



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



Veteran: Gunnar Slothaug



Branch: US Marine Corps, Radio Operator

Division: I Corps

Dates of Service: 1967 - 1968

Campaigns/Theatre: Vietnam (stationed in the DMZ for rapid deployment to hotspots)

Personal Story: I enlisted and went to Cuba first. Traveled to Vietnam by way of Okinawa and the Philippines. We performed amphibious assaults from sea with Lima Company 3/1. The worst assault I was in was Operation Badger Tooth – I was one of 12 men that came out unscathed. Afterwards, we were unable to get resupplied and we all suffered from trenchfoot and hunger waiting to get back on board ship. We scrounged for food; caught a pig once.

I stay in touch with my fellow Marines and help coordinating local, state and national events.

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