

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



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After leaving Quantico: Tank School Camp Pendleton (Del Mar)

Vietnam Tour: Sept. 1966 – Sept. 1967; off & on 1970 & 1971 (CCO for LanShipFlotOne (LST Flotilla)); assisting with loadout of Marines from RVN

Attached To: 2nd Platoon, B Co, 1st AT Bn, in support of 2/5 and 5th Marines

Jobs in Nam: Platoon Cmdr, 2nd Platoon, Co B, then XO

Locations in Nam: Chu Lai with 2/5; DaNang area (Hai Van Pass) in support of 173rd US Army Brigade and defensive support for Marine Hawk Btry on Hai Van Pass; An Hoa in support of 2/5; Que Son Valley w/5th Marines

Operations in Nam: Tuscaloosa, Union I & II, Cochise, Dixie, New Castle, Adair, Calhoun, Swift and a few more

Experiences to Share:

Best:

Helping Marines with our Ontos's to overcome enemy ambushes, eliminating enemy mortar attacks in conjunction with tanks, and providing supporting fire for Marine infantry assaults. Also, serving as Rough Rider Convoy escorts; seeing a tiger near Hai Van Pass

Worst:

Being ambushed; helping fix a broken track in rain and mud at night; being fired at or seeing Marines attacked and not being able to return fire.

Favorite Memories:

In Service:

Meeting and serving with outstanding Marines (and Navy personnel) at almost all assignments. Serving with 2/5 in RVN and knowing Capt. Jim Graham (MOH) CO Co F; serving as Platoon Cmdr and XO of B Co 1st AT's under Capt Rudy Green

After Service:

My 3rd wife Pam; my 2 daughters, my grandson, granddaughter and my great granddaughter; travel internationally, especially over 2 years in South Africa; travel on assignments in USA and internationally – Germany, Italy, Spain, England, Portugal, Venezuela, Slovakia, Austria, Czechoslovakia. Many fond memories of hiking, fishing and camping with family and friends. Travel around the USA visiting our national and state parks but nowadays we just take day hikes. Probably the best now is being involved as a docent, along with my wife, at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

As a docent for the National Museum of the Marine Corps I have the honor and pleasure to serve as the team lead for the museum's

public outreach program. The outreach team is called "Task Force Ontos". We even have our own guidon. It is truly a great experience taking museum uniforms, equipment, weapons and artifacts to public venues and talk with people about the Corps and the museum. The team participates in public events such as the Joint Services Open House at Andrews AFB, Veteran's Day celebrations, Patriot's Day events, Military History Weekends, public library events, school events, etc.

Medals Received:

Navy Commendation Medal when serving as CCO from LanShipFlotOne (no combat "V"), CAR, PUC, RVN Cross of Gallantry (Unit Award)

Jobs:

In Service:

Guard Officer/XO MarBks Roosevelt Roads, P.R.; Staff Combat Cargo Officer/Intel Officer, LanShipFlotOne, Yokosuka, Japan; CO Co A, HQ Bn, MCB, Quantico, VA; AWS; CO Co D, 2nd Tank Bn; CO Co B, S-3, 8th MT Bn; S-3, XO, CO MTU-TX9, Dallas TX

After Service:

Left regular USMC in 1975 but remained in the USMCR; retired in 1992. Worked for EDS and in Financial DP industry as computer programmer and technical consultant; currently work for CSC/FSG in support of banking clients national and international.