

**PRESENTATION BY JACK LYNCH, President of UDT/SEAL ASSN. ,
at East Coast Memorial and MK I PBR Rededication Ceremony on 07/21/06**

GAMEWARDENS OF VIETNAM ASSOCIATION

Adm. Bullard

Commodore Thompson

Commodore Jordan

Capt Cooper

Distinguished Guests

Gamewardens of Vietnam Members & “PBR” Crews

Good Afternoon

**Thank you for inviting me to your
East Coast Memorial Monument and MK I PBR
Rededication Ceremony**

Young Highly Trained American Men

A War torn country

Pain and suffering of locals by terrorist events.

Night and Day ops hunting our terrorist infrastructure

Training of locals to hunt our terrorist

Providing humanitarian aid and assistance for locals in need

Sound familiar:

No, this is no Iraq or Afghanistan

This was Vietnam some 40 years ago

Today, as you rededicate this “East Coast Memorial
Monument and MK I PBR” We need to look around

Those Young Highly Trained American Men, They Look Different Now:

Some are present, some are not, 290 to be exact

They are known as the men of the Brown Water Navy;

Task Force 116, “Operation Gamewardens”

The were known to us SEALS as the PBR Sailors and shipmates

They maintained the boats they crewed.

They operated night and day, it didn't matter.

They delivered us anywhere, at anytime.
They covered the beach during insertions.
Not bright sandy beaches w/ clear water.
Pitch dark muddy shorelines w/ dark brown water.
They covered our backs during extractions.
Usually under heavy gun fire, they came anyway!
Sometimes, only one boat w/ 4 or 5 men, but they came.
To this day, I still don't know how they found us.
But, they were always there, rain or gunfire, wounded or not, they always came
and never let us down.

These are the men you honor today with the rededication of the PBR you see to
your right behind me.

They are not just sailors, They are not just ordinary men.
They are warriors and heros, each and every one of them.

Their service and sacrifices is an example of the dedication and commitment not
uncommon of these Highly Trained American Men of the Brown Water Navy.

My Brother Warriors, I Salute you and thank you.
God Bless this Great Nation we were so fortunate to serve!

Thank You.