

Captain Michael S. Haskell, USMC November 28, 1950 – October 23, 1983

Michael Haskell was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, to Richard T. and Marion R. Haskell. He attended elementary school in Beverly and high school in Westborough, Massachusetts, graduating in 1968.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1968 and his first assignment after completion of boot camp at Parris Island, was as a rifleman/radioman with Lima Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Marines. In 1969 he was transferred to the Third Marine Division, serving as a mortar section leader, and platoon sergeant with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marines. In April 1971, he was assigned to MCRD Parris Island, as an instructor. In June, he was second honor graduate from Drill Instructor School and in January 1972, was meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant. He served as Assistant DI for four platoons and Senior DI for seven platoons.

In August 1973, he left the Marine Corps, starting college at Framingham State College in Massachusetts. He played varsity hockey four years while in college. During the summers of 1974 and 1975 he attended Platoon Leaders Classes at Quantico, Virginia and was honor graduate each year.

He and Christine Carlstrom of Westborough, Massachusetts, were married in March 1975. Graduating *summa cum laude* from college in May 1976, Michael was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. In December 1976, he completed The Basic School at Quantico, Virginia, graduated sixth of 235 students and was recipient of the Marine Corps Associations Leadership Award.

As a new Second Lieutenant, his first assignment was with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marines, where he served as a rifle platoon commander, weapons platoon commander and rifle company executive officer.

In January 1978, Captain Haskell was assigned to Marine Barracks, 8<sup>th</sup> and I, Washington DC. His initial billet was as Barracks Guard Officer and in June was promoted to First Lieutenant. From November 1978 until April 1980, Captain Haskell was the Training Officer. From April 1980 until March 1981, he was the OIC of the Infantry Writer Unit at the Marine Corps Institute. While in Washington DC, Captain Haskell completed his Masters Degree at Georgetown University.

In January 1981, Captain Haskell was promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Marines. He served as Charlie Company Commander, Weapons Company Commander and as Fire and Air Support Coordinator with H&S Company, until the time of his death in October 1983.

Captain Michael S. Haskell is survived by his two children, Jason M. Haskell and Melissa A. Miller, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, his wife Christine H. Wells, his brother Jeffrey R. Haskell and family of Catonsville, Maryland.