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



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After leaving Quantico: MT Officer School, Montford Point, NC

Vietnam Tour: August 1966 – September 1967

Attached To: 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Div., 3<sup>rd</sup> Mt. Bn., 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 9<sup>th</sup> Marines

Jobs in Nam: Platoon Commander leading Rough Rider Convoys in support of combat operations throughout the I Corps area.

Locations in Nam: DaNang, Cam Lo, Dong Ha, Ah Shau Valley, Khe Sahn, Hue

Operations in Nam: Operation X-Ray in Quang Tri, Operation Chinook in Ah Shau Valley, and numerous smaller operations in the I Corps

area

#### Experiences to Share:

#### Best:

Accidentally crossing paths in Vietnam with classmates from both OCS and TBS; leading and mentoring young enlisted Marines in an effort to reach their full potential.

#### Worst:

Almost being accidentally ambushed by a group of Nung Mercenaries. It was obvious their CIA operatives were NOT ex-Marines. Or if they were, they failed miserably the TBS Land Navigation Course. It wasn't funny at the time!

### Favorite Memories:

#### In Service:

C-RATS! Meals Ready to Eat. They kept your weight down and your bowels moving! There was nothing like munching on a can of Ham and Lima Beans while leading a 50 truck convoy on Highway 1 from Cam Lo to Khe Sahn. Add a little Louisiana Tabasco Hot Sauce and all of a sudden they turned into Haute Cuisine. Doesn't get better than that!

#### After Service:

Found memories of having lived and experienced many different cultures in both developed and undeveloped countries. Also enjoyed having taken part in the development of large infrastructure projects ultimately impacting on the country's economic development.

Enjoying retirement playing golf, tennis, and sailing. Fortunate to have close friends nearby to share the retirement experience. Look back fondly on my Marine Corps experience and the friendships made.

#### Medals Received:

Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver device, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver device for Operation Chinook, Presidential Unit Citation.

#### Jobs:

#### After Service:

Accepted a position in January 1969 in Caterpillar's Machine Heavy Construction International Division. Spent 30 plus years in various management positions around the world: Bogota, Colombia 1968-72, Santiago, Chili 1973-76, Munich, Germany 1977-83, Geneva, Switzerland 1984-87, Madrid, Spain 1988-92, Johannesburg, South Africa 1993-98, Miami, FL. Latin American Heavy Construction Department Head 1999-2005. Retired from Caterpillar in 2005