

Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion



VIETNAM 1966-1971

Dan Nordmann, Editor
11702 Avery Ln.
Bridgeton, MO 63044-2105
314-954-3311 Cell
dmnordmann@att.net

Lima Company



Nov 2021. .Newsletter #131 . . Happy 246th Birthday



USMC
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
* * ★ *Since 1775* ★ * *

SEMPER FIDELIS

MEMBERSHIP INFO

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have an **e-mail address** and you don't get the Roster updates and Newsletter via e-mail, send me your e-mail address to save postage. **Get your e-mail address.**

Pete DeGraff
1507 Indiana Ave.
Ames, IA 50014

Ron Eby
698 Jacobs Creek Park Rd.
Canyon Lake, TX 78133
Ron.eby@hotmail.com

Warren Gautney
130 Judson St.
Colorado Spgs, CO 80911

Raymond Gourley
5138 E Allison Rd
Camby, IN 46113
rigourley50@comcast.com

Joseph Magilton
13290 Medinah Cir W Apt 8
Fort Myers, FL 33907

William Zlater
14210 US Ford Rd.
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
zlaterw@gmail.com

NEW E-MAIL

Thomas Desimone	tdezz49@yahoo.com
Gary Johnson	gary31647@msn.com
Jerry Malmstedt	jerrymalmstedt@gmail.com
Jim Murrell	jlmurrell@sbcglobal.net
Danny Myers	m.dannyjoe@yahoo.com
Ken Parkman	kennithparkman@yahoo.com

LOST E-MAIL

Charles Rose Mike Vanderbriff

LOST ADDRESS

Tim Blank Argonne, WI
Charles Reeder Greenpond, SC

TAPS



Steve Cobb

Passed away Sept 9, 2021

Steve served in Vietnam with Lima 3/5 from Jan 68 to Jan 69.

He was a Cpl and his MOS was 0341 Mortar Man.

Steve got a Purple Heart on Jun 13, 1968.

He attended 25 Reunions. We had great times with Steve.



246TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY



246th Birthday Message From General Berger, CMC



On 10 November 1970, Commandant Chapman challenged all Marines, active and inactive, young and old, deployed or recently returned from combat, “not to look back, but instead, to look to the future.” He insisted that we celebrate our anniversary, “not as an end of almost two centuries of dedicated service, but as preparation for new service, new dedication, and new achievement.” Those sage words resonate across time and are as applicable today as they were 51 years ago.

Our Corps holds to traditions that link us to the elite warriors who wore the uniform before us, but the traditions we hand down through the generations go far beyond tangible displays, symbols, or customs. The most important traditions that link us to our past and must be carried into the future are the intangible ones—traditions of courage, trust, discipline, loyalty, respect, perseverance, adaptability, and leadership. Today, 246 years since our warfighting legacy began, we celebrate those traits that have been forged in all Marines—past and present.

The character of Marines, our unwavering commitment and relentless pursuit of excellence, remains unchanged from that of past generations, even as the character of warfare is ever-changing. These changes will require us to do what Marines do best—adapt and innovate to win any battle or respond to any crisis. Just as Marines who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan over these past 20 years adapted to the demands of protracted counterinsurgency operations—which would have been all too familiar to the Marines of 1970—we will adapt to the demands of the present and future, while learning the hard lessons from our recent past.

We can’t know for certain where future battlefields will be, or how our methods of warfighting will be redefined as threats to our Nation evolve, but we can ensure that the Marines who fight those battles will be forged of the same courage, spirit, and warfighting excellence as all Marines before them.

We who serve today represent an unbroken chain that stretches back 246 years. As we mark our anniversary, we remember those who went before us, and as we look over the horizon to “new service, new dedication, and new achievement,” solemnly swear to uphold their example of honor, courage, and commitment.

Happy 246th Birthday, Marines!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. H. Berger". The signature is stylized and cursive.

David H. Berger

LIMA 3/5

52 Years Later

On September 16, 2021, I had the pleasure of meeting up and having lunch with Lance Corporal James “Jimmy” Wright. Jimmy was a member of Lima 3/5, 3rd platoon 1st squad on November 2, 1969. We were both on the same fire team guarding Liberty Road at OP 6. In the early afternoon after a convey passed we were jumped by a small force of VC. A fierce fire fight broke out and being added by Marines from OP 5, we were able to fight off the VC. Jimmy and I were both wounded by a chi-com and evacuated to the Naval hospital in Danang.

I lost track of Jimmy as I went through six months of rehabilitation and moving on with my life. This was not the end of the story. Jimmy has been to two of our reunions but did not see anybody he knew so he didn't stay. He did receive the Lima newsletter from Dan and noticed my name and the fact that we were wounded on the same day. He first sent me a text and after I returned the text and several texts later, we decided to meet. He lives in Jacksonville; FL and I live across the river from the Kennedy Spac Center. We finally picked a date and met up at the High Jackers Restaurant half-way between us. Both wearing Lima 3/5 shirts, we recognized each other and grabbed each other with big bear hugs. After almost 3 hours later and filling each other in with missing pieces of that day we vowed to remain in touch.

