

AFFIDAVIT OF LARRY THURLOW

STATE OF Kansas    §  
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COUNTY OF Graham    §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Larry Thurlow, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, who, after first being duly sworn by me, upon oath stated:

1. My name is Larry Thurlow. I am over the age of twenty-one years, and I am fully competent and able to make this affidavit. I am able to swear, as I do hereby swear, that all facts and statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct and within my personal knowledge.

2. I served in Coastal Division 11 with John F. Kerry ("Kerry") as a Swift Boat Commander. I was present on March 13, 1969 for the incident in which Kerry claimed a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He has totally lied about the incident.

3. Kerry inadvertently wounded himself in the fanny earlier on March 13, 1969, by throwing a grenade too close (to destroy a rice supply) and suffered minor shrapnel wounds. When PCF 3 was mined (disabled and its crew in the water), Kerry fled while we stayed to fight. He did return



to fish Jim Rassmann out of the water -- not under fire -- after no return fire occurred.

4. I read recently Kerry's after-action report on the incident and his Bronze Star citation. They are totally fabricated. There was no "5,000" meters (i.e., two and one-half miles) of intense fire. I never heard a shot. When the chips were down on March 13, 1969 (and on other days), one could not depend on John Kerry. I would never depend on him. Indeed, several of our fellow officers, such as Captain Tom Wright, USNR (retired), would not operate with Kerry.

Further affiant saith not.

*Larry Thurlow*

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day  
of July, 2004.

*Joanne Johnson*

Notary Public

My commission expires:

7/8/05

