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A lifelong Queens resident, James H. Dunn honorably served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, enlisting in the Armed Services at the age of 19. Mr. Dunn served our country honorably and bravely overseas for many tours.

Mr. Dunn joined the Marine Corps on January 31, 1964 and was sent to train at Parris Island, South Carolina. He was then assigned to the 12th Marines in Okinawa, Japan, from January until March, 1965. At that point, he was assigned to South Vietnam with the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Danang Chuili with the 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Division, until March 1966. Mr. Dunn then returned stateside to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, until he was deployed for his second tour to Vietnam with the 3rd Division. He returned to the United States and was honorably discharged as a Marine Sergeant in January 1970.

During his service, Mr. Dunn received numerous awards, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with a Bronze Star. He was recognized for his gallant and allegiant military service.

Mr. Dunn's service to the country did not end after his military service. He is still a member of the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 32 and The Marine Corps League Detachment 240, and is Past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 885. Mr. Dunn still assists in distributing care packages to shut-in veterans and volunteers to drive them or their spouses to medical appointments.

Mr. Dunn and his wife, Maureen, reside in Queens. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.