I had not seen anything or heard of what had happened to Jimmy for 52 years. My hats off to Dan Nordmann and the Lima 3/5 newsletter for without which I would have never been reunited with my brother for another mother. Thanks to all my other Lima brother for keeping our memory alive. Ye though I walk through the valley of death, I fear no evil for I am walking with the men of Lima 3/5 the baddest hombres in the valley.

Semper Fi, “JC” Carleton



Kevin Joyce sent me a picture of his Car License Plat.

Joe McLaughlin wanted the next Reunion in Fredericksburg. His son Tim and his wife Becky have done a lot for the Reunion. I've added what they sent me on the next page. They will give me more information before I send out the January Newsletter. There are several things that we can do at the Reunion. I'll put them in the next newsletter.

I have gotten several new e-mail addresses. I hope after the January Newsletter that I get more e-mail addresses again. I did get a few requests from some people that don't want to receive the Newsletters anymore. This might make the mailed newsletters not active anymore.

Happy 246 Marine Corps Birthday. Semper Fi,

Dan

2022 FREDERICKSBURG, VA REUNION

Save the Date



LIMA Co. 3/5 Reunion
June 8-12, 2022
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Lodging at:



Clarion Hotel & Suites Conference Center
Fredericksburg

2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Group rate: \$119.00 per night

Group rate is excluding 11.3% tax (taxes subject to change without notice)

Reservation method: Each guest is responsible to make their own room reservation.

Guest can call the hotel direct at 540-786-8321 or click on the link below:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/IN68Y9>

Group Name: Lima 3/5 Hue City Reunion

Group Number: IN68Y9

All rooms **MUST** be booked before **Sunday, May 15, 2022**. After this date, the group room block is released to the general public and will no longer have access to the special group rate.

Saturday evening dinner at:



More information to come!

CHARLES PITTINGER

Larry Pittinger gave me a call about his brother, Charles Pittinger that passed away in Vietnam on 17 Nov 1969. He found me on the internet. I sent him a t-shirt from our 2018 Reunion that had his Brothers name on it. He then sent me these pictures and a writing.



LARRY PITTINGER <thepitts4@comcast.net>
To: dmnordmann@att.net

Sun, Jun 13 at 3:27 PM
 Dan

On Memorial day the local American Legion Post 168 in Thurmont Md. dedicated a pedestrian bridge to honor PFC Charles R Pittinger. Charlie served with Lima co. from Sept 26 to Nov. 17 1969 when he was killed in action.

I wanted to thank you along with Dan Cantrell, Tom Williams, and Michael Maehl. The four of you called me and shared information about my brother Charlie. All of you were more than generous with your time spent on the phone.

Although you and Dan didn't serve with Charlie you still shared some of your personal experiences and stories. For the ceremony, I made a photo display. I used the Lima 3/5 wall and the photo of the 3/5 logo on the National Vietnam Memorial that appears at the end of your newsletters. I also displayed the memorial reunion T-shirt that you sent me. Thank you all for making me feel like part of the 3/5 family. If you see Dan, Tom, or Michael at your upcoming reunion please pass along my gratitude. If anyone from Lima 3/5 remembers Charlie a video of the dedication highlights can be found on youtube by typing " Charles R Pittinger" into the search bar.



God bless you all,
 Larry Pittinger



TED CRISP SHORT STORIES

Air Conditioning

Whenever we returned to our Company rear area for resupply and hot food we would be housed in large tents with cots to sleep on. Hot during the day, but bearable during the night. On the other hand the officers in our Company would stay in a wood style building complete with electricity and air conditioning, stereo and a television. They would not allow any of us lower ranking Marines to spend time in their air conditioned area unless we were there on business which was hardly ever. One day one of our privates was walking past a large USMC generator that ran to supply our company's electrical needs. He noticed the generator had on it a switch that said 110 volt, 220 volt or 440 volt. He moved the switch to the 440 volt position which caused a massive surge in electricity too all the 110 volt designed lines thus causing the officers air conditioning, stereo and television and wiring to burn up. I believe it took a week for maintenance to repair all of it. The officers had to go a week without air conditioning sweltering in the summer heat just like the rest of us grunts.

Life is sometimes hard.

Lots of room in the milk machine?

I was at noon time chow in our regiment mess hall enjoying some hot food which was a rarity for us as we spent most of our time out in the jungle and rice paddies. I was up at the milk machine getting a large canteen cup full of cold milk. Just at that moment we had our base hit with enemy NVA 122 mm rockets that exploded close to our mess hall. They were loud and close caused me to jump with tremendous energy into the milk machine as a place for protection from the shells. I quickly came to the realization that physically I was too large to get into the milk machine and removed myself to the nearest safety bunker outside of the chow hall.

**Where was the chocolate milk
when you need it?**

LIMA COMPANY

3RD BN. 5TH MARINES 1ST MAR. DIV.
VIETNAM 1966-1971

Daniel J. Nordmann
11702 Avery Lane
Bridgeton, MO 63044



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

