

## **“Blind & Dumb”**

I am a US Navy Vet, spent 1968 & 1969 patrolling the coast of Vietnam giving gun fire support to those forces inland. Watching the fire fights up in the hillsides was not a sight I will never forget. Working with the river patrol boats and helping them with gun fire support. We also did boarding and inspection of various types of watercraft looking for contraband. We saw our aircraft spray agent orange on the jungle on the shore and the wind carried it out over the water. The ships fresh water making plant used that sea water to make fresh water. That process made the agent orange only stronger. I now suffer from Ischemic heart disease and have been trying to get benefits from the VA. As I served my time on a TinCan I felt I was lucky. If the French couldn't do it 20 years ago what did JFK think he was going to accomplish? At 70 years old I am very bitter for what for I and many who suffered worse then me for a war that did not mean a Damn thing. Only to be called baby killers, and worse. Every time I hear the name JFK I want to throw up!

—*Charles, Cocksackie*