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Editor's Comments by Larry Ortiz

I can't accurately say that it's "feast or famine" for material for a newsletter as it's usually *famine*. But at this time, since, if anyone's noticed, it's been awhile since the last newsletter, there is quite a bit of information to pass on through a newsletter. I thought of including it all in a single newsletter but I anticipate many dropping off while trying to read through a 20 + pg. newsletter. Therefore, I've decided to break it up into two issues: 1) the general newsletter and, 2) a special issue for "In Our Thoughts And Prayers" to remember and honor those of our Golf 2/5 family who have passed away and to mention all our brothers who are dealing with a myriad of health issues.

Also, while reading the newsletter, be aware of the timeframe of the articles which will make more sense to everyone.

And lastly, I'm also planning on sending a separate document with the financial statement. Preview is we're doing well!

Semper Fi,
Larry



**Our Very Gracious Hosts, Marty & Dianna Steinbach at Reds Stadium
Thank You Both for an Amazing 2016 Reunion!!!**

President's Message by Barney Barnes

Marines,

I trust this finds all of you doing well and in good spirits. It's been a rough couple of weeks for our Golf 2/5 Brotherhood, what with the passing of our Skipper (Col. Chuck Meadows) and Deuce (George Doucette). In fact, as I write this, it's March 26, our Skipper's 79th Birthday. Happy Birthday, Sir, you will be missed greatly by your Golf 2/5 Marines.

This has been a crazy Spring weather wise, not only here in Oklahoma but the whole country . . . snow, sleet, ice, rain, flooding, tornadoes, wild fires—we've experienced it all.

Our 2018 reunion in Santa Fe, New Mexico is about 6 months away. I trust that you are making plans to attend. We've been holding reunions since 1985 and I will always remember that very first one in Chicago, July, 1985. Only 14 Marines attended and to be honest, I only knew/remembered one, Dennis Studenny, from Nam. I will say though that the reunion left not only a lasting impression on me, but a life changing one at that also. Starting with those 14 Marines, we have seen our ranks grow to over 600 Marines who served in Golf 2/5. We usually average 30 - 50 Marines that attend our reunions. If you haven't attended one in the past, it is our hope that you will take that step and attend the Santa Fe reunion. We know that it will certainly be worthwhile. Hope to see you there.

As always, we need to continue to remember, and lift up in our thoughts and prayers, those brothers of ours and their families who are suffering with health problems, be it emotional, mental, or physical. Thanks.

Love you Bros & Broettes Greatly...S/F Barney

Santa Fe, NM Reunion 2018 Update

I've been busy, very busy that is, working on organizing this year's biannual Golf 2/5 reunion in my hometown of Santa Fe, New Mexico. I've gotten a lot of things nailed down and here is the itinerary for the reunion (*with a couple of changes from the email itinerary sent out by Tony C. in February*):

The reunion itinerary is planned as follows:

- **Wed. Oct. 24** - arrival in Santa Fe and check in at Drury Hotel. Meet-and-Greet group dinner in the evening probably around 1800 hrs. (*Note, this is a change from the itinerary sent out in Feb.*) The dinner, which will be a traditional New Mexico dinner, will be held in the hospitality room provided to us by the hotel.

- **Thurs. Oct. 25** - City trolley tour in the morning (which will provide interesting facts about Santa Fe which was founded by the Spanish in 1610 and points of interest).
- **Thurs. Oct. 25** – *High Tea* (which will include finger sandwiches, assorted *exquisite* mini pastries, coffee & *fruity sangria*) **strictly** for the ladies. This will be hosted by Melba Ortiz in the G 2/5 hospitality room around 11:45 AM (after drop-off back at the hotel from trolley tour). This will provide an opportunity to meet newcomers and visit with each other while highlighting the best places to shop and eat in the area and ask questions about places to visit and things to do in Santa Fe. Free evening to enjoy your choice of one of Santa Fe's many fine restaurants.
- **Fri. Oct. 26** - Bus trip to Angel Fire, NM and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial with lunch at Angel Fire. This will be an all-day event returning to Santa Fe around 5 PM. Free evening to enjoy your choice of one of Santa Fe's many fine restaurants.
- **Sat. Oct. 27** - Business meeting in the morning and free day with banquet in the evening. Banquet will also be held in the hospitality room. Menu will consist of a beef (steak) dish (which will all be prepared *medium* as the chef's cannot prepare large numbers of steaks to order), a fish dish of salmon, and a vegetarian dish with desserts and coffee.

The raffle will be held after the banquet.

- **Sun. Oct. 28** - Departure

Again, the hotel, as I've said above, will be the Drury Hotel in Santa Fe and the nightly rate is \$129.00 and is situated in downtown Santa Fe! This daily rate is a special rate for our group and it includes a free breakfast daily and free hors d'ourves each evening which also includes 3 free alcoholic or soft drinks so it's a very reasonable price for a very nice hotel in downtown Santa Fe. Here is the link for the Drury Hotel: <http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2331500>

The hotel has also provided the following information: *"The link below will allow your attendees to book rooms online. If guests prefer to call our toll-free number to secure reservations, they may do so by calling 800-378-7946.*

If it does not pull up the group information automatically, please click blue "Enter a group number" and enter 2331500. Then click verify group to begin making a reservation."

Note: These room rates are also good for the day before and the day after the reunion!

I want to remind you Santa Fe is at an elevation of 7,000 ft. so the temperatures in late October will probably be in the low 60s to high 50s during the day and low 40s and possibly as low as freezing at night so **plan accordingly and bring warm enough clothing.**

I also wanted to ask attendees to bring an item(s) (if they can and/or would like to) for our Association fund raising raffle that's held during our Saturday evening banquet. Our reunions offer an opportunity, through our raffles, to raise money for the Association. It also provides additional funds at the reunion to cover expenses (mostly unexpected) above and beyond those that have been covered by the attendees. Please email me at LSO.VNGRUNT@YAHOO.COM and let me know if you will be bringing an item(s) for the raffle and what it is.

Unfortunately we have very frequent reminders of how health (and *Nam*) related issues are affecting too many of us and how unexpectedly life can come to an end. So please strongly consider

attending this reunion, spend some time with the men (and their families), that you forged unbreakable bonds with 50 or almost 50 years ago for most of us.

As Barney mentioned above, he attended his first Golf Co. reunion in 1985; for me it was 1987 and I've not missed one since. We certainly don't know how many more opportunities we're going to have to get together with our Marine brothers, so don't let this opportunity go by. And, if you've never attended one of our reunions, you've missed out and don't miss out again. Remember, any family members and friends you'd like to bring with you are also invited and welcome!

