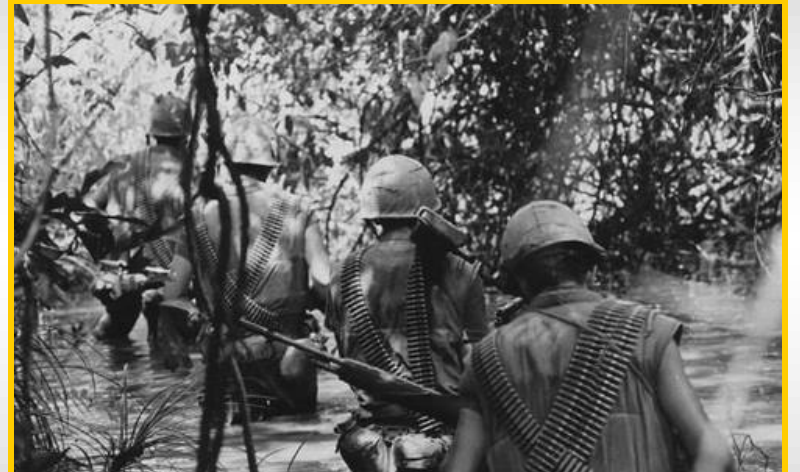


50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War I-CORPS 1966 & Operation Prairie

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Operation Prairie (August 3 – October 27, 1966) was a U.S. military operation in northern I-Corps to eliminate North Vietnamese Army (NVA) forces south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). During August, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions (Bn) of the 4th Marine Regiment, 2nd Bn, 7th Marines, 1st Bn, 26th Marines and other units engaged in heavy fighting with the NVA 324B Division. Prairie was a string of battles that were fought in the foothills south of the DMZ. The commander of E Company 2nd Battalion 4th Marines, Capt. Howard V. Lee, received the Medal of Honor for his outstanding bravery during this operation near Quang Tri.



According to estimates by the American command, NVA/NLF forces lost 1,339 killed and 27 captured. 248 weapons were captured by U.S. forces.

Come back to walk the places that profoundly shaped the rest of his life 45 years ago--- places that have deep meaning for

him --- places with names like: **Cam Lo, Razorback, the Rockpile, Con Thien, Mutter's Ridge (Nui Cay Tre) Hills 400 & 484** as well as places like: **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.

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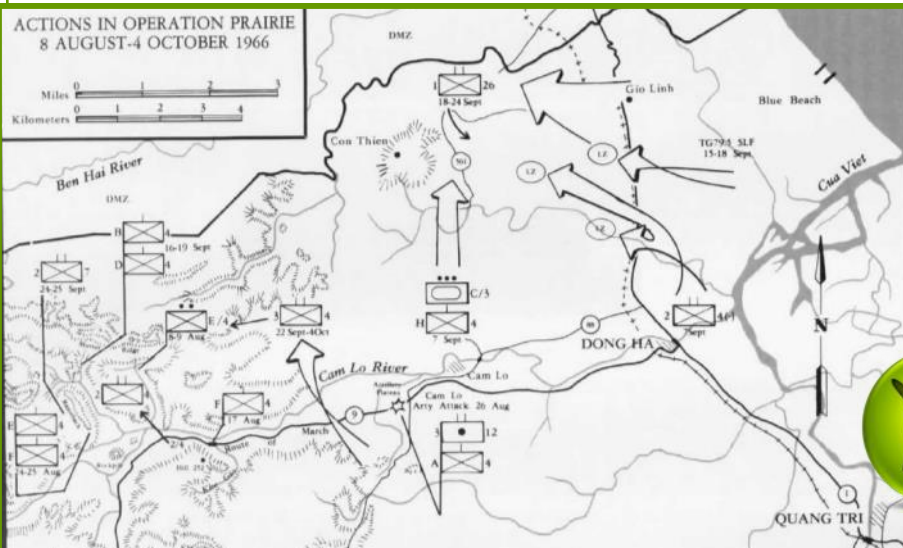
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Airfare not included: Round-trip economy or business class airfare from Los Angeles to Vietnam is available once you register!



Daily Itinerary

20—21 Aug Sat/Sun - (Day One & Two) Depart Los Angeles for flight to Vietnam—Cross International Date-line, lose a day transfer. (International Air will be quoted upon registration and can be tied into domestic flights upon request.) Arrive Da Nang.

