

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



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After leaving Quantico: Comm. School (Quantico); Camp Pendleton – MCB comm. Center (3 months); "I" Company 3rd Bn 27 Mar (9 months)

Vietnam Tour: October 1967 – November 1968

Attached To: 3rd MarDiv Comm. Center, Hue (Oct. 1967 – Jan. 1968); 1st Bn/4thMar (Jan. 1968 – Aug. 1968); 3rd MarDiv Comm. Center (Aug - Nov 1968)

Jobs in Nam: Comm. Center 3rd MarDiv; Comm. officer 1st Bn/4th Mar; Division Comm. Center Officer, Dong Ha

Locations in Nam: Hue, Dong Ha, C-2, Con Thien, Camp Carroll, Vandergrift Combat Base

Operations in Nam: Kentucky (defend C-2 and Con Thien); Scotland II (Camp Carroll, Vandergrift Combat base, LZ Loon)

Experiences to Share:

Best:

Realizing how important each Marine was to the guy next to them in a foxhole

Worst:

June 6, 1968 - as Comm. detachment with Companies "C" and "D" in establishment of LZ Loon

Favorite Memories:

Found and married the best person in the world for me. Had three healthy and great children and have our first two grandchildren born in 2004 and 2006. Kathy and I will be celebrating our 42nd wedding anniversary during our next reunion in New Bern (October 2011).

Jobs:

After Service:

I was in sales and sales management in the IT industry for 35 years – responsible for the sale of large scale mainframes and peripheral products for the likes of IBM and Hitachi. I shifted from hardware sales to software sales in 1996 thru 2002. My business partner and I are now involved in the sale and distribution of an organic fertilizer product in the US and abroad – with one of our partner countries being Vietnam!

Other Comments:

As I told Jack Sheehan when I first received his phone call several years back – I think what all of you have accomplished in reuniting our Basic School Class is something we will all remember till we are put six feet under. Thanks again