Semper Fi,
Larry

P.S.: In order to finalize the costs, I will be asking Tony C. to send out a separate email where I'll have the complete list of activities that will cost money and who will be participating in each activity. I have to get those numbers to make arrangements for transportation and meals so the price(s) can be determined. So please when you receive the email, please reply ASAP so I can then finalize all the details and advise what the costs will be, thanks.

Hotel 2/5 Santa Fe, NM Reunion—October 2017

In July 2017 I got a text from Barney advising me that he had just read in *Leatherneck* that Hotel 2/5 was having a reunion in Santa Fe in October 2017. I had no idea so I asked Barney to text me the name and number of the reunion organizer, Dave Harbin (who actually lives in Albuquerque, NM). Barney texted Dave's number to me and I immediately called him and we talked for at least 45 minutes.

Dave gave me all the details and dates for their reunion which was held at the Hotel Santa Fe. Of course we talked about our time in Nam and I got there in Nov. '67 and Dave got in country in early 1967. He was due to rotate in early Feb. '68 and before his rotation date, he and Hotel Co. joined Golf Co. for the *party* going on in Hué City. Can you imagine being a short-timer with only days left before you rotate and being sent into Hué City!??? Turns out that Dave and I were both wounded on Feb. 5, 1968 when we assaulted the Hospital complex of buildings—talk about coincidence. During Dave's few days in Hué, he was recognized for actions during the battle and awarded the Silver Star; here's a link to his citation: <http://valor.militarytimes.com/recipient.php?recipientid=40312>

Dave and his wife, Bonnie, came up to Santa Fe soon after our first phone conversation and Melba I met them for lunch to get to know one another and reminisce about *the Nam*. I bring this up because I am essentially planning the same activities for Golf Co. that Dave did for the Hotel reunion and I need to give credit where credit is due. I will say, that I had already had in mind almost the same exact itinerary with the exception of the city trolley tour and hadn't chosen a restaurant in Angel Fire but will use the same restaurant as Dave did.

We've gotten to know Dave and his wife, Bonnie, and like most Marines, particularly since we both served with 5th Marines, were instantly brothers. Dave invited me and Melba to the Hotel 2/5 reunion and they had a large turnout of close to 100

which included Hotel 2/5 Marines and families. I hope we can get the same kind of turnout for the Golf 2/5 reunion this October.



Dave & Bonnie also drove up to Santa Fe to join me in attending a Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony in Santa Fe on Saturday, August 26, 2018.

It was a great reunion and all Hotel 2/5 Marines treated us warmly and we were welcomed by the group. Dave did an excellent job, didn't overlook a single detail and it was a real surprise and treat to meet Dave and Bonnie.

*L to R: Larry Ortiz & Dave Harbin
At Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony*

Cincinnati Golf 2/5 Reunion—September 2016

We had a very successful and well organized reunion in Cincinnati. Marty and Dianna Steinbach lined up an excellent hotel and planned several activities like the Wright-Patterson Aerospace Museum tour, the Red/Cubs baseball game and the banquet. A heartfelt thanks to Marty and Dianna from all of us who were lucky enough to attend!

I was particularly blown away at the Reds game—before the game started, all Golf 2/5 Marines were called out to the field and the announcer introduced our Veterans organization and highlighted many 5th Marines achievements throughout Marine Corps history including Vietnam while photos of Vietnam were dis-



*Golf 2/5 Marines Being Honored at Red Stadium—What an Honor!
Thank You Cincinnati!!*

played on the Jumbotron. The people in the stands cheered and I can personally say, since I returned from Vietnam, and I expect it's the same for all of us, I had never received a welcome home like the Reds provided for us. I wrote a letter of thanks to the Reds Organization which I have inserted after this article.

At our Association meeting, we took care of two business matters, election of officers and voting on the 2018 reunion city. With respect to the election of officers, a motion was made to retain and reelect the current officers. That motion was passed by acclamation. The second issue was suggesting cities for the next reunion. There were 3 or 4 cities nominated but I can only remember

San Antonio and Santa Fe. As you all know by now, Santa Fe was then voted on as our next Reunion location.

L. Ortiz letter to Cincinnati Reds Organization:

10 October 2016

Larry S. Ortiz
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Santa Fe, NM 87507

Cincinnati Reds Organization
Great American Ball Park
100 Joe Nuxhall Way
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Sirs:


I attended the September 30th game between the Reds and the Cubs as a member of a group having a reunion in Cincinnati. The group was the Golf Co., 2nd Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division (Golf 2/5). We were having our biannual Vietnam Veterans reunion which was being held in Cincinnati this year.

I am the Treasurer/Editor of the Golf Co. 2/5 organization and on behalf of Golf 2/5, I want to thank the Cincinnati Reds Organization for what you did for us which means more to each one of us than we can express. Thank you for honoring our military. I also want to mention Marty and Dianna Steinbach who live in the Cincinnati area and arranged our reunion. They made all the arrangements with the Cincinnati Reds Organization and we feel a deep debt of gratitude to Marty and Dianna for working with the Reds Organization to set this up.

The Cincinnati Reds Organization honored us in a way that I, and I'm pretty sure none of the other Vietnam Veterans there with me, have ever been honored before in the 48 plus years since we returned from Vietnam! We were called out onto the field before the game and the announcer identified us and our Marine unit all while some photos of us while in Vietnam were being shown on the JumboTron as well as we Marine veterans on the field. The announcer described significant facts about our particular unit and our place in Marine Corps history.

I know we were certainly not the first veterans group or active duty military service men and women to be recognized by the Cincinnati Reds Organization. That fact does not in any way diminish the meaning it had to us Vietnam Veterans receiving that special recognition by the Cincinnati Reds Organization. We as a country are all too aware of the shameful way Vietnam Veterans, who answered the call of our country, were treated when we returned. It's a pain that has never gone away for all of us. And this is why I am writing to you to tell you that what you did for us can't erase the past, but to be so publicly welcomed by the Cincinnati Reds Organization in front of the fans in the stadium and the response by the fans to us was almost too overwhelming but appreciated in a way that words cannot describe nor do justice to. Plus, the Reds Organization provided us with special seating, Reds challenge coins, Reds baseball caps and "Reds Hometown Hero Certificates." No detail was overlooked by the Cincinnati Reds Organization. Again, I offer our deepest and most sincere "Thank You" to the Cincinnati Reds Organization.

