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



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After leaving Quantico: Flight School - Pensacola, FL; Brownsville, TX; RIO School, Glynco, GA

Vietnam Tour: July 1968 – August 1969

Attached To: VMFA 122, DaNang & VMFA 115, Chu Lai

Jobs in Nam: Radar Intercept Officer aboard the F-4 Phantom with squadron collateral duty of S-1 Officer

Locations in Nam: Both above and below the DMZ

Operations in Nam: Unknown

Experiences to Share:

Best:

Putting into practice what I learned in flight training and in the operational squadrons. Also had close relationships with squadron personnel

Worst:

Responding to a call for help from a Marine platoon being overrun. Later learned the Marine controller on the ground called our air strike on his own position which I executed.

Medals Received:

Combat Action Ribbon, Air Medals for 420 missions, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/palm, Navy Commendation Medal.

Jobs:

In Service:

Honorable discharge June 1970

After Service:

Employed 40 years in Labor Relations and Employee Relations in multiple Fortune 500 companies. Currently married to my second wife for 20 years.

Favorable Memories:

Birth of my children, a wonderful and understanding 2nd wife, 3 outstanding grandchildren and a very successful career.

Other Comments:

The Corps positioned me for total success throughout my civilian career. I am presently retired and enjoying life and family particularly after seeking and obtaining treatment for PTSD.

Furthermore, I wanted to recognize Mike Murphy. Mike was my pilot in Nam and a great friend. Our call sign was Bushmaster Alpha & Bravo. Mike's aviator prowess was readily recognized as he was selected to fly with the Blue Angels upon our return to the US. Regrettably, Mike was killed during a Blue Angel flight demonstration at the Lakehurst, New Jersey Naval Air Station. Mike will never be forgotten.