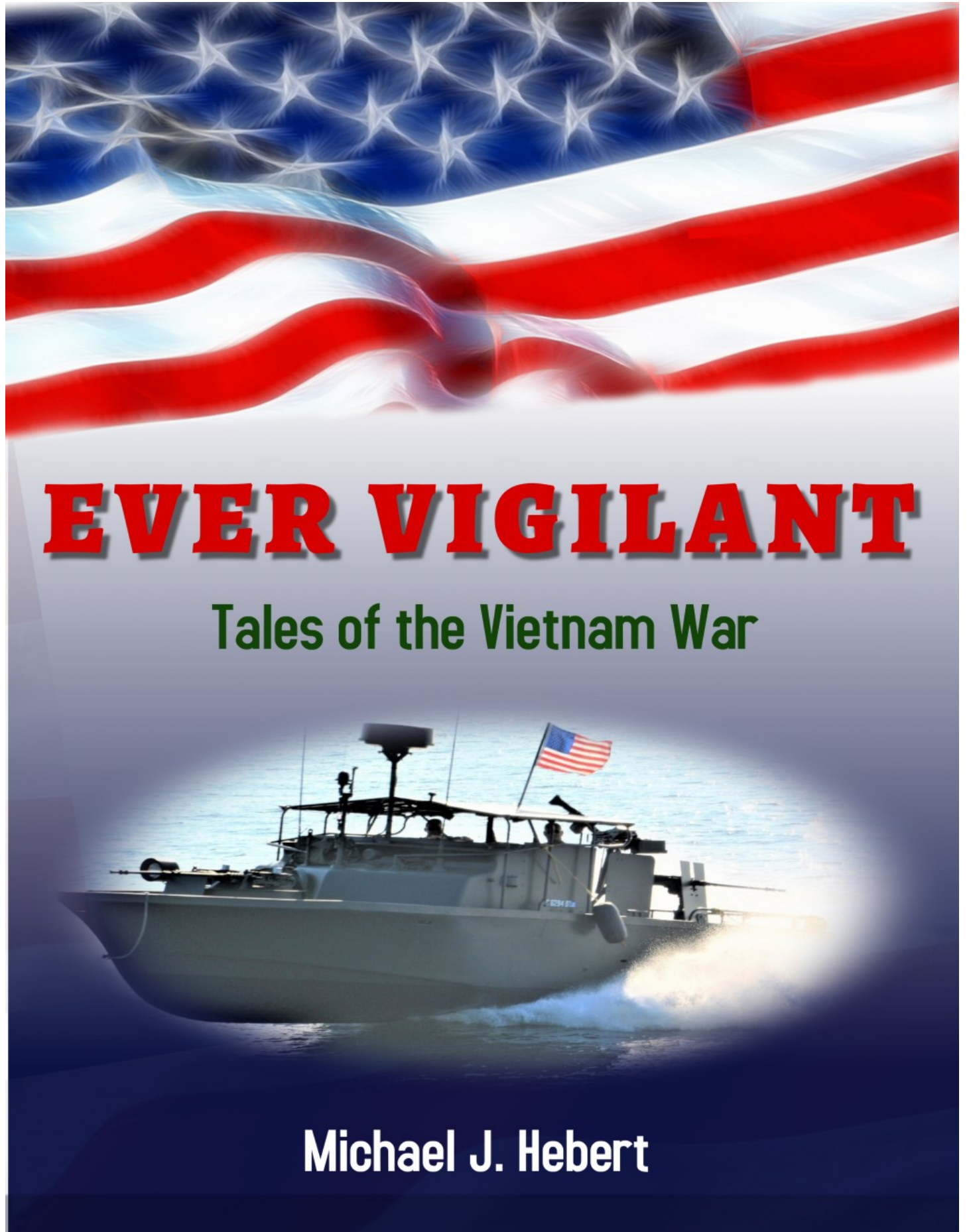


## Vietnam Veteran Publishes Memoir 'Ever Vigilant'

Tales of the Vietnam war



**Gloucester, Virginia Feb 5, 2022 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com))** - War is carried out by young people trained for the task. It occurs at the edge, or just over the edge, of what passes for civilized behavior. During the Vietnam War, the US military employed heavily-armed high-speed gunboats to intercept and disrupt enemy travel on the rivers and bays of South Vietnam. In Ever Vigilant: Tales of the Vietnam War, former gunboat captain Michael J. Hebert shares vivid memories of his 1969-1970 experience as a US Army patrol boat operator in Vung Ro Bay, Vietnam.

In this variant from standard Vietnam War works, the author takes the reader along for a ride in this engaging memoir of his year in Vietnam. This light yet quick-witted nautical adventure is full of mayhem peppered with humorous undertones. Hebert served as a member of the elite 458th Sea Tigers. The 306-page self-published collection of stories recounts actual events of the remote Vung Ro Bay outpost.

While an idyllic setting, it was not without peril. A constant target for snipers, mortar barrages, and full-out perimeter assaults, the outpost was rife with threats for Hebert and his comrades. In one chapter, Hebert's boat becomes a casualty of a rocket-propelled grenade. In another, the base is wiped out by a super typhoon, and the unit is forced to spend two days in the South China Sea with mountainous swells that threaten to sink the small 32-foot craft.

From start to finish, 'Ever Vigilant' is an introduction to a young man's journey and coming of age in a war zone. Ever Vigilant is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

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In 'Ever Vigilant' Michael Hebert has written a compelling view of his tour in Vietnam, from being drafted to returning Stateside. Done in vignette format, this exceptionally talented non-fiction write covers his multi-faceted experience with rare honesty and self-effacing humor that makes reading his stories a joy.

This book is not 'Platoon' or 'Full Metal Jacket'; neither is it 'Good Morning Vietnam'. It neither pretends nor needs to be. Hebert brings his own experience as a Patrol Boat operator to the field, with his own voice, and that is more than sufficient. I heartily recommend this book to anyone interested in Vietnam history—or who simply enjoys a good story well-told.

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