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Dear Jim,

Just wanted to drop you a line to thank you for the several ~~packets~~ of Seawolf historical information that you have forwarded to me beginning in 1987. It was all very helpful and much appreciated. You asked in one of your letters if I was the ~~same~~ Don Thomson that went through Ft. Rucker with you the summer of 1970 and put on a water ski show for the Army on the fourth of July. I am the ~~sme~~ guy. That's where Dick Barr and I got to be friends and we've been close ever since. I remember you well from that summer. I was back at Ft. Rucker for Jan., Feb., and Mar. 1990 and my BOQ room was only ~~two~~ rooms down from the one I had the summer of 1970! I was there last year for a school as I currently fly Cobra's for the Missouri Guard. Flying gunships is like an addiction that I just never could break.

To update you an the Association: I think I will be on active duty and will probably miss the San Diego reunion in June. I have found a professional Naval Aviation author to write a book on the Seawolves. His name is Peter Mersky and he was recommended highly by the Naval Historical Center and The Naval Aviation History Office. He is currently the acting editor of Approach magazine so that is all good news for the Assn. It seems as if the San Diego reunion preparations are coming along nicely but I would be highly surprised if they were able to acquire an aircraft to dedicate to the museum there. I know first-hand the effort it took to acquire the one we donated in P-Cola. It's a real effort.

Enough of this B.S. but Really did want to thank you for your help and just to stay in touch. I will give you a call anytime I'm in your part of the country.

Best Regards,