

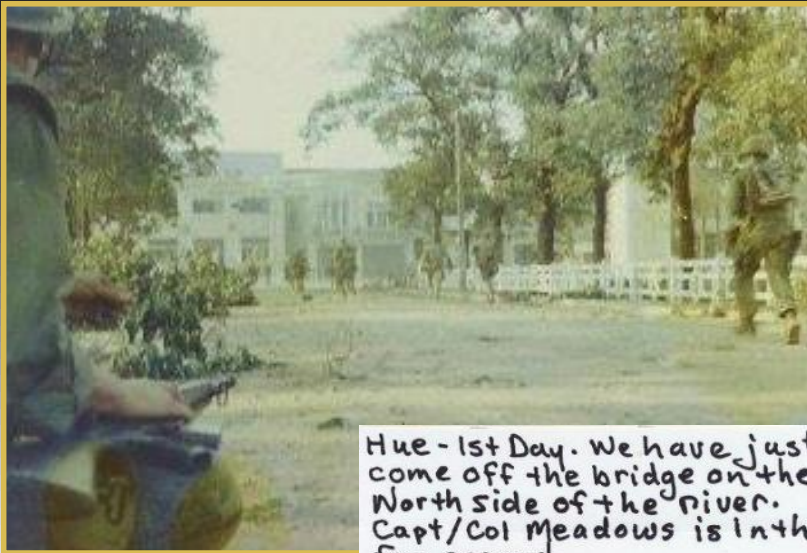
Return to Vietnam

47th Anniversary of the Tet Offensive & Battle of Hue

31 Jan – 13 Feb 2015

Tour Hosts: Col "Chuck" Meadows, USMC (G/2/5 – Hue City)

Tour Leader: Capt Ed Garr, USMC



Hue - 1st Day. We have just come off the bridge on the North side of the river. Capt/Col Meadows is in the foreground.

GEN Peter Pace, USMC—Former CJCS & Ed Garr in 2013!



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The Battle of Hue during 1968 was one of the bloodiest and fiercest battles of the Vietnam War. Three understrength U.S. Marine Corps battalions and ARVN forces attacked and defeated more than 10,000 entrenched North Vietnamese Regulars and Vietcong (VC) forces. The South Vietnamese Army and U.S. Army forces were completely unprepared when the North Vietnamese Army and VC failed to observe the promised Tet Truce. Over the next month they were gradually driven out during intense house-to-house fighting led by the Marines. In the end, after the resounding military victory, the city of Hue was virtually destroyed. Join MHT as we return to the rebuilt city that still retains its French Indo-China ambiance.

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Tour Host:

Col "Chuck" Meadows was CO of Golf Co 2nd Bn, 5th Marines during the Battle of Hue City & is an acclaimed Historian of the battle!



Daily Itinerary

31 Jan—1 Feb Sat/Sun - (Day One & Two) Depart Los Angeles for flight to Vietnam—Cross International Date-line, lose a day transfer. (International Air will be quoted upon registration and can be tied into domestic flights upon request.) Arrive Da Nang.

2 Feb Mon - (Day Three) This day will be devoted to touring of Da Nang, Red Beach, Marble Mountain, China Beach, and the old Air Facility. Lunch at Kim Do and the remainder of the day devoted to exploring Da Nang. **Hotel: Brilliant (B-Breakfast/L-Lunch @ Kim Do/D-Dinner)**

3 Feb Tue - (Day Four) A full day tour of all of the military interest sites as we proceed through the Chu Lai area with stops at LZ Baldy, Hill 69 and 43. We will view the old Chu Lai airbase, which is currently a commercial and military airfield. **Hotel: Brilliant Hotel (B/L/D on your own)**

4 Feb Wed - (Day Five) This morning we get an early start for a full day of touring along the Tu Bon – Vu Gia River basin, including the western edge of the “Rocket Belt.” Our emphasis includes Hill 55, 65, 37, An Hoa Combat Base, Liberty Bridge, the Arizona Territory, Go Noi Island, & other sites. **Hotel: Brilliant (B/L/D on own)**