Very sincerely yours,


Larry S. Ortiz
Golf 2/5 Treasurer/Editor

CC: Cincinnati Enquirer, 312 Elm St, Cincinnati, OH 45202
Cincinnati Herald, 3440 Burnet Ave # 130, Cincinnati, OH 45229

Note: I was so overwhelmed with the reception from the Reds Org. I felt compelled to write a letter of thanks. Also sent copies to the two newspapers I found on-line in Cincinnati and asked for my letter to be included in their newspapers as a "Letter to the Editor". I checked the papers for several weeks after I sent them the copy of the letter to the Reds Org. but never saw my letter included in either newspaper. I also never got a reply from the Reds Org. to my letter, but that's okay.

Now I'd like to include Barney's, Marty's and Dianna's comments about the reunion.

First, Barney's:

Greetings Marines,

Well it's been one week now since our Reunion in Cincinnati, and like all of them, at least for this ol' Bama Hillbilly, saying goodbye was tough. I hope each of you that attended had a good time, it was one of the best if not the best reunion we've ever had. Hats off to Marty & Dianna for an outstanding job in putting it together. As always, I'm thrilled to no end when we have a reunion and new Marines show up that have never been to one before. This time we had 7 Marines attend for the first time, so a big Thank You goes out to Lee Riley, Steve Bruner, Thomas Crilly, Bill Hardy, Butch Meeks, Walter Yeaw, Scott Baily and Bobby Edwards.



L to R: Mike Ervin, Butch Meeks (1st Timer) and Ron Doucette

I trust that each of you had a good time and were made to feel right at home. We are after all, a big family, a band of brothers that share a common bond from those days of long ago. It's always been a custom of our association to ask the new attendees to write something about their first experience attending a reunion for use in our newsletter, so if you Marines will please put into words what it was like and send it to either Larry Ortiz or myself, we'll make sure it gets into our next newsletter.

Thanks.

And lastly, let me address the point raised by Bernardo Lopez in his e-mail to the membership. I have privately answered his e-mail, but let me say this to all the membership. The association always holds a business meeting at our reunions where we discuss matters of importance, the two things we always address are (1) election of officers and (2) the next reunion site. (Santa Fe will be the 2018 site). We have tried in the past on numerous occasions to, at least for the selection of reunion sites, allow the membership as a whole to vote, but we found out that we always get the same 15-25 members voting, and these 15-25 for the most part are the same members who show up at our reunions, so we decided to just vote for the next reunion site at our business meeting. One of the things that I have tried to do as the president is reach out to the almost 500 members we have in our association and get them to become active in everything that the association does, but for whatever reason, I have not been successful in doing so.

Happy Trails to all....till we meet again....

Love You Bros & Broettes Greatly...S/F Barney

Comments from Marty Steinbach:

Brothers & Sisters,

I hope everyone is fully recovered from the 2016 reunion in Cincinnati and I would like to recap it for the members who were unable to attend:

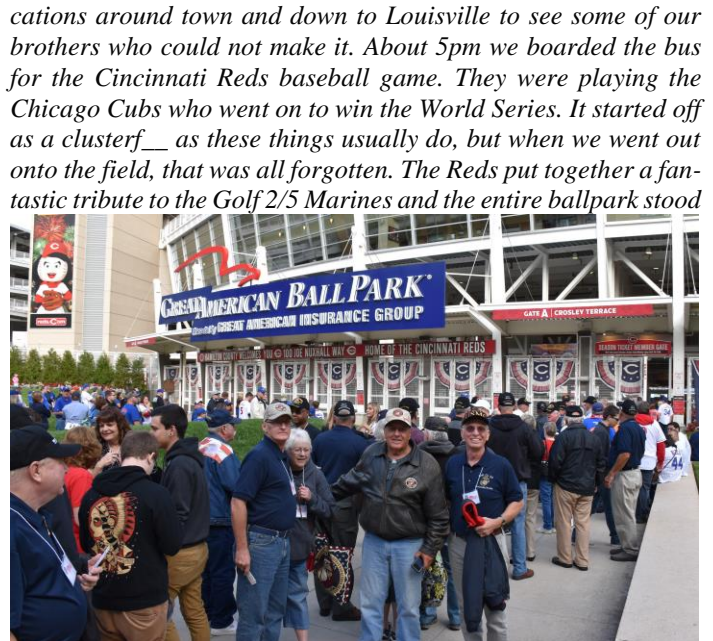
Day 1: The day started off with getting the final preparations for the meet and greet to be held that evening. The event was a great success and was heavily attended. There were a number of Marines and their families who were only able to make that event, but it was great to see them even if only for a few hours.

Day 2: We boarded a bus at 9AM for the 50+ mile trip to Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Air Museum. The day was overcast and chilly but never really let loose with rain. The museum was interesting and showcased the history of flight from the Wright Brothers (for which the AFB is named) to current day flight and aerospace. Upon return we had the opportunity to just relax and converse with our buddies.



Flag at WP/AFB

Day 3: Woke up and there was concern about the weather for the baseball game, but it became a non-issue by about noon. Quite a few went on some side trips to various locations around town and down to Louisville to see some of our brothers who could not make it. About 5pm we boarded the bus for the Cincinnati Reds baseball game. They were playing the Chicago Cubs who went on to win the World Series. It started off as a clusterf__ as these things usually do, but when we went out onto the field, that was all forgotten. The Reds put together a fantastic tribute to the Golf 2/5 Marines and the entire ballpark stood



Waiting outside Reds Stadium to get into the game

up and cheered. That was a very moving experience for me and I'm sure for everyone down on the field. Chuck Meadows threw out the first pitch and Barney Barnes was catcher. As we walked off of the field, everyone in the stands kept cheering until we cleared the tunnel under the stands! To me, it was finally a WELCOME HOME!!! At the 5th inning, the Reds typically honor a



Golf 2/5ers at the Reds/Cubs Game

local veteran or service person and since we had several from Cincinnati, Lee Riley and Bobby Edward got up on the Reds dug-out to another standing ovation! At the 7th inning, a Reds representative came to our party area and handed out commemorative coins, hats and certificates to every Marine. After the game (the Reds lost) there were fireworks which were pretty amazing and then back on the bus to the hotel.



Barney & Chuck Getting Ready for the First Pitch!

