas Tech University also has a good website at [recordsofwar.com](http://recordsofwar.com)

## When Trouble Comes

When trouble comes as trouble does,  
I never stand alone,  
Behind me stands a long green line—  
The Corps that is my own.  
When trouble comes with grief and tears,  
And evil does its worst,  
I know Marines are at my back—  
For I am not the first...  
To face the sorrow trouble brings,  
Or stand within that breach.  
The corps has forged the heart of me  
That trouble cannot reach.  
And when I go to join the line  
Of Brothers passed from sight,  
I know tomorrow's new Marines  
Will carry on the fight.  
And I will live within their hearts  
As live Marines in mine,  
For trouble cannot touch our Core—  
The Corps—that Long Green Line.  
SSgt Robert A. Hall

Submitted By Mike Maehl

## 5th Marines Celebrate Birthday

The 'Fighting Fifth' Marines, the most highly decorated Regiment in the Corps, recently celebrated its 95th Birthday.

In January of 2003, the Fifth Marines deployed to Kuwait to take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom. On 21 March, the Regiment became the first unit to cross the line of departure into Iraq as it moved to seize the Rumayllah Oilfields. During the course of the next few weeks, the Regiment repeatedly distinguished itself in combat actions as it continued the offensive to liberate Baghdad and collapse the regime of Saddam Hussein. During much of the attack north, the Regiment led the 1st Marine Division in the deepest attack in Marine Corps history.

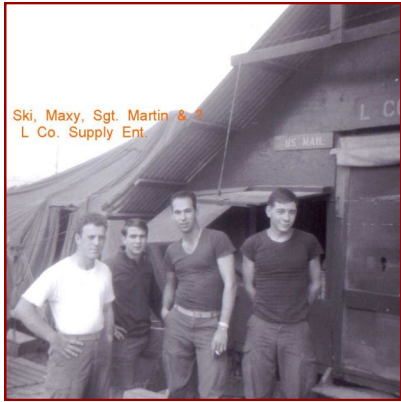
Today, the Regiment continues to participate in exercises and contingency deployments with the 1st Marine Division, and to prepare forces for deployment with the 31st MEU (SOC). Ever ready to answer the nation's call, the "Fighting Fifth" is recognized as the Marine Corps' most highly decorated regiment. To learn more about the regiment's history, go to <http://danapoint5thmarines.com/content/history-and-honors-fighting-fifth-marines>

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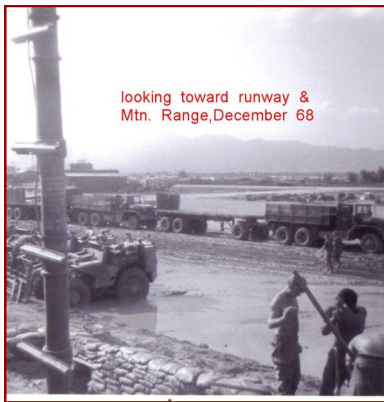


Pictures taken by Kevin Shaughnessy

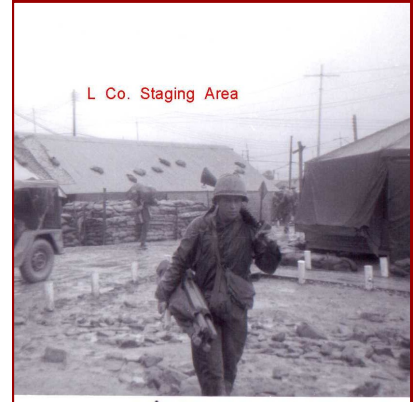
# Photos submitted by Sgt. James Martin '68 '69



Ski, Maxy, Sgt. Martin & ?  
L Co. Supply Ent.



