



# "38thOCC/TBS Class 3-66"

## "1 Corps - Chu Lai to the DMZ"

"Not as Lean, Not as Mean, but Still a Marine Return to I Corps"

10—23 June 2012

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**Below: Citadel, Hue City.  
At Left: Tour Leader Tom  
Kilduff & Ambassador  
Michael Michalak at the  
Marine House, Hanoi.**



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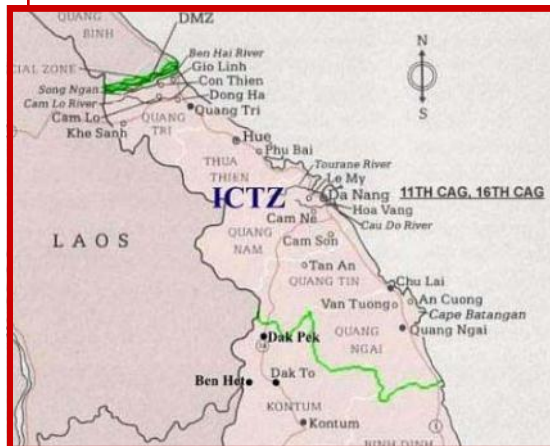
Second Lieutenants arrived in Vietnam to join units within or supporting the two divisions deployed to Vietnam.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division** served in Vietnam from 1965 until 1969. By October of 1966 the 3<sup>rd</sup> MarDiv was given responsibility for Quang Tri and Thua Thien provinces and to establish strong points south of the DMZ. Division operations were the major factors in denying North Vietnamese regulars a stable base of operations along the border with North Vietnam and Laos. 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division units operating out of bases at Camp Carroll, Khe Sanh Combat base, the Rockpile, Vandegrift Combat Base and in operations around Dong Ha, Cam Lo, the A Shau Valley, Con Thien, and Da Nang substantially secured I Corps during their time in Vietnam.

By June 1966, the entire **1st Marine Division** was in South Vietnam, its zone of operation—the southern two provinces of I Corps—Quang Tin and Quang Ngai. Between March and October 1966 to May 1967, the division conducted 44 named operations. Throughout its area of operation, members of the 1st, 5th, 7th, and attached 26th and 27th Marines, and their supporting units, were successful in battle against their NVA and Viet Cong enemy. During the 1968 Tet Offensive, the division was involved in fierce fighting with both Viet Cong and NVA elements and was successful in beating back enemy assaults in its operation areas. Place names now recorded in Marine Corps history were major success stories for the 1st Marine Division: Hue; Khe Sanh; the Batangan Peninsula; Marble Mountain; and the Que Son Valley. After six hard years of combat, the 1st MarDiv returned to Camp Pendleton in 1971.

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## Daily Itinerary

**10 Jun Sun - (Day One)** Depart for Vietnam.

**11 Jun Mon - (Day Two)** Arrive late in the evening. Check into May de Ville Hotel.

**12 Jun Tue - (Day Three)** A full day tour of sights of military interest in Hanoi, to include the National Army Museum, Hoa Lo Prison (“The Hanoi Hilton”), the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Presidential Palace, and other sites as time permits. In the evening, there will be a brief by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) on current their operations. **Hotel: May De Ville (B/L/D)**

**13 Jun Wed - (Day Four)** Depart Hanoi in the morning for our flight to Hue. Upon arrival in Hue, we check into the Huong Giang Hotel that was the former ARVN BOQ during the battle of Hue. After lunch we retrace 1/5’s actions to retake the Dong Ba Market area and the Citadel. The remainder of the day will be devoted to personal exploration of the city, relaxing pool side at the hotel or shopping on famed Le Loi Street. **Hotel: Huong Giang, (B/L/Dinner on own)**

**14 Jun Thur - (Day Five)** Today’s historical focus is the Tet Offensive and the Battle of Hue City. We start with the battle areas south of the Perfume River. There will be guided commentary on the actions and movements of 1/1, 1/5, and 2/5 and other units in the retaking of Hue. This will be a walking tour, in the footsteps of the original participants in January-February of 1968. Sites covered will be the Phu Cam Canal, the old Shell Station, MACV Compound, Hue University, and many other sites that were important to the battle. **Hotel: Huong Giang, (B/L/Dinner on own)**

**15 Jun Fri - (Day Six)** Early morning departure for the DMZ with stops at Ai Tu airstrip. We travel west on Route 9 towards the Lao Border. Today’s objective is Khe Sanh, with side visits to Lang Vei Special Forces Camp, a view of the Lao Border and Co Roc. We will travel the extent of Route 9, stopping at Camp Carroll, The Rockpile, The Razorback, Khe Gia Bridge, and Da Krong for a visit to a Bru tribal village. **Hotel: Truong Son (B/L/D)**

**16 Jun Sat - (Day Seven)** Early morning departure for “Leatherneck Square.” Along the way we will stop at C-2 The Washout, Cam Lo, Con Thien, “The Market Place,” The Peace Bridge at the Ben Hai River, and the Dong Ha Bridge. We head south for Da Nang viewing Nam O, the Hai Van Pass, and



Lang Co along the route arriving at our hotel in the afternoon. **Hotel: G Plaza (B/L/D)**

**17 Jun Sun - (Day Eight)** Early morning departure for a full day of touring along the Tu Bon – Vu Gia River Basin, to include the western edge of the “Rocket Belt.” Hill 55, 65, 37, An Hoa Combat Base, Liberty Bridge, the Arizona Territory, Go Noi Island, Dodge City and many other sites to include the Que Sons, LZ Baldy and Ross. **Hotel: Hoi An (B/L/D)**

**18 Jun Mon - (Day Nine)** On this day we commemorate the 47th Anniversary of the Chu Lai landing. We proceed to the Chu Lai area with stops at Hill 69 and 43. We will view the old Chu Lai airbase, which is currently a commercial and military airfield. We continue south to Quang Ngai **Hotel: Petrosetco (B/L/D)**

**19 Jun Tue - (Day Ten)** This morning we travel south to Quy Nhon. On arrival, we check into our hotel and then check various sites along the beach and the air field. **Hotel: Saigon Quy Nhon (B/L/D)**

**20 Jun Wed - (Day Eleven)** We finish touring the areas in Quy Nhon where 2/7 and 3/7 were deployed. After lunch we head north to return to Hoi An for an evening of exploration. **Hotel: Hoi An (B/L/Dinner on your own)**

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**21 Jun Thur - (Day Twelve)**  
 Today will be devoted to touring Da Nang, Red Beach, Marble Mountain (with a visit to the marble factory), the NSA complex, China Beach, and the old Air Facility. Lunch in Hoi An and the remainder of the day devoted to exploring the Hoi An shopping area. We have a Farewell Dinner at the hotel. **Hotel: Hoi An (B/L/D)**

**22 Jun Fri - (Day Thirteen)** Return to Hanoi on the early morning flight and check in at the May de Ville Hotel. After lunch, we will go to an Open House with the Marine Security Guard Detachment. Evening departure for our flight to Incheon. **Hotel: May de Ville (B/L/D on your own)**

**23 Jun Sat - (Day Fourteen)** – Departure for your flight for Los Angeles, cross the international dateline arriving in the USA morning of the same day.

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