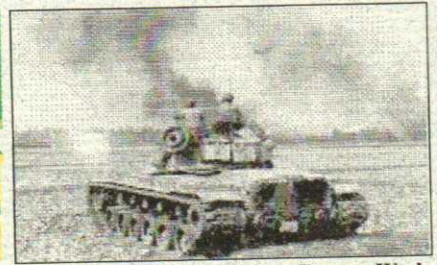


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USMC VIETNAM TANKERS REUNION



M48A3, 4 Men Marine Sniper Team at Work.

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Once a Marine Tanker...



Always a Marine Tanker...



Now hear this!

The first Marine Corps reunion of the 1st and 3d Tank Battalions that served during Vietnam will be held in Washington, D.C. on November 7,8,9 1998. This reunion will mark the 30th Anniversary of the 1968 Tet Truce Offensive and the halfway point of the involvement of United States Marine Corps Tank Battalions in this country's most controversial war.

As a veteran of this war it is important that you recognize your historical contributions, and the involvement of Marine Corps tanks. A recognition of the crews and support personnel have been overlooked in the history of the Vietnam War.

There are many untold stories of the sacrifice and bravery of the men who served with the 1st and 3d Tank Battalions during this long war. You now have an opportunity to come to this reunion and meet with former comrades and share stories and events with them. Also a historian will be putting together a history of the men, the platoons, the companies and the battalions that will be published after this historic reunion.

All reunion participants will receive a free copy of the *History of Marine Tanks in the Vietnam War*. You will want to attend this historical event.

If you have a story you would like to submit for the *History of Marine Corps Tanks in the Vietnam War* please contact Dick Carey directly by calling (508) 548-9887 for details on how to do this.

Thank you.



138 Died in Vietnam

From 1965 to 1970 there were 138 officers and men who paid the ultimate price while serving their country in Vietnam.

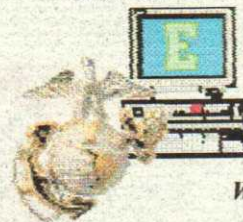
Of those that died there were 16 officers, 108 tank crewman and 14 tank mechanic/crewmen.

Here is a listing of the officers who died serving in the 1st and 3d Tank battalions.

- 06/26/65 - BUTZ, ROBERT A. *1Lt*
Age: 25, Easton, PA
- 03/13/66 - WARNER, BRUCE B. *1Lt*
Age: 23, Farmington, CT
- 08/17/66 - DECOTA, WALTER J. *Maj*
Age: 33, Pascoag, RI
- 10/12/66 - ROHLEDER, DONALD W. *1Lt*
Age: 23, Baltimore, MD
- 11/09/66 - HARRIS, ROBERT E. *LtC*

- 02/12/67 - CAMBY, STEVE W. *Capt*
Age: 26, Spindale, NC
- 04/12/67 - ANDERSON, JACK H. *2Lt*
Age: 31, Livingston, MT
- 05/18/67 - DOBBIN, LOUIS D., II *1Lt*
Age: 23, Brighton, MA
- 07/06/67 - HAYES, WAYNE M. *1Lt*
Age: 23, Menomonie, WI
- 01/24/68 - KENT, DANIEL W. *Capt*
Age: 24, Auburndale, MA
- 02/02/68 - LIA, NICHOLAS A. *1Lt*
Age: 23, New York, NY
- 05/26/68 - WILLIAMS, FRED., H, JR *1Lt*
Age: 24, Sutter Creek, CA
- 08/29/68 - DAILEY, HAROLD C., II *2Lt*
Age: 21, Austin, TX
- 07/22-69 - HAMILTON, ROLAND C. *1Lt*
Age: 26, Anaheim, CA
- 07/28/69 - WUNSCH, MICHAEL C. *Capt*
Age: 25, Feastersville, PA
- 08/24/69 - SCHAEFER, CHARLES H. *1Lt*
Age: 24, Streator, IL

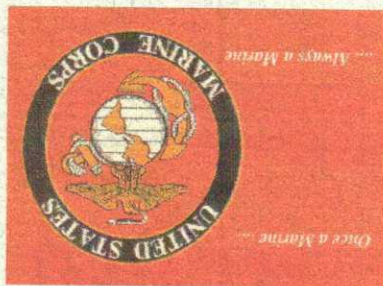
In the next issue I will list the 14 platoon maintenance personnel, retriever crew and company mechanics/crewman who died in Vietnam. Following issues will list the 108 crewmen from 1st and 3d Tank Battalions



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"A 'sponson box' is any projection from the side of a ship...Of course that is why I'm wearing a helmet, flak jacket and and carrying a lighter weapon and you're not"

"I know the Sponson Box is the name of this newsletter, but what in the hell is a sponson box, anyway?"