Day 4: The morning was laid back nothing going on. By the afternoon, Dianna had a very special surprise for all of the girls. She had put together a tea/makeup party for all of the ladies complete with chair massages, makeovers, etc. The feedback from that was very positive! (Thanks Di!). The afternoon also was the time for the business meeting in which we decided the next reunion for 2018, which will be in Santa Fe, New Mexico and Larry Ortiz will be the host. (Way to go Larry!) The banquet was at 7pm at the hotel, so we didn't have far to go! Thanks to many contributors; the raffle was a huge success and the quilt, which was made by Irma Muñiz, (What a great gal!) was won by Tommy Jayjack. Upon accepting the quilt, he turned and said he wanted the quilt to go to the family of one of our fallen brothers, Mike Witt. (I think he did this once before too!). I presented the quilt to Mike's brother Pete Witt, since Pete was unable to attend due to health reasons.

Day 5: Well, the reunion comes to an end with plenty of hugs, promises to stay in touch and semper fi's. Other than a dead battery, everyone left looking forward to Santa Fe in 2018.

For myself and Dianna, I want to thank everyone in attendance and also those who were unable to come but were with us in spirit. It was a lot of fun for me and an honor to host the event. I have to say, the moments out on the field when I realized that the people were genuinely recognizing our sacrifice went far beyond the "thank you for your service" mantra. We finally stepped off the "bird" or the ship to a welcome home that we deserved almost 50 years ago. Thanks Cincinnati!!

I would also extend a special thanks to our photographers, Tira and Sam. They were at every event, staying close enough to

get the shots but far enough away as to not impede our interaction. Thanks Tira & Sam Rogers!! A shout out to our sons and daughters and their friends for doing a lot of the grunt work that needed to be done at any and all times. Also, thank you to my sister Vicki, and her husband Chris. They were instrumental in getting us the VIP treatment at the Reds ballgame and all of the special recognition. Finally, thank you to my brothers and sisters of G2/5 Assn

for the continued brotherhood and friendship after all of these years. Through the years, I have always thought and said that some of the best friends you will ever have were those guys fighting and trying to survive next to you, but chances are you will never see them again. G2/5 Assn. has given all of us the chance to reconnect with our "best friends" and it has been great!



George Haught and Sam Rogers, Official Reunion Photographer At the WP Air Museum

I am looking forward to our 2018 Santa Fe reunion and hope to see everyone there!!

Semper Fidelis,
Marty Steinbach

Marine Corps Reunion- Reds Game (video)

I have put these on the Golf 2/5 site but can only be accessed through the following links, or click on the link from Marty to see it on Google. I loaded the video on our site just click on the link.

If you want to save it to your computer, right click on the link and chose **save link as:**

<http://www.2ndbn5thmarines.com/golfco/pics/Golf-25-Association9.30.16.mp4>

Same for this one:

<http://www.2ndbn5thmarines.com/golfco/pics/Hometown-Hero9.30.16.mp4>

Click on the below link to view photos from the reunion:

https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipMOQUh-QUgt0lm_g8nSaJ-rN9JTsK6twu3ORD2gR6orlfoUt4J1kMP-TyEW9NKjBQaw?key=cFRJTkZld0NZQ3JRu0szU3l4VXRnZ-TNkY3Y5dEVR

Comments from Dianna Steinbach:

I would like to share my thoughts about putting together the 2016 Cincinnati reunion.

It was a lot of preparation, but also a journey of discovering what it really means to be a former Marine's wife. I understand better the deep friendships bonded many years ago after being thrown together into a foreign country; very different from anything these young men have ever endured; then learning to live and survive together. The closeness these men share can never be



Golf 2/5 Ladies at the Reds Game

understood by the women they chose as life partners, because they experienced it and, sometimes, the memories may haunt them even still to this day.

The reunion and everything that we put into it helped me realize that being supportive, caring, understanding and tolerant of their Marine Corps life helps make them better men. My husband would not be the man he is today without his military comprehension of what he endured day by day, side by side, with these friends.

The "Ladies Day Only" event helped me get to know the amazing women behind these honorable men. To say I know them on a first name basis means a lot to me and makes me look forward to seeing them, continuing a friendship and reconnecting at the next reunion. Plus, it was a great excuse to wear my tiara!

I feel completely blessed and privileged to have been given this task of helping my husband host this reunion for the Marines, Always Faithful, to one another.

Dianna Steinbach

Comments on Cincy Reunion by First-timers:

We always like to ask for comments from those who have attended any of our reunions and especially like to include those comments we have received from those Marines who have attended a Golf 2/5 reunion for the very first time. Here are comments from first-timer, Lee Riley:

November 17, 2016

Greetings Marines,

Me and my fiancé, Sherry Pugh attended our first ever Golf 2/5 Reunion this year and all we can say is, "Why haven't we been before?" It was an experience that will last in our hearts and minds forever. The LOVE and the camaraderie we received and felt was nothing less than amazing! It was well planned and an absolute blast of fun. We're looking forward to the next one and if life lasts and the creek don't rise we will be at all of them.

Semper Fi Marines.

Sgt. Lee Riley and Sherry Pugh



Barney in an "animated" conversation with Richard Lee, Lee Riley and his fiancé, Sherry Pugh with Chuck Meadows (from the back)

5th Marines Vietnam Memorial Update
At Camp Pendleton

Memorial Travels Across Country to California

Escorted by the Patriot Guard Riders, our precious cargo arrived in Dana Point, California after 6 days traveling across country from Rock of Ages Granite Quarry, Barre, Vermont. Driven by Henry Lafreniere and his wonderful crew from Bellavance Trucking the Memorial received an emotional welcome from Vietnam Veterans, their families, Camp Pendleton top brass, Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group and Friends of the 5th. On Thursday, March 29th, National Vietnam War Veterans Day the Memorial traveled to its forever home at the 5th Marines Regiment Memorial Gardens, Camp San Mateo, Camp Pendleton. Installation is now complete and the Memorial has been covered until Memorial Day 2018 when it will be unveiled by Vietnam War Gold Star families at the Dedication Ceremony, Monday, May 28th, 11am.

DEDICATION CEREMONY & RECEPTION
MEMORIAL DAY, 2018
MONDAY, MAY 28, 11AM

The cost of the Memorial is over \$400K and the balance due is still over \$60k. If you would like to make a personal donation, click on the following link to donate on-line or to get the address where to send a personal check. If you all recall, the Golf 2/5 Association voted to make a contribution in the amount of \$2,500 to help pay for our very own, and long overdue Memorial to all 5th Marine KIAs from the Vietnam War. Our donation was made in June 2016.

