

# USMC Class 38<sup>th</sup> OCC/BC 3-66 Alumni Profiles



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**Kid's Name:** Bob (Born '62) Ari (Born '63),  
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**Rank:** Major (retired from USMCR in 1986; served in NY  
Guard 1988-1995; achieved rank of Colonel)

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**After leaving Quantico:** Attended Artillery School in Fort Sill, OK; stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC and Camp Pendleton, CA; attended Embarkation School in Coronado, CA; stationed at Kaneohe MCAS, Oahu, HI; attended Damage Control School in Treasure Island, CA.

**Vietnam Tour:** 1967 -1968

**Attached To:** 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Group, 11<sup>th</sup> Marines, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division

**Jobs in Nam:** Fire Direction Officer, S-3A and HQ Battery Commander

**Locations in Nam:** Mostly DaNang, Hue and Phu Bai with trips to An Hoi, Hoi An, Quang Tri and Dong Ha

**Operations in Nam:** Operation Hue City and other smaller operations throughout 1968

### Experiences to Share:

#### **Best:**

Overseeing, controlling, coordinating and/or directing artillery fire in Operation Hue City during the TET Offensive of 1968. Artillery fire from units under control of my unit, the 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Group, was credited with 1,284 enemies KIA

#### **Worst:**

My former unit, "D" Battery, attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Marines, was overrun by enemy forces in 1968.

### Favorite Memories:

#### **In Service:**

I served with many fine Marines whom I had some great times with and still try to keep in touch with.

#### **After Service:**

I was able to do plenty of traveling, seeing just about all the US including Alaska and Hawaii as well as Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and many countries in Europe.

### Medals Received:

Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/1 bronze star, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color), and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil actions Color, 1<sup>st</sup> Class); Numerous awards for participation in the Reserves such as the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, New York State Militia 5, 10, 15, 20 & 25 year awards, and New York State Commendation Medal

### Jobs:

#### **In Service:**

Served on Active duty 1965-1968; Reserves 1969-1986; served in NY Guard 1988-1995; In Reserves, I had communications officer billets at platoon, company and battalion level; finished USMCR career as an artillery liaison officer with a planning group.

#### **After Service:**

Worked for Chase Bank for 15 years and for U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for 21 years. I am currently married, had two prior marriages, have 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren.

### Other Comments:

I am now retired and living in Thousand Palms, CA (in the Palm Springs area)