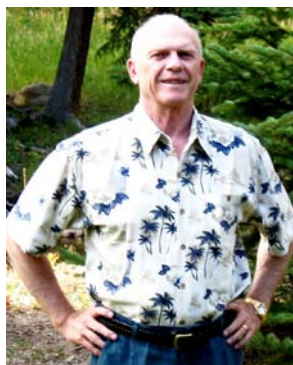


# USMC Class 38<sup>th</sup> OCC/BC 3-66 Alumni Profiles



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**After leaving Quantico:** Attended Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Then had orders to Camp Lejeune and was attached to 10<sup>th</sup> Marines and we deployed with a BLT in the Caribbean, then received order for 29 Palms where we established the First Searchlight Battery and then we deployed to Vietnam as a unit

**Vietnam Tour:** 1967 - 1968

**Attached To:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Marines & W 1/13, 26 Marines

**Jobs in Nam:** Platoon Commander 1<sup>st</sup> Searchlights and CO of W 1/13

**Locations in Nam:** Khe Sanh/Con Thien/Gio Linh

**Operations in Nam:** 68 TET at Khe Sanh

### Experiences to Share:

#### **Best:**

Running into the many friends from OCS-TBS like Gatlin Howell (my bunk mate from OCS). Getting the opportunity to command some of the finest warriors (Marines)

#### **Worst:**

Finding out that Gatlin Howell was killed just after I left his bunker in Con Thien (July 1967). The living conditions at Khe Sanh during the TET offensive along with the Rats and C-Rations. The worst experience was the number of personnel wounded or KIA during this time period. The reception received coming home.

### Medals Received:

PUC w/1 star, CAR, MUC, MU Cross of Gall w/Palm, VNSM w/3 Stars

### Jobs:

#### **After Service:**

Purchasing Manager for Gates Corporation, located at World Headquarters, Denver, Co. Worked for Gates for 35 years, retired April 1, 2007. Married to Jan for 25 years (April 24, 2007)