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Dear Tom,

I was very surprised to get your note and newsletter today. So there is a Seawolf Association! I have used the call sign "Seawolf 25" as a CB handle for years and have met several former Seawolves that way. Nobody has ever mentioned the association, although we have always thought that somebody ought to get a list together of old Wolves. I have also met a number of Army types and SEALs who had their fat pulled out of the fire by Seawolves at one time or another.

I remember your name, but not the face. If you can send me a picture of yourself I will send any copies I may have of you from the Delta. One of my more memorable Sealord flights was one where we went to Saigon, bought two fifths of Jack Daniels and swapped them for a Charlie Model tail boom near Vinh Long which we then strapped into the interior of our B-Model Huey. We arrived at Binh Thuy with about 8 feet of tail boom sticking out of each side of the bird. Got the pictures of that rig in flight to prove it. The CO, Capt. Twite, did not even want to know how we got the brand new tail boom, still with the zinc chromate primer on it and with the factory packaging bolted onto the front end. We were fresh out of tail booms at the time due to excessive hits on birds from Solid Anchor, Rach Gia and Chau Doc. God how the memories come flooding back. I have not even thought of those places in a long time. I think that was the first time a Charlie Model tail boom was installed on a B-Model. Did that automatically make the bird a Charlie Model? I know that the Bell Rep at the time said it was OK.

Sent To D.  
J. Thompson

Very truly yours,

Roger W. Ek

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Seawolf 25,  
Gentleman Flyer of  
the Delta