To donate, click on this link: <http://5thmarinesvietnammemorial.org/give-to-the-campaign/>.

Note: Also, as soon as I found out about this Memorial being planned, I immediately decided I not only wanted but needed to be at the dedication. I don't know about any of you but I never had the opportunity to grieve and mourn my Marine friends who were killed during my 12+ month tour in the Nam. I think now

will be that opportunity and I know it will be very, very, very emotional but I knew it was something I needed to do.

If any of our Golf 2/5 Association Marines also plan on attending the Memorial dedication, please email me at: LSO.VNGRUNT@YAHOO.COM and let me know that you will be attending. Reason is, I'd like to meet up with you at the dedication—thanks!

Larry Ortiz, Editor

Return to Vietnam, Hué City 50th Anniversary

Military Historical Tours led a group back to Vietnam from 27 Jan - 8 Feb 2018. The tour group leader was Golf 2/5's Col. Chuck Meadows. The dates were planned to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive and more specifically, the Battle of Hué City. After arrival in Vietnam, the group would head north from Da Nang and be in Hué City on 31 January—50 years later to the day.

Several Golf 2/5 Marines went back for this tour: George Haight, Dan Cholewa, Richard Cobb, Larry Lucas, Larry Verlinde and Bruce Gant who was a Corpsman in Hué.

I asked my good friend George to write something for the newsletter and he graciously sent me some of his thoughts as follows:

Vietnam 50 Years Later

January 31, 1968 a day so seared into our minds and hearts. The first day of the Tet Offensive but for us a 31 day journey through a city called Hué. A piece of cake task that would consume more Marines than any other battle in Vietnam.

In September 2016 (at the Cincinnati reunion) our beloved skipper Chuck Meadows brought forward the idea of doing a 50th anniversary tour of Vietnam and I was one of a show of hands who was interested in going. I long had been of the position HELL NO! I had more internal conversations about the need and a myriad of other things we struggle with, but deep inside me I questioned my own courage and fortitude. I had been going around here in the Pittsburgh area talking about my experiences in Vietnam and Hué in particular but was still unsure. I guess that for us as human beings the fear of the unknown is a strong dark monster we don't like to visit. I had a confidant that I trusted wholeheartedly, my Father-In-Law. I told him of my dilemma and how torn I was between the here and now and the dark and agonizing past. As would be expected of a 90 something person, I received some sage advice. You will have only one chance at a 50th anniversary and you didn't fight and survive the battle without courage. Unfortunately he passed away before I made the trip and wasn't there physically to tell the story to, but was told to him.

On Easter morning the tour went up on Military and Historical tours website and I jumped on it. I made a commitment and decided that the time was right for me, over the course of the next nine months the internal conversations didn't subside but I think that I had a reconciliation within myself.

January 27, 2018 we would depart Los Angeles for Vietnam. We flew on different airlines into Seoul, South Korea then to Da Nang where we flew into when we got our WESTPAC orders. The start seemingly eerie until you see fast food restaurants and people with western attire. Our first day was centered around Da

Nang and seeing some things like China Beach and Marble Mountain. Day two brought more familiar surroundings as we went to the old An Hoa combat base, but 50 years had left us with only the airstrip and the skyline as reminders of that far gone time.



Vietnam Group – Those I Can Identify
1st Row Standing very left: Dan Cholewa & Behind him, Larry Verlinde
1st Row R to L, 2nd from end, Chuck Meadows and to his left
George Haight

January 31 we started our journey to Hué going through the Hai Van pass across the Liberty bridge and the Troui river bridge stopping in Phu Bai. At Phu Bai we stopped to set the stage for the drive to Hué looking out the bus windows I didn't see a thing that I recognized; the road held larger villages and houses instead of hooches. We finally arrive in Hué and the new An Cu bridge and a newer and larger traffic circle and much larger houses. For me it was eye opening but some of our guys have been back before among our Golf guys was Danny Cholewa who joined us in the middle of the night for the Hué portion. Also along was Richard Cobb, Larry Lucas, Larry Verlinde and Bruce Gant who was a Corpsman in Hué. I also had a reporter and photo-journalist from the Pittsburgh Post Gazette along, Diana Nelson Jones and Nate Guidry who took a ton of pictures.

For me Hué was emotional; the memories still as fresh as 50 years earlier. The landscape has changed dramatically but I did seek out some spots along with Danny Cholewa that were still there, one spot was where my friend Larry Ortiz was wounded on February 5, 1968. From my hotel room I could look down on the University where I was wounded February 4th. The first task and the first steps for me was to step outside the hotel at night and walk in the city by myself to prove to myself that I could do it. The first steps being the hardest but after a half hour or so of just aimlessly wandering around I came upon Danny and we walked the streets together like 50 years ago without the gunfire. Danny was with me every step of the way in Hué and for that I am grateful. He was there to talk to, listen, or to hug. We talked about our old gun team, me, Danny, Larry Ortiz and our dear friend Clyde Carter all of us would survive Hué (but were all WIA, the editor) except Clyde who would give his all on the first day.



In Hué Saying a Prayer for our Fallen Marine Brothers

The odyssey this time for me was a time to say goodbye to Marines that weren't as fortunate as me to still be here, goodbyes that 50 years ago we were not able to do. People talk about closure and healing. I don't know if these are achievable or if we really want to toss those memories aside. I have a better understanding today of the enormous task that was heaped upon us. As arduous as it was doing it then only magnified it now for me and I was damn proud to walk it again with my brothers at a time and point in my life where it was necessary.

*Semper Fi
George Haught*

Open Letter to all Golf 2/5 Brothers & Sisters
30 January 2018

On this eve of the 50th anniversary of the most significant battle of the Vietnam War, I would like to acknowledge and pay honor to our Golf 2/5 Brothers who were involved in that battle, namely, the Battle of Hué. Our Brothers faced overwhelming odds, not only in sheer numbers of enemy, but in the type of fighting which changed from jungle warfare to urban street fighting. In true Marine Corps fashion they "adapted and overcame". The courage and tenacity of our Brothers resulted in a decisive victory not only militarily, but also in a humanitarian way, in that they stopped the killing of civilians, men, women, and children by the enemy who were determined to eradicate any opponents of their political views.

I ask all of our Golf 2/5 Brothers and Sisters to say a prayer today for all of our Brothers who fought and returned from that battle and also a special prayer for those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. On the battlefield we all leave something. Some leave flesh. We all leave friends. We also leave the youth that abandons us after the first shot. What we take from that battlefield is different for each of us. The Marine Corps and specifically our experience in Vietnam is what defines us to this very day. Personally, I draw from my experiences to realize that I can "do it" even when the challenge is great.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Santa Fe this Fall!!

