

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



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MOS: 2502 Comm Officer; 5702 Nuclear,
Biological, and Chemical Defense Officer

Ranks: Captain

After leaving Quantico: Communications Officer Orientation Class (Quantico)
1966-67

Attached To: 7th Communications Battalion; 1st Recon Battalion

Jobs in Nam: At 7th Comm: Communications Watch Officer, Registered Publications Custodians, Special Services Officer. At 1st Recon: Communications Officer and appointed Commander H & S Co. for remnant of Battalion remaining in Chu Lai as headquarters moved to Da Nang.

Locations in Nam: Chu Lai and Da Nang

Experiences to Share:

Best:

At Basic School when a bunch of us took off for a spontaneous weekend trip to Atlantic City (had to be there!) Got lost on way back, arrived Quantico just in time for morning formation – and what a mess we were in!

Worst:

Falling off the O-course cracking left clavicle, dislocating my elbow and having it popped back, and mostly worrying if it would set me back (It didn't – cast came off in time for amphibious exercise). After discharge being told by an Employment Agency in San Francisco; "I see you were with the Marines in Vietnam; you're wasting your time here because we don't hire baby killers".

If You Stayed In Service:

Rank achieved:

No, I didn't stay in the service but did have another year to serve after Vietnam and was promoted to Captain by General Butcher, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune prior to discharge

Jobs After Vietnam:

Assigned to Camp Lejeune: Served as Base Assistant Operations Officer, Disaster Control Officer (after Chemical, Biological, Nuclear School with "honors at the top of the class" and Nuclear Weapons Orientation), Protocol Officer and secretary to the Commanding General's staff.

Other Medals Received:

Not a medal, but did receive a Certificate of Commendation for my Camp Lejeune experience from General Wheeler.

Most Favorable Memories:

Probably the time I met my brother in San Francisco, he was just returning from his first RVN tour and I was on the way over. Getting to know and hang out with so many dedicated marines willing to give their all for their country.

After Your Service:

Jobs, Position Marriage:

First job was with California State Automobile Association where I met my wife (she was my first boss's secretary); Underwriter, Sales Supervisor, Insurance Products Development Manager, District Manager. After 21 years left for Berkeley's Church Divinity School of the Pacific and Master of Divinity; work studied as Contra Costa County Jail Assistant Chaplain; worked with ex-offenders in Federal half-way house (Oakland); worked with bay area homeless populations (many were veterans) and upon moving to El Dorado County worked with persons living with developmental disabilities until 2007 retirement.

Favorable Memories After Service"

My wife, our three sons, their wives and, now, our five grandchildren. Our wonderful little mountain home.

Anything Else:

Music (sing tenor, have been involved with a variety of groups, including soloist & choir director), tennis, yoga, running (Napa Marathon 1992, San Francisco 1996 or thereabouts), and painting.