

# 60th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Operations in I-CORPS

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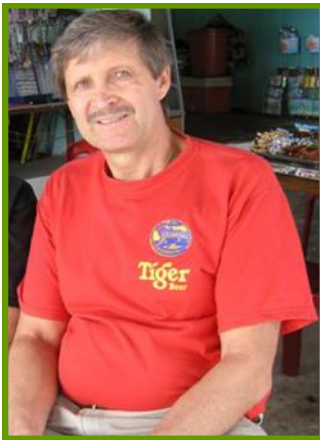
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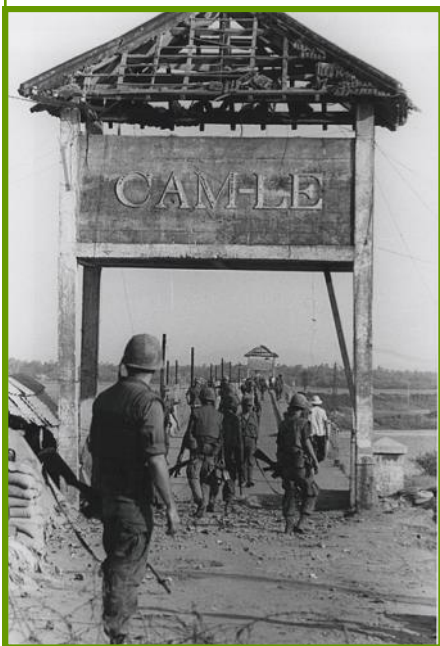
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**Tour Leader:**  
**Ron Dudek has**  
**been back to**  
**Vietnam over**  
**45 times & will**  
**get you there!**



area since they first arrived in South Vietnam in 1965. After the departure of the 3rd Marine Division from Vietnam in late 1969, the 1st Marine Division was the only Marine division left operating in South Vietnam.

Come back to walk the places that profoundly shaped the rest of his life 55 years ago--- places that have deep meaning for him --- places with names like: **the "Arizona Territory", Elephant, Happy & Antenna Valleys, Liberty Bridge, Cam Lo, Razorback, the Rockpile, Con Thien, Hoi An, Hanoi, Khe Sanh, Dong Ha, Route 9 & Hwy 1, Hue City, Con Thien, Leatherneck Square, Da Nang, An Hoa, the Que Sons, China Beach, the Hai Van Pass,** and many, many more.

The highly experienced, **Vietnam Veteran Battlefield Tour Leaders of MHT** have walked them all. We have an outstanding working relationship with the Vietnam government that allows us access to areas previously restricted to other travelers. The Vietnamese people are gracious and sincerely happy to have us with them again. The scenery is great, the food is delicious, and the hotels in which we stay are beautiful and very comfortable. Your family would love it, too.

And now the best part **at only \$ 2,695 per person**, this tour is an outstanding value, making it not only affordable for you to travel, but also to bring other family members. You can invite your friends to come along, too. Together we will visit the sites at which we fought and which are written in our collective history. The price includes everything you see except your airfare, drinks and souvenirs. The single supplement is **only \$ 695**.

**Go back to see ALL of I-Corps...join MHT no matter when you were there or if you just read about the heroes who fought in I-Corps throughout the war!**

LtGen "Lew" Walt presided over the essential expansion of the Marine Corps effort during the Vietnam War. When he arrived in June 1965, the III Marine Amphibious Force (III MAF) amounted to a collection of battalions posted to a few key points in I-Corps, the tactical zone composed of South Vietnam's five northernmost provinces. When General Walt left, replaced by LtGen Robert Cushman in June 1967, III MAF was a full corps with both the 1st & 3rd Marine Divisions, the Army's Americal Division, and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, a reinforced air wing fielding more than 500 aircraft and helicopters plus a host of supporting units. General Walt's forces were engaged everywhere from the coastal zone below the Central Highlands to a stretch of Route 1 the French had named "the Street Without Joy" to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) separating the two Vietnams.

**Phase III of the Tet Offensive of 1968 (also known as the August offensive) was launched by the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) and Viet Cong (VC) on 22 August in I-Corps**

On the night of 22-23 August NVA and VC units attacked 36 bases, towns and cities across I Corps mainly with rocket and mortar fire. A VC sapper attack on Landing Zone Bowman in the Que Son Valley. In Da Nang, an enemy company from the R20 Battalion (Bn) with a sapper platoon infiltrated Forward Operating Base 4, attacking the compound just south of Marble Mountain Air Facility that contained a Military Assistance Command, Vietnam Group HQ, several Special Forces teams and a Mobile Strike Force Command (MIKE) Force company.

On 23 August, the VC V25 and T89 Bns tried to capture the Cẩm Lệ Bridge, just south of Da Nang Air Base to allow follow-on units to attack the city. A platoon of U.S. Marines from Company D, 1st Military Police Bn defended the bridge from their bunkers until they were relieved by the 1st Bn, 27th Marines and ARVN Rangers. North of the bridge, a company from the VC 402nd Sapper Bn tried to seize the Hòa Vang District but were held back by ARVN units until reinforced by Marines and Rangers. The 402nd Sappers fell back to the Cẩm Lệ Bridge, where they continued to fight for a further nine hours, but by late afternoon after air strikes and artillery fire they abandoned the position leaving 184 dead.

