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Gentlemen,

I have had this on my mind for the past several months now and it will not go away till I take action on it.

In one of Felix's many letters to me since we re-met this year he said that he never got recognition or a medal for his actions in saving my (and Crew Chief) life. Let me tell you why.

His CO was going to put him in for a medal but then the CO was sleeping with a female companion...and he was married back stateside. Felix was, and is, religious and wouldn't cooperate with his CO in keeping things a secret. Because of that Felix never got his recognition...I believe the CO got his.

Things are moving a little fast right now and I need some help. Am I doing the Right thing in asking for the Medal of Honor for Ray (Felix) Knight? I believe I am. I want to hear your side. Please be honest and up front. Remember I don't know or remember what happened when I went down that day. I don't even know if our Crew Chief is alive today but when I find him I know my efforts will be doubled.

If you feel, as I do, please join in helping me to advance this cause. I have never done anything like this and don't know how to begin.

Attached is a letter sent email today to a columnist for our Minneapolis Star Tribune newspaper. It will get a response. Mr Grow will get his story. If you can add to this story please send to me now.

I am keeping this secret from Felix and request you do so also.
Thank you guys...

Steve

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Dear Mr. Grow,

J. Pinkley is passing along a reply from me to your 'Bulldog Burke' story. Your article got a lot of response from our circle. If you could do a service to us it would be to see that Brian's friends get a copy of those responses.

I have another STORY for you. It will be explained in part by reading
my story on it at:
<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/1915/yeagle.html>
it's also at:
<http://www.ameritech.net/users/dschave/ebd.htm>

This past weekend I was at the first reunion of our old Vietnam unit in
Shelbina, MO. While I am close, I have not found our Crew Chief yet

but
it will happen soon. The story I have is about Felix.

He never got recognition for his heroic act. I feel his actions warrant nothing less than the Medal of Honor. I and our Crew Chief are alive today ONLY because of his actions. When our ship discovered activity leading up the western slopes of a hill in the A-Shau valley in 1969 it led to not only one of the biggest battles of Vietnam but also one of America's greatest debates here at home.

My story is that of the quest for a Medal of Honor, and is currently held up because our helicopter #67-16281 was shot down just inside Laos. Today information on it is Classified. We are working to have it released. From it we will obtain the Crew Chiefs name and all pertinent data.

The story I can give you comes from letters from others and they are begining come in from all over.

With sincere respect,

Steve Jones