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



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Wife's Name: Mary (passed away 7 yrs. Ago, Co. & Platoon TBS: D2

Complications from diabetes) MOS: 3502, Motor Transport & out in 3

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After leaving Quantico: Motor "T" school, 2nd ANGLCO, went to Army jump school – as Jack Sheehan would say the only jump

Qualified, Motor Transport Officer in the Marine Corps

Vietnam Tour: January 1967 – March 1968 Attached To: FLC, Force Logistic Command

Jobs in Nam: Trucks, convoys, S-4, received a letter of commendation for the cleanest out-houses in country (again a great story)

**Locations in Nam:** Red Beach, supply area just north of DaNang

Operations in Nam: NA – one of those "In the rear with the beer & gear" – I did become extraordinary scrounger!

## **Experiences to Share:**

Best:

Being thrown in the 3 MAF brig on my birthday (again, a great story)

Worst

I think I have blocked those things out.

Favorite Memories:

After Service:

Life is good; I have had a lot of great times, few ugly, just trying to stay on the top side of the grass.

Medals Received:

No; but I did turn down 3 Purple Hearts & a Bronze Star, (these are great stories & there was no real damage-almost embarrassing)

Jobs:

After Service:

Retired 5 years ago, worked for Blue Cross & Blue Shield for some 33 years, I am now a ski instructor (downhill), coach high school track, kayak, tennis, golf, drink beer on a regular basis & have developed into a high ranking amateur BS artist

Other Comments:

I remember OCS being next to the mess hall, with Conklin, Stockstill, Dave Mellon, Rod Bell; In TBS D2 Gariboldi (laugh all the time) was my roommate, Gleason & Gillmer good friends – managed to receive my first letter of reprimand from Capt. Coolligan, until that moment I thought I wanted to be a career Marine. I got passed over twice for

Captain (something about 9 or 11 letters of reprimand), some great stories on these letters!!!!!! – The inactive reserve made me a Captain. Daughter, Jordan is a special Ed. Teacher in Northern Chicago and Daughter, Jessica, works at Whole Foods in Chicago