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Dear Rev. Daly,

I was most pleased & very pleasantly surprised to receive your letter. Thank you for your kind words. I greatly respected you when I was with the Vikings & very much appreciated being your gunner for a period of time.

I first saw the DFC recommendation & eyewitness reports by you & WO Bart Picasso when I was mustering out at Ft. Campbell, KY in OCT 1968. I thought that was pretty awesome, but I was going home. I gave it no more thought for a long time. I told that same story a few times over the years & one morning early in 2017 I mentioned it to a friend over coffee.

This friend had a son who was retired Special Ops, and still worked as a

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Bob - you
since the "investigation"
was the letter, I thought I'd
pass it along. So many of our
young things of your age have
ended-up much! Well! That says
it all!
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civilian in records for special operations. My friend asked permission to tell story to his son, he still had a lot of contacts. The son checked electronic records & found no mention of the DFC, He then placed a phone call to someone he knew at Ft. Knox, KY where physical records for US Army are consolidated. The son asked for someone to physically check my file & there was all the original paperwork. It was processed, a background check was run on me & on Memorial Day 2017 I received the DFC in a ~~ceremony~~ ceremony here where I live. I 1st Arn Bde commander & his XO came to make the presentation. I was very honored & humbled. Thank you for the recommendation!

I too felt look back fondly on my time in VN with the Vikings. That

period was one of the most important
in my life.

Life has indeed been good for me. It
took a few years to ~~so~~ really adjust
after V/N, but eventually all was good.
Some of my fondest memories are of
Sa Trang & the Vikings.

My health is good as is my wife's
health & we are retired & comfortably.

I hope this finds you well.
I will try ~~to~~ too stay in touch.

God Bless you, Rev. Jerry Daly.

Gay Love