Anyway, all of you "Hué Marines" have and deserve our respect and we are all proud to call you all Brothers.

*Semper Fidelis,
Marty Steinbach
Vice President Golf 2/5 Association*

Thank You from Irma Muñiz

As has been discussed many times in previous newsletters, Irma Muñiz (wife of Golf 2/5's Mario Muñiz) has graciously handmade *memory quilts* of great significance to all Golf Co. for our raffle at our last 3 or 4 reunions. Of course we've all thanked her for her beautiful work and the large amounts of money generated from her work for the Association. It wasn't until after the Cincinnati reunion that it was brought to the attention of the Association officers that we were severely remiss in adequately and appropriately thanking Irma. Barney polled the membership and all the responses were that we should buy Irma something special to thank her for all her hard work and personal contributions by her to the Golf 2/5 Association. After receipt of the gifts from G 2/5, Irma sent the following note of thanks:

Jul 3, 2017

Hello! G 2/5 Marines, Just wanted to Thank You all for the beautiful necklace, earrings and ring you sent me for making the memory quilts. It was very nice and thoughtful of you, but these quilts were made to help our association, and I made them with all my heart and lots of love! I never expected anything in return, but it was greatly appreciated. Thank You so much from the bottom of my heart, LOVE YOU all!

Mario and I also want to thank all of you who have had our Son in your prayers. All your prayers and concerns have been greatly appreciated more than you'll ever know. Our Son is doing so good, his last scan three weeks ago showed all lesions in his lungs are gone, they can only detect small scar tissue and also in his liver. He still has spots on his hip bone but the doctor said it might just be stains due to the cancer. The tumor in his thigh is smaller than a pea, which at one time it was as big as an egg. He has been taken off his treatments to give his body a rest but continue on one treatment every two weeks to rebuild his immune system. Our Son, Mario and I are beside ourselves with the news, but we know he is not out of the woods yet. But God is Great! So please keep him in prayer, and once again Thank You so much for all your prayers!

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Santa Fe in 2018, and God willing our Son will be making the trip with us. You all have a great and safe 4th of July! Just know that we love you all.

*God Bless
Irma and Mario Muñiz*



Certificate of Appreciation sent with her gift



L to R: Dianna Steinbach, Tommy Jayjack (Winner of the Quilt) and Marty Steinbach



Irma's Beautiful "Memory Quilt"

A REEL FAMILY

By John Boiros

It was unseasonably cool for a mid-July day in New England. It was in the 50s and raining. I had the heat on low to get rid of the chill and dampness for my 350 mile drive to northern Maine. A travel bag for my clothes, a gear bag for my fishing tackle, and a big bucket of anxiety I usually take with me on trips. I'm on a mission, let's get this done.

I was on my way to meet a squad of my brothers and sisters, most of them for the first time. We are united in our relationship to our common uncle, Uncle Sam. This would be my Veteran family for the next few days. There were ten veterans, ranging in age from late 20s to early 70s – seven of whom I had never meet.

We were mustered together to fight our common enemy, our disabilities, seen and unseen. We had seen things in combat we can't describe and felt emotions we didn't know existed. We saw the dark side of mankind. It cost us our innocence and changed us forever. Now we are on patrol again, brimming with a "can do" attitude. We're not casualties of war, because we are survivors.

What brought us together is our love of fly-fishing, the great organization, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) and the wonderful and generous people of The Megantic Fish & Game Club. With fly-fishing, being on the water nestling into nature and engaging in the flowing Tai Chi like moves of fly casting - it's a meditation that helps soothe what ails you. As Thoreau

said, “Most men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish that they are after”. (PHWWFF was founded for veterans, but anyone can benefit from fly-fishing).

We rendezvoused in northern Maine and convoyed, in private vehicles, 80 miles to the camp’s loading dock. We loaded our gear onto the sturdy 18 foot Alaskan Lunds, and made the 1½ mile crossing to camp without incident. Our amphibious landing, at a very spacious dock, went smooth as silk.

Waiting at the dock to greet us with big smiles and open arms were the sponsoring club members. This wasn’t a group of strangers, it was a group of friends we hadn’t met yet. They didn’t just welcome us into their camp, they welcomed us into their hearts. They couldn’t have been nicer.

This new “family” did everything together. We shared the large Rangeley fishing boats, swapping fishing tales, and probably lies. We shared the large table in the dining hall that seated all 20 of us at once. The cuisine was so plentiful and scrumptious that any 5 star restaurant would be proud to serve it. Their motto is “Sleep until you’re hungry and eat until you’re tired”. We became one big REEL family.

When going out fishing with my “family” in the boats, I knew I could leave my proverbial bucket of anxiety on the dock. I wouldn’t be needing it that day. There was a veteran and a club member in each of the Rangeley boats, along with a Maine Guide who did all the rowing, knew all the hot spots and what fly to use - mostly dry flies. Casting feels like I am throwing all of my troubles into the cool, clear water. They drown, my mind is cleansed and I get a fresh start with new, pleasant memories. Then, WHAM, an explosion where my dry fly was sitting on the surface of the water and my line snaps to attention just like we did in boot camp. Now I am connected to the wild side of nature. It’s exhilarating! My mind is busy and I feel alive. Sometimes I reel the fish in. I win and cheer for my success. Sometimes the fish dances on its tail and spits the fly at me. When that happens, the fish wins, and I cheer for the fish.

On the last evening, after stuffing ourselves again at dinner, a few of us hiked about 1/3 of a mile on a dark path through the woods to a lake I hadn’t fished yet. The harmony of sounds carried on the water were the haunting echoes of the loon’s tremolo, also known as the “crazy laugh”. It is used to signal alarm, and to advertise and defend its territory. The other sound came from a female veteran in a nearby boat. Her contagious laugh sounded like she had also left her anxiety on the shore.

The sky looked like it was on fire as the sun was setting between two distant hills. I realized then how the phrase “Purple Mountain Majesty” was born. The placid surface of the lake was as smooth as glass. Whenever a Brook Trout broke the black surface to sip a fly, its rings turned the water red from the low sun shining through. They looked like rings of fire or craters of red.

I appreciated every fish I caught on the trip. From the 14 inch down to the 6 inch. I considered each one a beautiful gift from Mother Nature.

