

## RGWs/USMC CHRONOLOGY

1958 – 1964

- May of 1958 Graduated from Moses Lake High School
- 06/20/58 Enlisted USMC (opted for 90-day delay), passing of CWSC scholarship
- 09/12/58 Reported for duty – 2<sup>nd</sup> Recruit Training Battalion, MCRD, San Diego
- 11/14/58 Qualified with M-1 at Camp Murray rifle range; fired a 221 – **EXPERT**.  
At mail-call that afternoon DIs discovered it was also my birthday.  
Received a “spanking” lash from every member of the platoon with Senior DI’s belt. Stood about 60 out of 82, then collapsed.
- 12/12/58 Graduated with recruit Platoon 292, 2ndRTrngBn, MCRD, San Diego
- 12/13/58 Reported to ITR (Charlie Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Training Regiment), Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA
- 01/28/59 Graduated ITR
- 02/25/59 Reported to SubUnit #1, Headquarters Company, Service Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Brigade, FMF (would serve with “resistance forces” against 1stMarBrig on maneuvers at Camp Pendleton).
- 03/21/59 Joined 1<sup>st</sup> Land Support Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division – awaiting assignment.
- 04/01/59 Boarded the **USS George Clymer** (APA #27) at San Diego; participated in “Operation Bigland”, disembarked at Camp Del Mar on 04/06/59 (See Addendum #1).
- 04/13/59 Boarded the **USS Bexar** (APA #237) at San Diego for Pearl Harbor (trucked to MCAS, Kaneohe Bay) (See Addendum #2)
- 04/10/59 Joined Golf Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment (Reinforced), 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Brigad, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, MCAS, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.  
Primary duties: Clerk typist/File clerk.
- 05/14/59 Promoted to E2, Private First Class
- 05/29/59 Re-qualified with M-1. Bettered score to 223.
- 08/25/59 Joined Headquarters and Service Company, 2ndBn, 4thMar(Reinf), 1stMarBrig. Primary Duties: Chaplain’s Assistant

09/15/59      Boarded **USS Princeton** (LPH-5) for “Operation PHIBLEX on Kauai Island (See addendum #3)

05/24/60      Transferred to Maine AirBase Squadron-13, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Air Wing, 1<sup>st</sup> MarBrig. Primary Duties: Chaplain’s Assistant

02/15/61      Boarded the **USNS E. D. Patrick** (TAP-#124) at Pearl Harbor arriving in San Francisco on 02/20/61.(See addendum #4)

03/24/61      Joined Headquarters & Casual Company, Marine Barracks, U.S. Naval Station, Treasure Island, San Francisco. Primary duties: Post & Pacific Locator

05/19/61      Re-qualified with M-1 at Mare Island. Rained and I lost **EXPERT**, shooting a 212 – **SHARPSHOOTER**.

07/01/61      Promoted to E-3, Lance Corporal (after, I think, being the senior PFC in the Marine Corps).

11/29/61      Discharged (early release from first enlistment in order to re-enlist)

11/30/61      Re-enlisted to attend Marine Security Guard School

01/03/62      Attached to MSG School, Foxtrot Company, Headquarters Battalion; Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington D.C.

02/05/62      Received assignment – American Embassy, Republic of South Vietnam. Had never heard of it.

02/06/62      Received full inoculations – four in each arm and four in each hip!!!

02/09/62      Graduated with MSG Class 01/62.

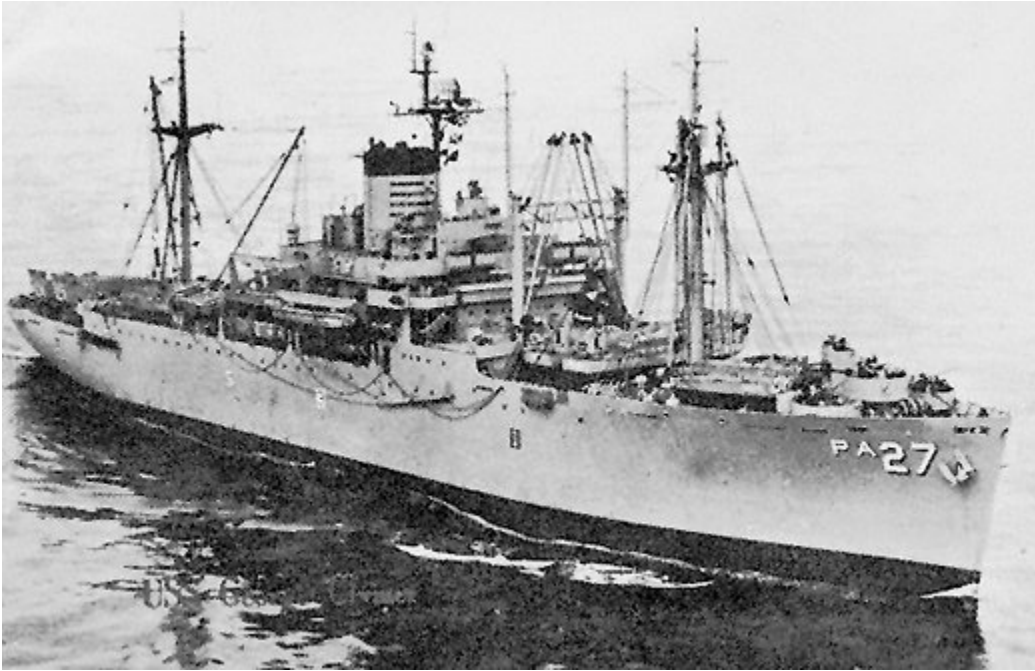
02/10/62      Along with Lance Corporals Roy Vestal and Tom Mollick, flew commercial and in suits to San Francisco. Reported to staging command at Marine Barracks, Treasure Island.

