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Marc Yablonka brings us a story about the fabled **Father Lucien Bouchard**, who tended to the Hmong and others in Laos for nearly two decades while there was an intense secret war raging all around him. Having faced all kinds of hardships, he is now 95 and still bringing help and peace to all in Tewksbury, MA. You can also read more about Fr. Bouchard in Marc's compelling book ***Tears Across the Mekong***.

Last month's issue included a tip of the beret to **John Gargus** for his definitive and interesting book about the planning, execution, and results of the now-textbook 1970 **Son Tay Raid** to rescue American POWs a mere 25 miles from Hanoi. This month we bring you a sample of the book, highlighting the broad spectrum of intercepts we were receiving about the NVA SAM anti-aircraft missile systems that were arrayed against us. He brings you into one of the RC-135 planes, at 35,000 feet over the Gulf of Tonkin, that were assembling a coherent picture on the activities and passing that on in real time. It was amazing what we could detect, including transmissions from identifiable individual launch sites. Next month we will have Part 2. Be sure to return for that.

"In Another Died in My Place, Part 2," Chapter 78 member **Greg Walker** shares more of his hard-hitting article about an ill-fated mission in 1991 El Salvador, analyzing decisions made and their consequences, along with efforts made to cover up the facts, which were already unpublicized due to the secret nature of the mission. Greg's efforts, along with those of many others, have led to medals being awarded to those who participated. He also brings us a clearer picture of the brave souls who perished.

At our 3rd annual **Valor Lunch** on April 19th, **Henry "Dick" (code name "Dynamite") Thompson**, whose two-volume **Dynamite** series is a riveting 'how to' book about MACV-SOG, will be the keynote speaker. His books give the whys and hows of how he organized, ran, learned, and adapted his recon teams to be eminently successful behind enemy lines. He is an entertaining and authoritative speaker.

This year's SFA National Convention will be in June at Ft. Walton Beach.

Feel free to check out pics of our January chapter meeting back at JFTB Los Alamitos.

Thanks for checking us out. Please enjoy and keep sending us stories about where and when you were combat deployed. ❖

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Vietnam veteran Jerry Guzzetta reflects on his service with MACV-SOG Command and Control Central, the men he served beside, and the heroes whose courage defined an era of Special Forces history.

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