There are some subtle similarities between fishing and the military. That could be why veterans are so readily attracted to it. You can go into the wilds alone or with a small group of friends and feel alive. Instead of a helmet and flak jacket, you don a sun hat and a fishing vest. Instead of magazines loaded with ammo stuffed into your pockets, you have fly boxes crammed with your

killer flies. Having a fly rod in your hand to go after your quarry is lighter and a lot more fun than toting a rifle around.

In all, the trip was a huge success. On the last day, standing on the dock, we shared hugs and good-byes before heading home with a creel of great memories. With the gear stored in the boat, the only thing on the dock was the bucket with my anxieties. As I approached it, I could see that most of them had evaporated during my time there. The few that were left, I dumped into the lake and watched as they sank into the depths and disappeared.

Thank you, one and all.

Tight lines and Semper Fi,

John Boiros

July 2016

(John, thanks for your article and contribution to the newsletter—the editor)

Joe Rowe Kindergarten Update by Jim Lewis

Nov 9, 2016

Dear All:

I hope this message finds you all well, safe and happy.

PeaceTrees Vietnam Project Coordinator, Quang Le, and staff have finished a tree planting and the setting of a plaque into a cement base that will sit at the base of the tree. The tree and plaque are in honor of Joe Rowe and his unselfish Spirit in helping others, especially children everywhere. It is a befitting marker for our fellow Marine, friend and family member, who admired and respected Joe. His words, direct, eloquent, honest and delivered from the heart, are engraved in the plaque. They are:

“If it means peace, I will gladly send my hand across the water”.



The dedication took place on October, 10, 2016 in ‘Friendship Forest Park’, located in Dong Ha, Viet Nam. Joe’s influence continues to help children and those less fortunate. His words will live on.

Thanks Joe for all your love and caring.

S/F Jim Lewis

Hué City Memorial **USS HUE CITY CG66**

The Hué City Memorial Weekend was held 13–15 April 2018 in Mayport, FL. Got this update from Stewart Brown after the event:

Hey Larry

A good time – and a good bit of alcohol – was had by all at USS Hué City. Especially great to see Doc Higgins for the first time in 50 years. Also there from G-3 were Joe Snead, Ben Gerow, Don LaJeunesse, Limey, and I'm forgetting somebody. The rest of Golf was not well represented (I can only bring to mind Don Haupt from G-2 but think I'm forgetting some of them also) but a good crowd overall (150⁺ Marines plus families) and probably one of the best get-togethers we've had. Gen. Christmas spoke Friday night and Sunday morning and I thought did really well.

I'd imagine Limey will get this out but I wanted to make the officialdom of the G Ass'n aware that the Capt. announced Friday night that next year may be the last Memorial. Maybe get the full story from the ship and get that in the newsletter? Funds became available to put the ship in drydock in Virginia after that for upgrades and renovations expected to last 4 years. So the next opportunity may be 5 years away and the crew would "just have to see" if there are enough of us still around and still interested and able to attend to justify trying to put another one on. Gen. Christmas privately indicated that maybe the Museum would try to take up the slack and host something – (I'd imagine every group of Marine veterans there is would do something there if they could).

Lastly I write to relate that there was a lot of interest in and discussion on the Memorial Day Dedication of the 5th Marines Memorial. The two I know of going for sure are Ron Rawlings (Cheatham's radioman) and Dr. Herb Greenwald (Bn surgeon who got to Hué about 2/10) but many others expressed a desire. I'm still trying to see if I can make it happen.

Stewart Brown

Roll Call

- **José Orozco**

Another Golf 2/5 Brother, José Orozco, has finally been found after 50 years of trying to find him. José arrived in Nam in Nov. 1967 and remained until he was very severely wounded on an Operation around the An Hoa/Phu Loc 6 area in August 1968. Even though he was medevaced, we never knew if he had in fact made it.

I knew José was from El Paso and when I got back from Nam, I tried finding him in El Paso without any luck. Mario Muniz has also been trying to locate José over the years and a couple of months ago Mario called me and asked again where José was from. After I told Mario it was El Paso, Mario thought a possible way to find José was through the VFW thinking that possibly José was a member. Well, low and behold, Mario was able to get an address for a José Orozco in El Paso through the VFW but no phone number. Mario sent José a letter and two days after sending the letter, José called Mario!

I considered José one of my very best friends in Nam and can't tell you how happy I was to have his phone number. I called José and we talked for quite a while a couple of times since he's been located. I'm hoping to drive down to El Paso to visit José and his family in the very near future. Here's a photo of José.



*L to R: Richard Flores, Larry Ortiz & José Orozco
at Phu Ghia Pass June-July 1967*

If anyone who knew José and would like to contact him, please contact me and I will get in touch with José and pass on your contact information to him. Right now I think he may be a bit overwhelmed reconnecting with Golf 2/5 after 50 years and is still processing it.

Semper Fi,
Larry Ortiz

- **Joe Mack** (email: buxbandit@yahoo.com) April 22, 2017

I served with G 2/5 in 1966/1967, however as has happened to many of us, I don't have much of a memory about those years. Would love to hear from others who can share some stories from that era.

(If you know Joe, please contact him at his email above—the editor)

- **Stanley Bihm** (Aug 31, 2016)

Please pass on to all of my brothers my deepest thanks for their donation for me and my family in our time of need. Words cannot express how grateful we are. This has been a very trying time for us and our fellow south Louisianians. There are times when this has been almost unbearable. I choose to fight on to honor my brothers who gave all in that place we know as Nam. I also honor you my brothers and your families. In Christ.

Semper Fi, Stanley

- **Tony "Limey" Cartledge** May 11, 2017

Since Golf 2/5 has an internet site (Thanks to Tom Hohmann), and we have a membership page the present leadership would like the members to have a little fun.

It would be most interesting for those of you who can to send either Tom Hohmann tomh47@aol.com or Tony C (Limey) usmc-vietnam-grunt@att.net two photos of yourself, one from your graduation book, or if you have one of you in Boot Camp, and one of you current day. You could also include any other (one) picture of you from a time in the Corps. The intention is to post thumbnails on the membership page that others can click on to see how you used to look (probably way back when they first

knew you) and what you look like now. (Shock effect LOL). This is not anything mandatory but just to help each other remember back to when we were young bucks...

Also we will be initiating an idea Barney had a long time back of those members who have passed since we returned home. If you know of one of us who has passed, and have a picture and date that would help. This would fit well but separate from our lest we forget page of those who died in the line of duty.

Now see if you can find pictures, and let's have fun!