looking toward runway &  
Mtn. Range, December 68



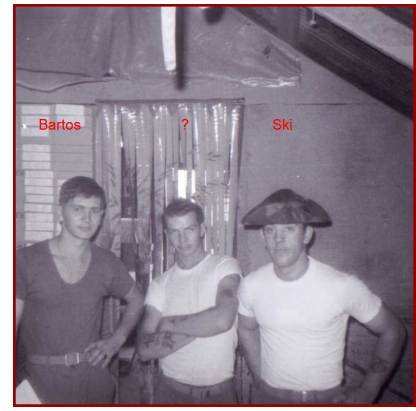
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First Sgt. Sgt. Martin



B Y (Motor T) Ski Sgt. Martin



Bartos ? Ski



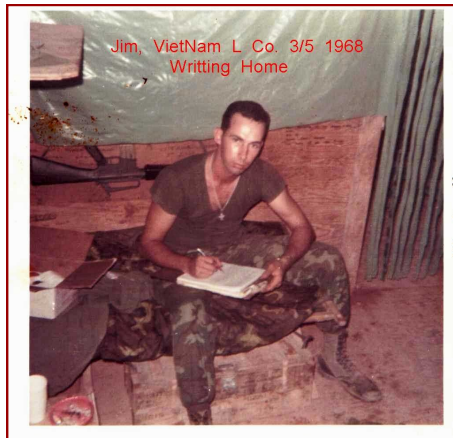
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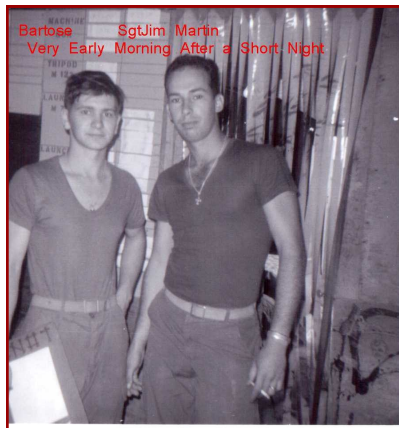
Martin Hickil and 7 ?s Bartos



Sgt. John Hickile Sgt. Jim Martin



Jim, Viet Nam L Co. 3/5 1968  
Writing Home



Bartose Sgt. Jim Martin  
Very Early Morning After a Short Night



Bartose ? Sgt. Jim Martin Frump

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# Grunt

Term of affection used to denote that filthy, sweaty, dirt encrusted, foot sore, camouflaged painted, ripped trouser'd, tired, sleepy, beautiful son of a bitch, who has kept the wolf away from the door for over two-hundred years



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**Hospitality Room** opens Tuesday, June 11th

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**Banquet & Silent Auction** Saturday, June 15th

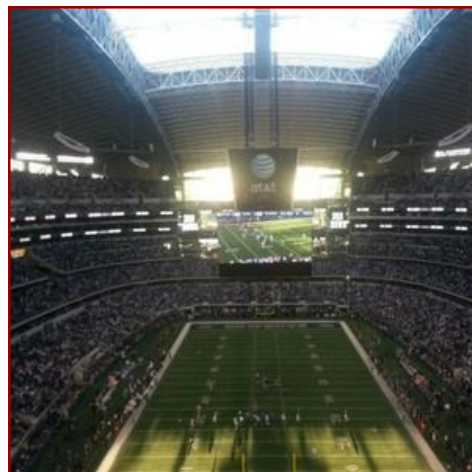
Cocktails at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm

[Sheratonarlingtonhotel.com](http://Sheratonarlingtonhotel.com)

## Things to do in Arlington Texas

Nestled between Dallas and Fort Worth, Arlington is celebrated as a playground for families and lovers of sports and theme parks. Lose yourself in the captivating attractions surrounding the Sheraton Arlington Hotel. Thrill to the high octane action at the Texas Motor Speedway. Ride dozens of huge rides at Six Flags over Texas. Or savor the spectacular dining, historical sights, and nightspots of Dallas and Fort Worth. It's all within minutes of this upscale Dallas area hotel, which is located in the magnificent Metroplex region.

Rangers Ballpark  
Cowboys Stadium  
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Six Flags Hurricane Harbor  
Lincoln Square Shopping Center  
Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie  
Lone Star Park  
Texas Motor Speedway



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