02/19/62      Flew a four-propeller MATS flight (seated backwards) out of Travis AFB to Clark AFB in The Philippines (with stopovers in Hawaii and Guam. Had to drive into Manila to obtain our visas into the Republic of South Vietnam. Flew Air France to Saigon.

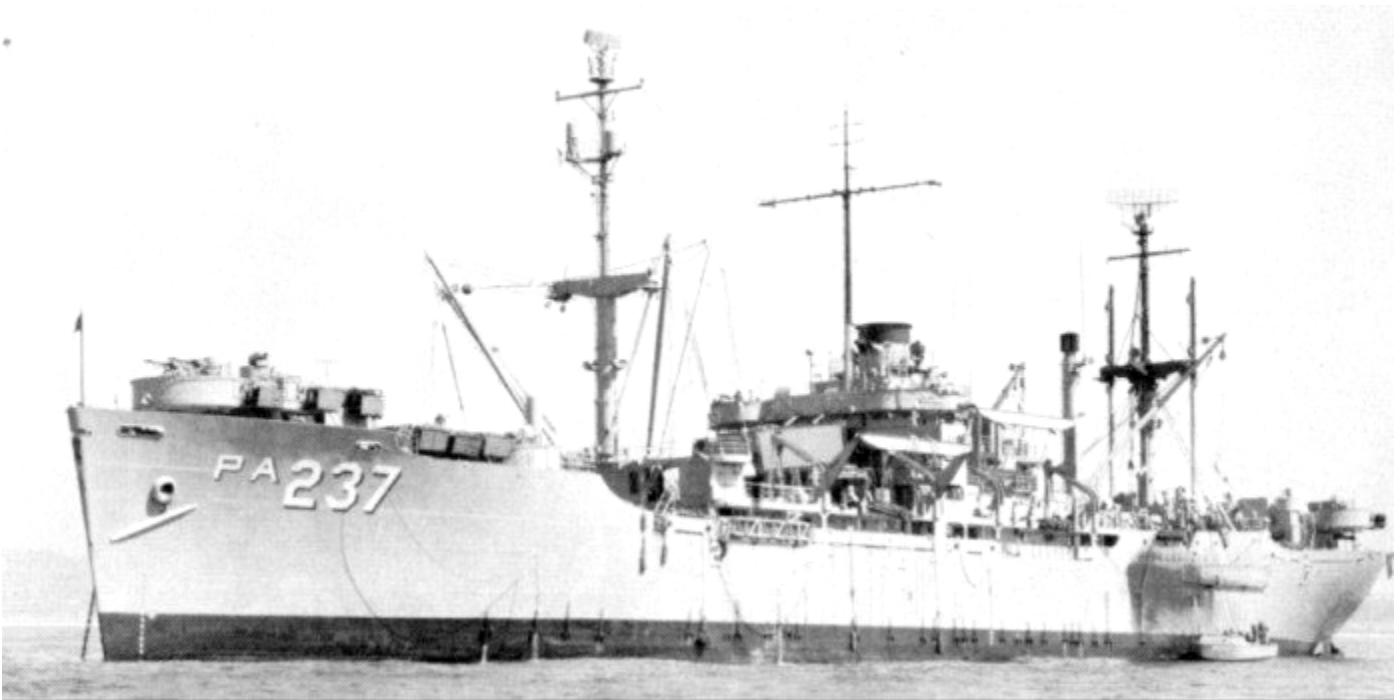
02/24/62      Officially welcomed to Marine Security Guard detachment by Embassy newspaper and began 24-month assignment.

- 09/26/62 Top Secret security clearance finally issued by State Department.
- 04/01/63 Promoted to E-4 Corporal
- 05/11/63 Departed Saigon for American Embassy, Manila to work as Chief Clerk for Regional Marine Officer and Sergeant Major.
- 08/31/63 Returned to Saigon on “temporary assignment” to help with shifts until new MSGs could be trained and shipped out.
- 10/15/63 “Temporary assignment” made “permanent” by Ambassador Lodge.
- 11/01/63 Survived the coup de’ etat that toppled the regime of President Diem. The room Dave Oman and I shared wasn’t so lucky. Took a stray rocket and blew the crap out of it.
- 11/10/63 Had to celebrate USMC birthday without my dress blues; personal affects being shipped from Manila. Almost felt like an outsider.
- 11/22/63 Saigon and Embassy in turmoil with news of the assassination of President Kennedy.
- 03/25/4 March 20, 1964 issue of LIFE MAGAZINE landed on my desk at the Embassy. For Wayne Maupin and I it is the damndest thing we’ve ever, or will ever, see.
- 07/25/64 Departed Saigon on PanAm after my 30-month assignment as a Marine Security Guard (Saigon & Manila). Took a few extra days getting home visiting Hong Kong and Tokyo. Arrived CONUS 07/31/64. Drove home and was in mid-inland Oregon when radio announced firing on our destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin. Was sure I’d get back to Moses Lake and find orders sending me back to VN.
- 09/02/64 No such orders! Assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron-13, MWHg-3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Air Wing, El Toro, California awaiting early release to attend college.
- 09/18/64 Despite the efforts of a very determined re-enlistment officer, received my discharge for the USMC – after 6 years and 11 days of active duty – a civilian again, but always a **MARINE!**

Addendum #1



Addendum #2



Addendum #3





Addendum #4