22 Aug Mon - (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: Brilliant (B-Breakfast/L-Lunch @ Kim Do/D-Dinner)**

23 Aug Tue - (Day Four) A full day tour of all of the military interest sites as we proceed through the Chu Lai area with stops at LZ Baldy, Hill 69 and 43. We will view the old Chu Lai airbase, which is currently a commercial and military airfield. **Hotel: Brilliant Hotel (B/L/D on your own)**

24 Aug Wed - (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: Brilliant (B/L/D on own)**

25 Aug Thur - (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 including the Troui River Bridge. Upon entering Hue, we proceed to our hotel and check in and have lunch at a local restaurant. We begin our exploration 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. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L/D)**

26 Aug Fri - (Day Seven) This morning 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. The afternoon focus is on the battle areas south of the Perfume River and the battle for the Citadel. The primary focus will be on the battle of the “Phase Lines,” the ARVN Headquarters, and the old airstrip. The remainder of the day will be for R&R at the pool or exploration of this former French colonial capital. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L/Dinner on your own)**

27 Aug Sat - (Day Eight) Today we tour “Leatherneck

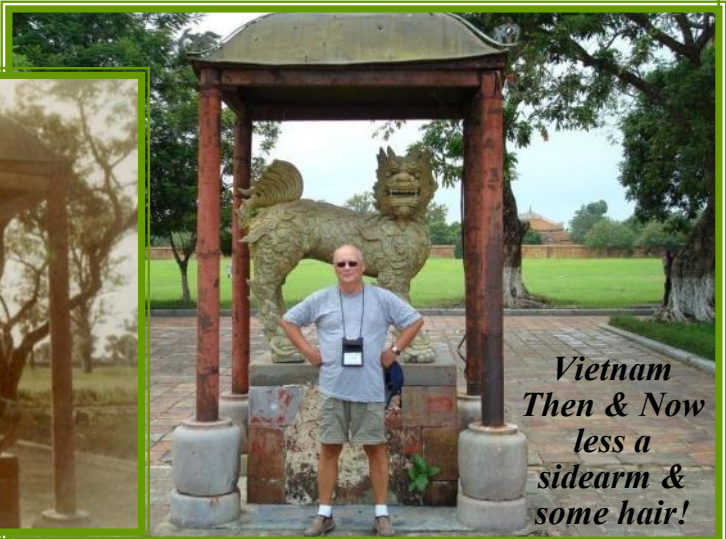


Square” in Quang Tri Province and visit these important sites - Con Thien, Cam Lo, the “Washout”, Gio Linh, The Peace Bridge at the Ben Hai River and the Dong Ha Bridge. **Hotel: Huu Nghi Dong Ha (B/L/D)**

28 Aug Sun – (Day Nine) This morning we go west along Route 9 with stops at Camp Carroll, Khe Gia Bridge, the Rockpile, the Razorback, Vandergrift and the new Da Krong Bridge. After lunch we proceed to Lang Vei on the Lao border. This was the scene of the first use by the NVA of tanks when they assaulted the Special Forces Camp in 1968. We then head back to the old Khe Sanh Combat Base. **Hotel: Hotel: Huu Nghi Dong Ha (B/L/D)**

29 Aug Mon – (Day Ten) We depart Dong Ha for the Da Krong Bridge and Bru Village. We continue south on highway 14 B which is one of the feeder roads of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. We return to revisit all of the action in the northern A Shau Valley. We will also stop at Tam Boi, Tiger Mountain, A Luoi and any other significant LZs. We return to Hue by way of highway 14B, the Ho Chi Minh Trail down the A Shau Valley. After our day of touring we arrive in Hue and check into our hotel. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L/D)**

30 Aug Tue – (Day Eleven) Morning flight to Hanoi and sites to include the National Army Museum, John McCain Monument, the Army Museum and other sites as time permits. We check into our hotel with a chance to enjoy Hanoi’s nightlife. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D on your own)**



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



31 Aug Wed – (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 Hoa Lo Prison (“The Hanoi Hilton”). Remainder of the day for some last minute shopping and preparations for our evening flight home.

Hotel: Silk Path (B/L)

1 Sept Thur - Day Thirteen)

We cross the International



Dateline (gain a day) and arrive back at LAX in the evening on the same day.

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