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An Interview with Paul H. Lambert

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Paul H. Lambert was born March 29, 1949 in Jacksonville, Illinois. He grew up there, attended Catholic schools and graduated from Routt High School in Jacksonville in 1968. He was a student athlete at the College of DuPage after high school and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on April 9, 1969. Lambert completed basic training at San Diego, California and was subsequently trained in weapons and demolition specialties at Camp Pendleton, California, after basic training. After three weeks leave at home in Illinois, he arrived in South Vietnam in August, 1969 and was assigned to the Combined Action Program (CAP), which placed a squad of Marines and one Navy Corpsman in various villages, throughout South Vietnam. The program was in existence in Vietnam from 1965 to 1971.

For almost a year, Lambert and the other fourteen to fifteen Marines in CAP 135 engaged in almost daily foot patrols, searching out and engaging the enemy, primarily Viet Cong, in Quang Ngai province. In the summer of 1970, after contracting malaria and requiring hospitalization, he rotated out of South Vietnam and was retrained as a military policeman (MP) at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He completed his term of enlistment as an MP on board the USS Austin, with primary service in the Mediterranean Sea. He was released from active duty as a Sergeant (E-5) at Camp Lejeune on April 6, 1973. Upon release, he returned to Jacksonville, where he has been employed in the automobile sales business for the past thirty years.

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