Yen Hoang bridge. In the afternoon there will be a walking tour, in the footsteps of the original participants in January-February of 1968. Key objectives will be the treasury and postal buildings as well as the pivotal provincial capital building. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L/D)**

7 Feb Sat - (Day Eight) Today’s historical focus is on the battle areas south of the Perfume River. There will be guided commentary on the actions and movements of 2/5 by the Cercle Sportif, Thua Thien Provincial HQ all the way to the Railroad Station. Our battlefield tour continues past the Catholic Church back to where Golf Company kicked off the battle at the Shell Station. The remainder of the day will be for R&R or exploration of this former French colonial capital. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L/D on your own)**

8 Feb Sun – (Day Nine) This morning our emphasis is on the battle for the Citadel: we cover the significant actions north of the Perfume River in the re-taking of the Citadel. The primary focus will be on the battle of the “Phase Lines,” the ARVN Headquarters, and the old airstrip. There will be time for exploration within the Citadel and the Forbidden City. Today we will also cover the efforts of U.S. Army units 2nd Bn, 12th Cavalry (Cav) and 5th Bn, 7th Cav in the blocking positions northwest of the city later joined by 1st Bn, 7th Cav and 2nd Bn 501st Infantry. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L/D)**

9 Feb Mon – (Day Ten) Early morning departure as we travel west on Route 9 towards the Lao Border. Our objective is Khe Sanh, with side visits to Lang Vei Special Forces Camp, a view of the Lao Border and Co Roc. We will travel the extent of Route 9, stopping at Camp Carroll, The Rockpile, The Razorback, Khe Gia Bridge, Da Krong, LZ Stud, and Khe Sanh Village. If time allows, a stop at a Bru tribal village. **Hotel: Huu Nghi Dong Ha (B/L/D)**

10 Feb Tue – (Day Eleven) Today we tour “Leatherneck Square” in Quang Tri Province and visit these important sites - Con Thien,



Hue - North side of River
Rau Quist Heading West

5 Feb Thur - (Day Six) Our day begins with a drive north to Hue City, passing over the top of the Hai Van Pass, and down through Lang Co and the Phu Loc Region - one of the prettiest and most photogenic in all of Viet Nam. We'll have plenty of time to stop along the way for any special requests including the Troui River Bridge. Upon entering Hue, we proceed to our hotel and check in and have lunch at a local restaurant. This day is used to visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and an optional trip to the famous tombs in Ming Mang. The remainder of the day will be devoted to personal exploration of the city. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L/D)**

6 Feb Fri - (Day Seven) Today we begin our exploration of the start of the Tet Offensive in the Phu Bai area of operations as 1st Battalion (Bn), 1st Marines (1/1) and the 1st & 2nd Bns of the 5th Marines react to the attack including the relief of the CAP position and the movement to Hue to defend the MACV compound and the assault across the Ngu-

Cam Lo, the “Washout”, Gio Linh, The Peace Bridge at the Ben Hai River and the Dong Ha Bridge. After lunch in Quang Tri, we head for Hue. **Hotel: Huong Giang (B/L in Quang Tri/D on your own)**

11 Feb Wed – (Day Twelve) Morning flight to Hanoi and sites to include the National Army Museum, John McCain Monument, the Army Museum and other sites as time permits. We check into our hotel with a chance to enjoy Hanoi’s nightlife. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D on your own)**



Citadel Then & Now - 45 years later...less a weapon and some hair!

12 Feb Thur (Day Thirteen) We finish our visit to Hanoi with a walking tour of the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Presidential Palace plus a trip to the Hoa Lo Prison (“The Hanoi Hilton”). Remainder of the day for some last minute shopping and preparations for our evening flight home. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L)**

13 Feb Fri (Day Fourteen) We cross the International Dateline (gain a day) and arrive back at LAX in the evening on the same day.



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