Bio for Arthur John (A J) Burn

Born on 6 Jan 1949 and raised in Southeastern Pennsylvania, Arthur John Burn had a normal childhood attending local schools graduating in 1966 at the age of 17. With a father, William, who was active in the local Marine Corps League and a 1st Division Marine with the Pioneers on Guadalcanal a young Arthur spent many hours with Marine WWII and Korean vets. Growing up these men were like many uncles to him. Many of these men were 1st Division Marines and two things they were most proud of was the 1st was the finest fighting outfit and the Association had a scholarship fund whose monies were sacred and untouchable.

After graduation from Chichester High School, the next step in Burn’s life was the Marines. While still 17 Arthur arrived at Parris Island on 13 Oct 1966. Boot camp was followed by Infantry Training at Camp Gieger. Most of 1967 was spent at MCRD San Diego for electronics school. It was here Arthur John acquired the moniker A J as well as an MOS as Teletype/Telephone repairman with crypto. The fall of 1967 saw the completion of school, promotion to corporal and orders to Viet Nam for this young Marine.

After spending the Marine Corps Birthday on Okinawa, A J was soon at Danang. This was one of A J’s happiest days when Burn was assigned to the 1st Division. It was a 50/50 chance. Originally assigned to 3/7 on hill 37 A J was transferred to 7th marines on hill 55. Remaining with Regiment until Dec 68 Arthur extended his tour 6 months to return to 3/7, which soon moved from Hill 37 to Hill 10. There A J completed his time in Viet Nam with orders for Beaufort MCAS South Carolina.

Life with the Air Wing MAG-31 was quiet compared to foreign lands. A J was promoted to sergeant and finished his 4 years leaving on 13 Oct 1970. While at the Air Station Burn was awarded The Navy Achievement Medal with V device.

After the Marines Arthur utilized the GI Bill earning an A.A. degree at Goldey Beacom College in Wilmington, DE. Transferring to Widener University in Chester, PA, A J acquired a B.A in Political Science. Active with the Delaware County Marine Corps League Arthur served over 20 years as Paymaster. Burn also served on the Board of the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum for 10 years, 2 years as President. FMDA offices held were President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sgt-at-Arms and currently Vice-President. Presently A J works doing AP/AR for a landscape supply business with $2 million in revenues.