

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



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MOS: 9907 when retired
Rank: Colonel

After leaving Quantico: Went through Naval Flight Officer training in Pensacola, FL and Glynco, GA (June 1966 – Feb 1967) then to VMCJ-1 at MCAS El Toro as a Reconnaissance Systems Officer (RSO) in RF-4Bs

Vietnam Tour: September 1967 – October 1968

Attached To: VMCJ-1 (Marine Corps Reconnaissance Squadron) and Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron (MWHS-1)

Jobs in Nam: RSO in VMCJ-1, Wing Civic Action Officer in MWHS-1

Locations in Nam: Flew reconnaissance missions from DaNang Air Base; conducted civic action activities in vicinities of DaNang, Marble Mountain, Hue, Chu Lai

Operations in Nam: Flew recon missions in support of most operations during tour. TET in early 1968 and Khe Sanh were among the most memorable along with individual missions in NVM

Experiences to Share:

Best:
Conducting civic action activities

Worst:
Losing many friends

Favorite Memories:

In Service:
Serving with really dedicated individuals and their families.

After Service:
Three grandchildren.

Medals Received:

7 Air Medals, Navy Commendation Medal w/"V"; two Legions of Merit; the defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, a second Navy Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal (while enlisted)

Jobs:

In Service:
Further tours in VMCJ-1, VMCJ-1, and VMCJ-3. Converted to the A6-E aircraft in 1975. Served as an OpsO, XO, and CO (VMAW-224) in A6 squadrons. Served as the XO of H&MS-14; also as the XO of MAG-14; also in the Ops Dir. of CINCPAC in Hawaii; also as the Dir. of Ops for the Joint US Military Assistance Group in Korea; also as the Head of Naval Aviation Planning and Programming on the OPNAV aviation staff in the Pentagon/ and as the Senior Marine on the Chief of Naval Research Staff.

After Service:

After retirement from USMC, went to work with a retired sailor and helped him establish his research company in 1994. I have retired from that company (Defense Holdings Inc.) as of Feb. 2010.