



USMCVTA Vietnam Return "USMC Tankers & Ontos from Da Nang to the DMZ" 6—18 August 2024

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In 1965, the large, loud, and highly visible tanks of 3rd Platoon, B Company, 3rd Tank Battalion landed across Red Beach near Da Nang, drawing unwelcome attention to America's first commitment of ground troops to South Vietnam. As the Marine Corps armored presence grew, the 1st and 3rd Tank & Anti-Tank Battalions, as well as elements of the reactivated 5th Tank & Anti-Tank Battalions, were committed to the conflict.

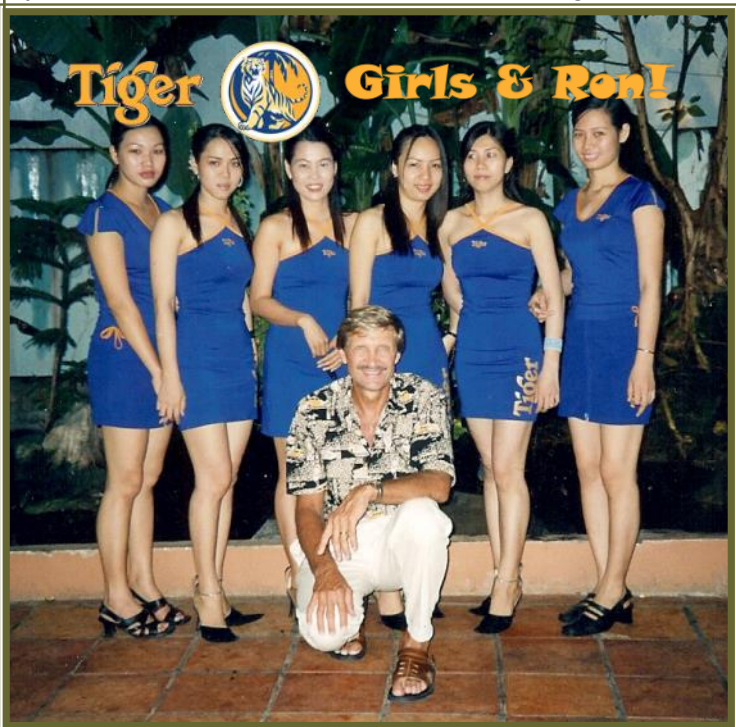
Marine Tank and Ontos crews used their weapons system's firepower and their mobility to its maximum capability. Long-range harassing and interdicting (H&I) fires supplemented artillery missions. Mobility and firepower added muscle and protection for the convoys that supported isolated fire bases. Tanks on the line protected fire bases from enemy attacks with .30- and .50-caliber machine gun, point-blank 90 mm canister fire, and occasionally by crewmen using their .45-cal. grease guns and pistols to kill the enemy as they swarmed over their tank.

In city-street fighting, tankers, working with Ontos, blasted down walls, allowing the assaulting infantry to advance from house to house out of the streets where the enemy had established kill zones. Tanks participated in a number of amphibious assaults from Operation "Starlite" - the first large scale combined arms battle in 1965 through a number of Dagger Thrust and Deckhouse operations.

Marine Tankers fought conventional Marine Corps doctrine tank-infantry battles against the uniformed and highly motivated, trained and equipped North Vietnamese Army, supported unconventional guerrilla warfare engaging the Viet Cong, while supporting fully "the other war" —winning the hearts & minds of the Vietnamese.

Ron Dudek is **MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS'** senior **Vietnam-veteran battlefield guide**. MHT originated the battlefield tours and has an outstanding working relationship with the Vietnam government that allows us access to areas previously restricted to other travelers. Ron has been back to Vietnam dozens of times and is intimately familiar with the terrain, the battlefields and the people. The Vietnamese people are gracious and sincerely happy to have us with them again. The scenery is great, the food is delicious and plentiful, and the hotels in which we stay are beautiful and very comfortable. Your spouse and children would love it, too.

