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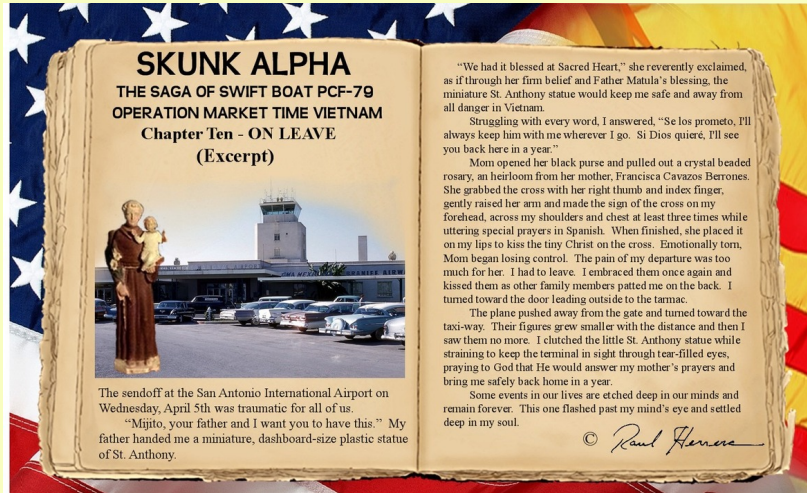
The newsletter will focus on the latest news on the publication status of *SKUNK ALPHA*, the Saga of Swift Boat PCF-79, its six-man crew, and the historic capture of a North Vietnamese ammo-laden trawler at the mouth of the Sa Ky River, Republic of Vietnam, on July 15, 1967.

It will also contain excerpts from the U.S. Navy's Monthly Historical Summaries recorded during the Vietnam War. The purpose is to bring to light, the valor and sacrifice of young brave sailors, officers and enlisted, who fought to maintain an impenetrable picket line of defense all along the 1200-mile coastline of Vietnam, from the DMZ south to the Cau Mau Peninsula, and west to the Cambodian border.

Adding to the overview highlights will be excerpts from the book. They will cover major events experienced by the young radio-radarman of Swift Boat PCF-79 and author of the book. Below, you will find one such example.

If not already on the list, I invite you to subscribe to the *SANDBAG* via the website. Further, I look forward to hearing from you, should you have any questions regarding Swift Boats or about the gallant men who served aboard these tiny men o war - the Grey Ghosts of the Vietnam Coast.

Kind regards,



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