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DEFENDER DOLPHINS: The Story of Project Short Time is the first eyewitness account of a unique and daring SECRET project during the Vietnam War involving the first-ever military use of dolphins. Meet Garth, John, Slan, Tinker and Toad, Project Short Time's highly trained defender dolphins who protected a key ammunition pier in Vietnam - and laid a foundation for modern-day partnerships with dolphins, many of them their descendants. Learn how the author - the Navy's First Marine Mammal Officer - as well as all the scientists, engineers, military leaders, and trainers built the Navy's SECRET Marine Mammal Program literally from scratch, added to scientific knowledge, and successfully saved lives and high value resources during the Vietnam War. Included inside are • Never-before-seen historic photographs. • A timeline of events, a map, and a glossary. • Behind-the-scenes human-interest stories. • Profiles of key personnel. • A look at the defender dolphins and other key marine mammals. • A where-are-they-now summary. • A refutation of common misconceptions and distortions about military dolphins. "Detailed and fascinating account of a clandestine effort undertaken decades ago during the Vietnam war..." --- U.S. Marine Lt. Col. (ret.) James Zumwalt, son of Admiral Elmo R. (Bud) Zumwalt Jr., the Chief of Naval Operations who ordered the deployment of Project Short Time. "Of great interest to readers..." --- Ricou Browning, author/creator the popular 1960s movie and television franchise Flipper "Hal Goforth's remarkable story details for the first time the partnership forged between man and dolphins..." - Terrie M. Williams., PhD, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Santa Cruz No one is in a better position to tell the dramatic story of the world's first military dolphins than CAPT (Ret) Harold W. Goforth, Jr., the U.S. Navy's first Marine Mammal Officer. For two years he lived and breathed dolphin training, deploying with the revolutionary Dolphin Swimmer Defense System to Vietnam until his tour ended in 1971. A marine scientist and professor of marine sciences and exercise physiology, Goforth spent 10 years researching DEFENDER DOLPHINS: The Story of Project Short Time. He and his wife, Sharon, divide their time between San Diego and South Florida.

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