

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



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**Wife's Name:** Blanca

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**Kid's Name:** Jenni (41), Rob (38), Eli (36)  
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**MOS:** 0802 + several others

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**After leaving Quantico:** Went to artillery school at Fort Sill, OK; Camp Lejeune, 2nd FAG; Chinese Language Inst, Wash DC until Feb. 1968

**Vietnam Tour:** March 1968 – April 1969; March 1972 – February 1973

**Attached To:** 3<sup>rd</sup> MarDiv; 2<sup>nd</sup> ANGLICO

**Jobs in Nam:** Aerial Observer on both trips

**Locations in Nam:** 1) I Corps; Cua Viet to Laos, DMZ to Quang Tri; Asha Valley attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Mar Div ops out of An Hoa Jan/Feb 1969  
2) I Corps, II Corps and IV Corps (Can Tho, Ca Mao, Hue/Phu Bai, Quang Tri, Phu Chat, Qui Nhon, Hoi An, DaNang)

**Operations in Nam:** Can't remember the names but everyone from May 1968-March 1969 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> MarDiv area; second trip was "stop the invasion"!

### Experiences to Share:

#### **Best:**

Coming home in one piece, both times

#### **Worst:**

Having my pilot shot and me having to drive a OV-10 back to Quan Tri; getting into the airplane everyday

### Favorite Memories:

#### **In Service:**

My most lasting memory is of the camaraderie among Marines especially while serving in combat, something that those who have not experienced can't understand. But, no matter where we were, for whatever reason, we were always faithful to our nation, to our Corps and to each other. Semper Fi

#### **After Service:**

Since retiring from active Marine Corps duty in 1987, I spent 15 years as a high school teacher and guidance counselor in Escondido, CA. I began teaching Navy Junior ROTC, went into the counseling office then back into the classroom to teach history and Spanish. My wife and I thought we could retire-retire on the beach in Ensenada, Mexico. No place on the west coast of the US we could afford to do that! But after a year and a half we found ourselves spending too much time and money going back and forth to attend family events (birthdays, weddings, funerals, broken legs, etc) and other business, so we moved back to Southern California, closer to family and friends, and this is where we plan to stay.

#### **Medals Received:**

2 Bronze Stars, 26 Air Medals, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Silver & Bronze), Combat Ribbon; Defense Meritorious Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Services Commendation, Navy Commendation, Navy Achievement, Spanish Navy Cross of Merit.

### Jobs:

#### **In Service:**

Arty Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> BAG, Camp Lejeune; Aerial Observer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar Div and 2<sup>nd</sup> ANGLICO; RVN Officer, Selection Officer, San Francisco; Northern California Logistics Officer, C/1/11, Camp Pendleton; Logistics Officer, 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps; District, Kansas City, KS Student; Spanish Naval War College, Madrid, Spain; Plans Officer, US-Spanish Combined Military Planning Staff, Madrid Battalion; Commander and Regt. XO, MCRD, San Diego; Ops Officer, Korean Ops desk, III MAF, Okinawa; XO, 11<sup>th</sup> Marines, Camp Pendleton G-3, MCB Camp Pendleton.