S/F Tony C AKA "Limey"

P.S. That's our officers too

• **"Doc" Jeff Lippincott Jun 19, 2017**

Would you kindly kick it around with the guys and see if anyone remembers a corpsman who was injured in Hué? His name is David Payton.

He was at the corner of a building when an RPG hit it. He was seriously hurt. His face and skull like scrambled eggs. Body injuries. He was apparently written off as dead or would soon be. Dave came to my ward at Philadelphia Naval Hospital after everything else was worked on.

We were the surgical ward for eye work. His one eye was ripped out, blind. The other eye was our job to try to save over many surgeries. The doctors failed to restore sight in remaining eye.

Dave was being sent to Hines, Illinois for blind guy training and follow up. I took him home to his family. Tore the heart out of me. I couldn't just put him on an airplane with a tag on him like a common shipment.

Dave is still alive, married and still in Menominee, Michigan. Don't know if any of the guys remember that day and thought he had died. Last time I talked to him he was still kicking. Perhaps someone from the group will remember him. I have contact data if needed.

Semper Fi

• **Barney Barnes Mar 28, 2018**

I trust that this finds each of you doing well and in good spirits. It's been a rough couple of weeks for our Band of Brothers with the passing of Skipper and Deuce. May they both "Rest in Peace."

As most of you know we have a Benevolence Fund (\$1,000) set up in our association. Besides the monies that we allocated for Skipper and Deuce, I have also authorized Larry to make donations in honor of Louis "Cash" Cashwell and Walter "Butch" Meeks for \$ 100 as well.

We now need to replenish our Benevolence Fund so, I'm asking that you consider in addition to paying your dues, adding a few dollars designated to that fund. Thanks.

We need to continue to remember those Marine Brothers of ours who are dealing with problems of any kind, be it physical, mental, or any other problems. In the last few days I have learned of two other of our Marines to add to that list, Mike Ervin and Stanley Bihm. Mike had 2 stents put in on Monday and they also discovered evidence of a previous heart attack and Stanley has the Shingles, which if any of you have had them, you know how painful they can be. Please remember them, Mike and Stanley. Thanks

Love You Bros & Broettes Greatly. S/F Barney

Where to Send your Dues/Donations

Please send your dues to:

Larry S. Ortiz, Treasurer

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105 Rito Guicu

Santa Fe, NM 87507

Make checks payable to: **Golf 2/5 Association**

• **Larry Ortiz December 25, 1967**

After my mother passed away 3 years ago this month, I had the arduous task of going through her belongs and mementos she had stored during the course of her lifetime. Amongst her mementos, I found she had kept all my letters I had sent home from *the Nam*. Here's one letter I'd like to share which I think you all can/will appreciate and relate to—especially if you were in *the Nam* at Christmas, 1967!

Dec. 25, 1967

Dear Family,

The company is still at Phu Loc and that's where I'm writing from today. We just received some packages sent to us by the American Red Cross. That's where I got this writing paper and there was also a lot of other nice little gifts.

The best part of the day though was this morning. A helicopter flew a priest in to say mass for us. I received Holy Communion too. It's the first time I've had a chance to go to mass since I've been here.

I was interrupted for about an hour. I just got back. There were about 300 villagers down at the main gate.

They were trying to get in to the compound in sort of a procession. We had to go down and be security at the gate & we didn't let them in. They had signs and stuff in English saying they wanted peace. Some of them even spoke English & asked us "what were we fighting for". They were playing on our homesickness and especially the time of season and asked us wouldn't we rather be home instead of over here. I'm enclosing some notes the people handed me.

Last night the Gooks moved for to about 500 yds. outside our perimeter and set up a microphone & started with some propaganda like the Communies used in the Korean war. We were prepared for an attack last night but we were lucky and nothing happened. Believe me

I was scared but if anything would have started I wouldn't have been. Once I get started in it I'm alright.

I'm sorry I haven't written for awhile. We've been out in the field almost every day since we've been here at Phu Loc and I haven't had too much time and I really

haven't been in the letter writing mood at all. I better snap out of this mood I have so many letters to write and thank you notes too. Let everyone know I'll write as soon as possible.

I'm fine so don't worry.

Love,
Larry

- End right now the U.S. aggressive war.
- Bring U.S. troops home!
- Vietnam to the Vietnamese

The above is what I was handed by a Vietnamese Villager, Christmas Day, 1967 at Phu Loc 6

Photos of Attendees at Cincinnati 2016 Reunion



Kneeling L to R: Sam Rogers (Official Photographer), Jim Downer
1st row L to R: Tom Crilly, Rich Krzykwa, Larry Ortiz, Lewis Kaslow, Tommy Jayjack, Lee Riley
2nd row L to R: Doug Blayney, Bill Hardy, Doc John Higgins, Bobby Edward, Bob Setlak, Joe Snead, George Love, Chuck Meadows, George Haught, George Doucette, Dana Averill (behind Deuce), Walter Yeaw
Back row L to R: Marty Steinbach, Tony "Limey" Cartlidge, Barney Barnes, Larry Verlinde, John Boiros, Mike Ervin



*Front row L to R: Joy Higgins, Melba Ortiz, Kathy Kaslow, June Krzykwa,
Sherry Pugh, Kathy Downer, Arnita Hilton
Back row L to R: Louise Blaney, Dianna Steinbach, Leanne Setlak
Maureen Boiros and Mona Barnes*

Lest We Forget . . . !

*Cpl. John Wesley Winter
PFC Eddie Clayton Harris
Sgt. William Ernest Adams
PFC Ramon Jurado*

*KIA 01/31/1968
KIA 02/13/1968
KIA 02/26/1968
KIA 02/21/1968*

THE FEW
After nearly 50 years

*The Few still stand when the National Anthem calls all to
remember
That a flag soiled in blood for the Freedom of men
Still remains the Standard of every moral King or Peasant
That ever lived and held a miter or a plow in search of liberty
The Few still look others directly in the eye and refuse to retreat
from Truth
The Few still wait on farms and in cities where they worship
God
To if called by ordained swords and honored bayonets
Once more as in times before protect the innocent
Defend the weak
And embrace the widows of our slain that gave all in places and
times
That only the Few remember
My friends and I are and were and always will be
United States Marines
The Few, the Proud...*

Paul Shipltett October 2017

Note: Thanks to Marty Steinbach for sending to me to include in the Newsletter—the editor.

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Years Served _____ Platoon/Squad _____ MOS _____

Optional: Wounded / Date _____ Location _____

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