**December 1967 to April 1968.**

*Osprey Memorial* In 2000, 23 Marines were killed onboard the controversial V-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft. On April 8 in Marana, Arizona, an Osprey went down while training as part of an OPEVAL mission simulating a night-time rescue, killing all 19 on board. On December 11 of the same year, another Osprey crashed into a forest in Jacksonville, NC, killing all 4 onboard.

*Ripley’s Raiders* Company L, 3rd Battalion 3rd Marines honors its fallen comrades and commanding officer, Captain John Ripley. On April 2, 1972, Ripley faced intense enemy fire while preparing to blow up a bridge in Dong Ha, slowing the North Vietnam Army’s advance. This famous stand became known as “Ripley at the Bridge.” He received the Navy Cross for his service in WWI.

**Fallen Warrior** Dedicated to Wisconsin Fallen Warriors, the Fallen Warrior Monument in Madison, WI, is the original monument commissioned for placement at Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Centers in Madison, WI.

**3rd Battalion 26th Marines** 3rd Battalion 26th Marines first fought at Iwo Jima in World War II. This monument is in memory of those lost while serving in Vietnam from December 1966 to March 1970. 1/28 has a Medal of Honor recipient from both WWII and Vietnam and is one of the most highly decorated units to serve in Vietnam.

**HMM-364** is a Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron known as the “Purple Foza.” From 1964 to 1969, the Purple Foza served by flying supply drops over Laos as a hooded eagle. Between two tours it spends 40 hours a day. **881 South** On January 20, 1968, US Marines went against the Northern Vietnamese Army in what became one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War, the Battle of Hill 881.

**2nd Battalion 3rd Marines** 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, is known as “Americal Division.” Formed in 1942, this infantry unit has seen action in World War II, Vietnam, The Gulf War and the Global War on Terror.

**Hotel Company** 2/7 Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment is an infantry unit that served in Vietnam from July 1965 to September 1970, where they fought in more than 50 operations, 2,174 personal engagements, battle space shaping operations, raids, and specialized insertion and extraction. It has served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War and the Global War on Terror.

**Golf Company** 2/7 Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division is an infantry unit that served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1970. They were committed in support of a Marine infantry unit from World War II to the present.

**Force Reconnaissance** Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance (FORECON) companies, formed in 1957, are one of the Corps’ operational forces that work to provide intelligence to the Marine Air-Ground Task Force. The insertion and extraction methods used by FORECON are similar to those of Navy SEALs and other special Operations Units.

**Sgt Reckless** Sgt Reckless carried ammunition to the front line in the 79mn Recoilless Rifle Platoon of the 5th Marines. Perhaps her most valiant effort was in the Battle of Outpost Vegas in March 1967, when she delivered a wounded and carried over 9,000 pounds of ammunition. Reckless earned multiple medals and was eventually promoted to SSgt in 1959 by Gen Pate, 21st Commandant of the Marine Corps.

**TBS Class 3-67 and 41st OCC Commissioned** in 1966, the men of the 41st Officer Candidate Course went on together to Basic Officers Course. During their Vietnam tour, members of this class along with 2 instructors were killed in combat. Many received the Navy Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

**Fire Department New York 9/11** honors the 343 firefighters who were killed in the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. Includes steel beams from one of the towers.

**2nd Battalion 1st Marines** Though the “true nickname of this infantry unit is “The Professionals,” it earned another in Vietnam in 1968. While the Marines were operating near Khe Sanh under cover of artillery fire, a North Vietnamese Army commander said 2/1 disappeared from his sector, thus coined the legendary nickname of “Ghost Battalion.”

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**1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division.** Established in 1941, the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division provides task organized forces that conduct amphibious reconnaissance, battle space shaping operations, raids, and specialized insertion and extraction. It has served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War and the Global War on Terror.

**HMLA-167** was the only Marine Corps Helicopter Company to serve in Vietnam directly upon graduation. Five of their classmates were killed in action, and one was declared missing in action.

**Bar on the Beach** This depiction of a Marine combing the beach with a Bowsaw Automatic Rifle (BAR) honors the members of the 5th Marine division, who landed and fought on Iwo Jima in February 1945. In one month of fighting, they sustained 1,098 killed in action and 2,974 wounded, the highest casualty rate among the Marine divisions in the battle.

**War Dog** This statue of Kurdt, the first dog to receive the Medal of Honor, represents the 25 dogs killed in action there and the hundreds of dogs that served in World War II as sentries, messengers and scouts. It honors the many companions to the Marines who served with them.

**Seagoming Marines** Even though the word ‘Marine’ is related to the sea, many people only associate Marines with land, air and amphibious operations. Here are some of the Corps’ most highly decorated units to serve in Vietnam from 1965-1970. During which they fought at Qui Nhon, Chu Lai, Dai Loc and An Hoa.

**1st Marine Division** In 1941, Gen Robert Denig Sr. formed the first Marine Corps Public Relations Division. He recruited civilian photographers, news reporters and radio personalities. These correspondents, who became known as Denig’s Demons, covered World War II in the Pacific.

**China Marines** For more than 125 years, the Marine Corps maintained a presence in or around China (1819–1949). Some were aboard warships protecting American trade, while others experienced China in river gunboats or in cities like Peking and ShangHai. Some were awarded medals for action onboard other vessels in Pearl Harbor.

**3rd Battalion 3rd Marines** Dedicated to the Corpsmen and Corporals of 1st Battalion 7th Marines that were Killed In Action in Vietnam, 1965–1970.