



# 1st Marine Division Return to Vietnam

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

7-19 June  
2014

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for FMDA  
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**15 Feb!**

Tour Leader: SgtMaj Pete Ross, USMC &  
Bob Perry, USMC



Above: Wreath Laying Left: "Gunny R Lee Ermey goes back with MHT. Above: Wreath Laying. Below: Citadel, Hue City. At Left: Tour Leader Capt Ed Garr back with Gen Peter Pace, USMC 16th Chairman of the JCS.



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In 1965, the 7th Marine Regiment participated in Operations Starlite and Piranha, the first major engagements



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for American ground troops in South Vietnam. March 1966 saw **1st Marine Division Headquarters** established at Chu Lai. By June, the entire 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 North Vietnamese Army 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 Marine Division returned home to Camp Pendleton in 1971.

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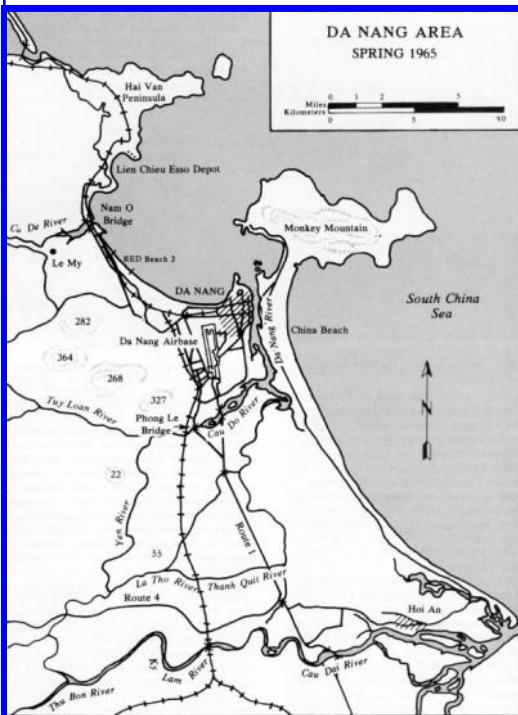
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## Daily Itinerary

**7-8 Jun Sat/Sun - (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.

**9 Jun Mon - (Day Three)** This day will be devoted to touring of Da Nang, Red Beach, Marble Mountain, China Beach, and the old Air Facility & Freedom Hill Complexes. **Hotel: G Plaza (B-Breakfast/L-Lunch/D-Dinner)**

**10 Jun Tue - (Day Four)** On this day we commemorate the 49th Anniversary of “Op Starlite” at Chu Lai. 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 plus the Cau Dau bridge, Tam Ky, “Catfish Outposts” and the Sharon Anne Lane Clinic in Tam Hiep. **Hotel: G Plaza (B/L/D)**

**11 Jun 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, 52, An Hoa Combat Base, Liberty Bridge, the Arizona Territory, Go Noi Island, & other sites of participants interest. **Hotel: G Plaza (B/L/D on own)**

**12 Jun 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. 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. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L/D)**

**13 Jun Fri - (Day Seven)** Today we begin our exploration of the start of the Tet Offensive in the Phu Bai area of operations as 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Bn), 1st Marines (1/1) and the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Bns of the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Tonight enjoy the Hue nightlife and sample the French cuisine on your own. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L)**

**14 Jun Sat - (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 Camp Carroll, The Rockpile, The Razorback, Khe Gia Bridge, Da Krong, LZ Stud, and KheSanh Village. If time allows, a stop at a Bru tribal village. **Hotel: Huu Nghi (B/L/D)**

**15 Jun Sun - (Day Nine)** 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. After lunch in Quang Tri, we head for Hue. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L/D on your own)**

**16 Jun Mon - (Day Ten)** Today we visit the battle areas around Hue City to include TT Woods, Phong Dien, Camp Eagle and Eagle Beach. A group dinner is planned at the hotel. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L/D)**

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**17 Jun Tue – (Day Eleven)** Morning flight to Hanoi and sites to include the National Army Museum, John McCain Monument and other sites as time permits. We check into our hotel with a chance to enjoy Hanoi's night-

**19 Jun 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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life. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D on your own)**

**18 Jun Wed – (Day Twelve)** We finish our visit to Hanoi with a walking tour of the the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Presidential Palace plus a trip to the Hoa Lo Prison ("The Hanoi Hilton"). Remainder of the day for preparation for evening flight home. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D)**

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