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Ron Dudek is "once a tanker, always a tanker" besides being one of the most experienced MHT Tour leaders and has been back in country over a 100 times! He can get you back where you need to go!

Daily Itinerary

6-7 Aug Tue/Wed - (Day One & Two) Depart Los Angeles in the afternoon on a flight to Vietnam—Cross International Dateline, lose a day transfer in Inchon. (International Air will be quoted upon registration and can be tied into domestic flights upon request.) Arrive Da Nang. **Hotel: Almanity (D-Dinner)**

8 Aug Thur - (Day Three) This day will be devoted to touring of Da Nang, Red Beach, Marble Mountain, China Beach, and the old Air Facility. Lunch at Kim Do and the remainder of the day devoted to exploring Da Nang. **Hotel: Almanity (B-Breakfast/L-Lunch/D)**

9 Aug Fri - (Day Four) After breakfast, we start down Highway 1 with stops at LZ Baldy, Tam Ky, Hill 54, 69 and 43. We will visit the Chu Lai Air Base which is currently a commercial and military airfield. **Hotel: Almanity (B/L/D)**

10 Aug Sat - (Day Five) This morning we get an early start for a full day of touring along the Tu Bon – Vu Gia River basin, including the western edge of the “Rocket Belt.” Our emphasis includes Hill 55, 65, 37, An Hoa Combat Base, Liberty Bridge, the Arizona Territory, Go Noi Island, & other sites. **Hotel: Almanity (B/L/D on own)**

11 Aug Sun - (Day Six) Our day begins with a drive north to Hue City, passing over the top of the Hai Van Pass, and down through Lang Co and the Phu Loc Region - one of the prettiest and most photogenic in all of Viet Nam. We'll have plenty of time to stop along the way for any special requests. Upon entering Hue, we proceed to our hotel and check in and have lunch at a local restaurant. The remainder of the day will be devoted to personal exploration of the city. Dinner at the Little Italy. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D)**

12 Aug Mon - (Day Seven) Today we begin our exploration of the start of the Tet Offensive in the Phu Bai area of operations as 1st Battalion (Bn), 1st Marines (1/1) and the 1st & 2nd Bns of the 5th Marines react to the attack including the relief of the CAP position and the movement to Hue to defend the MACV compound and the assault across the Nguyen Hoang bridge. In the afternoon there will be a walking tour, in the footsteps of the

original participants in January-February of 1968. Key objectives will be the treasury and postal buildings as well as the pivotal provincial capital building. Dinner at the DMZ Bar. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D)**

13 Aug Tue - (Day Eight) Early morning departure as we travel west on Route 9 towards the Lao Border. Our 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 The Rockpile, The Razorback, Khe Gia Bridge, Da Krong, LZ Stud, and Khe Sanh Village. If time allows, a stop at a Bru tribal village. Dinner at hotel. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D)**

14 Aug Wed - (Day Nine) Today we tour “Leatherneck Square” in Quang Tri Province and visit these important sites - Con Thien, Cam Lo, the “Washout” & Gio Linh. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D on your own)**

15 Aug Thur - (Day Ten) Today we view the Peace Bridge at the Ben Hai River and the Dong Ha Bridge. After lunch in Quang Tri, we head back to Hue. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D on your own)**

16 Aug Fri - (Day Eleven) Morning flight to Hanoi and sites to arrive at noon. After lunch, include the John McCain Monument and Ha Loa (Hanoi Hilton) Prison. We check into our hotel with a chance to enjoy Hanoi's nightlife. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/-)**

17 Aug Sat - (Day Twelve) We finish our visit to Hanoi with a walking tour of the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Presidential Palace plus a trip to the National Army Museum and if time permits the Ethnicity Museum. The remainder of the day is for preparation for evening flight home. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D)**



18 Aug Sun - (Day Thirteen) We cross the International Dateline (gain a day) and arrive home the same day.

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