1st Marine Division commander MajGen Carl Youngdale ordered his units to block the retreat of the NVA from Da Nang with Operation Sussex Bay. At 08:15 on 29 August Company M, 3rd Bn, 7th Marines engaged a NVA force 4 km south of Hill 55. Company D 1st Bn, 1st Marines and Company G, 2nd Bn, 27th Marines supported by tanks arrived to support the 3/7 Marines killing 42 NVA.

By 1968 in I-Corps, LtGen Cushman had 81,000 Marines, 32,000 soldiers, 22,000 sailors, 7,000 airman and 6,000 Korean Marines. In 1970, the U.S. Marines turned over control of the five northernmost provinces in South Vietnam to the U.S. Army. The Marines had been responsible for this

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**Airfare not included: Round-trip economy or business class airfare to Vietnam is available**



## Daily Itinerary

**5-6 Aug Wed/Thur - (Day One & Two)** Depart Los Angeles in the afternoon on a flight to Vietnam—Cross International Dateline, lose a day transfer in Incheon. (International Air will be quoted upon registration and can be tied into domestic flights upon request.) Arrive Da Nang. **Hotel: Almanity (D-Dinner)**



**7 Aug Fri - (Day Three)** Today we commence touring the Da Nang area to include Red Beach, Elephant Valley, Nam O, Hill 34, Dog Patch, and the old China Beach. We visit Marble Mountain and for the adventurous, we will climb to the top and see where the VC maintained a secret hospital throughout the war. We will also visit a marble carving shop before touring the ancient city of Hoi An & the many shops. **Hotel: Almanity (B-Breakfast/L-Lunch/D)**



**8 Aug Sat - (Day Four)** Early morning departure for a full day's exploration of the western edge of the "Rocket Belt." We will visit sites along Route One. Sites we will visit include the Tu Bon/Vu Gia River Basin and Hills 55, 65, 37, and 52. We will also cover An Hoa Combat Base, Liberty Bridge, the Arizona Territory, Go Noi Island, Antenna Valley, and the Que Sons. We will visit as many operational areas and sites as requested including Chu Lai area, Hills 69 & 43. Dinner on your own. **Hotel: Almanity (B/L/D)**

**9 Aug Sun - (Day Five)** After an early breakfast we depart Da Nang for Hue with stops at the Hai

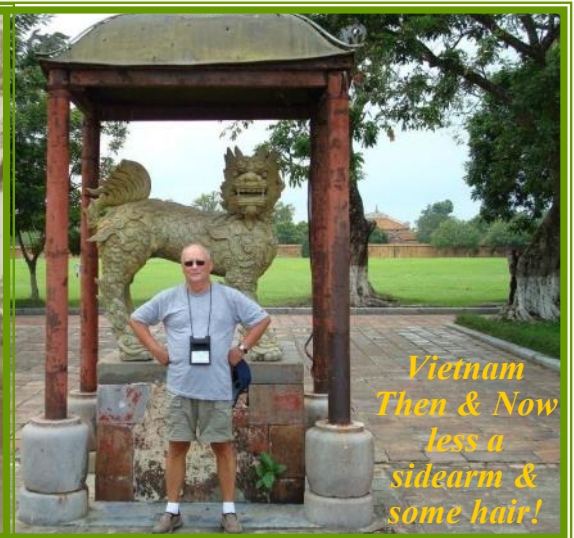
Van Pass, Lang Co and Phu Bai Airfield. We will commence a short city tour south of the Perfume River starting at the Phu Cam Canal and ending at Hue University. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/Dinner at Little Italy)**



**10 Aug Mon - (Day Six)** This day we explore the north side of the Perfume River and discuss the battles for the Citadel and TT woods. We also visit the Forbidden City via the Dong Ba Gate and visit the airfield site within the Citadel. Later we take a short visit to the Thien Mu Pagoda. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/Dinner at the DMZ Bar)**

**11 Aug Tue - (Day Seven)** After an early morning departure we drive north to the DMZ with stops at Leatherneck Square, Cam Lo, "The Washout", Con Thien, the Market Place, Gio Linh and the blowing of the Dong Ha Bridge. We continue west along Rt 9 with stops at Khe Gia Bridge, the Rockpile, Lang Vei and the Khe Sanh Combat Base. Lang Vei was where the NVA first used tanks against the Special Forces Camp. We continue on to the Laotian border before returning to the hotel for dinner. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D)**

**12 Aug Wed - (Day Eight)** Check out for flight to Hanoi that arrives in time for lunch before a visit to the John McCain Monument and the Hoa Lo "Hanoi Hilton) Prison. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L)**



*Vietnam  
Then & Now  
less a  
sidearm &  
some hair!*





**13 Aug Thur - (Day Nine)** After breakfast we visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and if time the army museum and the ethnicity museum. We return to the hotel to prepare for late evening flights. that day. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/ Dinner on own)**

**14 Aug Fri - (Day Ten)** After breakfast, remainder depart Hanoi (cross international dateline) arrive in CONUS.



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