

Washington Island Military Archives

## Cpl Lou G. Small Jr

Born:

Died:

Svc # 1879093  
MOS 0311

Period of Service Viet Nam  
US Marines  
Sources: Lou Small

Period of service: December 9, 1960 to December 8, 1968.

He enlisted in the US Marine Corps 3<sup>rd</sup> Recon Co, MCRTC, NTC Great Lakes, IL, early enlistment program while still in high school in Libertyville, IL.

On 9/24/1961 with USMC 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, platoon 364, Parris Island, SC, boot camp he qualified as a Sharpshooter Rifleman. On 12/5/1961, he was stationed with USMC Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Geiger, NC. In 1962, while with Co "B" 2<sup>nd</sup> Recon Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic at Camp Lejeune, NC, they were put on standby for possible immediate departure aboard ships heading for a landing on the beach in Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Later service stations were Great Lakes (1962) and then to 29 Palms, CA in 1962, with the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Div and then to Camp Pendleton, CA where in August 1963, he was promoted to Lance Corporal E3. In June 1964, still with H Comp, 2d Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Marines, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Div, he was stationed in Little Creek, VA, where, in Sept 1964 he qualified as Expert Rifleman with the new M14 rifle and was promoted to Corporal E4. In 1965 and 1966, his outfit spent time at Camp Lejeune summer camps. He was released from active duty in December 1966 and transferred to inactive reserve, and on December 8, 1968 he was released from inactive reserve with an Honorable Discharge.

He lived and worked and was married in Libertyville, IL and in 1980 then moved to Washington Island where he has an earthmoving construction company. His wife, Gloria, is a realtor on the Island among other projects. Lou is a 25 year member of the Rescue Squad. They have a son James Andrew and a daughter Andrea Mary.

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