

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



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After leaving Quantico: Went to lockon training at Camp Pendleton with the 26th RTL, assigned to L/3/26 as a Platoon Leader

Vietnam Tour: September 1966 – October 1967

Attached To: L/3/26, transferred to 1/9

Jobs in Nam: Platoon Leader & XO of L/3/26; Mortar Platoon Leader, XO & CO of 1/9

Locations in Nam: Northern I Corps area between Dong Ha & Con Thien. At various times assigned to Con Thien, Camp Carroll, Khe Sahn, Phu Bai and Camp Evans. DaNang for R&R and was Medevaced

Operations in Nam: Hell I can't remember those names. They seemed important at the time but now a faded memory.

Experiences to Share:

Best:

I can't really say that Vietnam offered any real good experiences; anecdotally I saw some funny things happen, but for the most part I have no really fond memories. I learned a lot about myself and what it takes to be a leader in a less than pleasant environment; this has served me well in life. I learned that the Big Red "S" on my chest stood for something other than superman.

Worst:

Hearing on the radio that Mike 6 was a Kilo (That was my friend and former CO Ralph Hines)

Favorite Memories:

After Service:

My family and I enjoyed working overseas; we were able to see the whole world and travel. My kids and grandkids only live about 5 minutes from us and we enjoy that luxury.

Medals Received:

PUC and a Purple Heart thingy

Jobs:

After Service:

I was married during my service time, my wife and I have two grown daughters and 5 grandchildren. I have spent the majority of my working life in the engineering / construction industry. I have been a VP and Regional Manager for a nationwide company. I worked overseas for many years in Indonesia, Singapore and Saudi Arabia. I am still working full time and enjoying it.

Other Comments:

I pretty much have the ideal job for a former Marine. I am a demolition contractor and tearing stuff down either with explosives or conventional means is just about as much fun as one can have with their clothes on.