

USMC Class 38th OCC/BC 3-66 Alumni Profiles



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Co. & Platoon OCS: PLC in '62 & '65
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Rank: Lt Colonel (Retired)

After leaving Quantico: Attended Tracked Vehicle School at Camp Pendleton, CA

Vietnam Tour: September 1966 – October 1967
Attached To: Company A, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division
Jobs in Nam: Platoon Leader, Company XO, later Battalion S-2
Locations in Nam: Chu Lai and DaNang
Operations in Nam: NA

Experiences to Share:

Best:

Opportunities to get out of country briefly on several occasions for R&R or school

Worst:

Mostly boring stuff, since tanks were not well used in Vietnam

Favorite Memories:

In Service:

Aide to the Camp Pendleton, Commanding General (mainly because he was a great boss and our families remained in contact until his death). CO at Marine Barracks, Rota where the Marines were a small, but closely knit community. Mainly because of my wife, Rosita's, fluency in Spanish, we were especially welcomed by the Spanish community and saw many things not available to the average American. We also had some great vacations in Morocco, Israel, Italy and Spain

Medals Received:

Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/palm and frame, Meritorious Service Medal

Jobs:

In Service:

Asst. S-4, Schools Bn, Camp Pendleton; XO, Student Company, Schools Bn, Camp Pendleton; CO Instructor Company, Schools Bn, Camp Pendleton; Adjutant, Schools Bn, Camp Pendleton; Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, Camp Pendleton; Director, Combat Readiness Center, G-2, 3rd Mar Div, Okinawa, Japan; Student, Basic Communications Officer Course, Quantico, VA; S-3, 8th Communication Bn, Force Troops, Camp LeJeune, NC; CO, Marine Barracks, Rota Spain; CINCLANTFLT Communications Staff officer, Norfolk, VA; Operational Test Director for the AN/TTC-42, and Marine Corps Liaison Officer to the Joint Test Organization, Fort

Huachuca, AZ; Head, C-4 Branch, Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Activity, Quantico, VA

After Leaving Service:

Subsequent to retirement in 1986, I worked in the defense industry for 14 years, first in Northern VA for 8 years for Eagle Technology, later purchased by Logicon, then for Logicon for 3 years as a Program Manager at the Joint Interoperability Test Command, Fort Huachuca, AZ, then for 3 years for Logicon, purchased by Northrop Grumman, in San Diego, CA

I then got into church administration at Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, CA where I was the Chief Operations Officer for 3 years before moving to my current position as the Minister of Administration at First Baptist Church, Sierra Vista, AZ and the Administrator of First Baptist Christian Academy. After being a licensed minister for several years I was ordained in 2006. I retired from that position in December 2009 only to return for 6 months (August 2010 - March 2011) part-time due to the sudden death of my successor.

Since January 2013 I have been a part-time Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore in Cochise County, AZ.