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INKWATER AUTHOR A FINALIST FOR 2007 OREGON BOOK AWARD

PORTLAND, Ore. – Jeff Manthos, author of *Steel Beach: My Life As A Naval Aircrewman 1972-1976*, is a 2007 Oregon Book Award finalist. Literary Arts has announced.

Steel Beach, the author's first book, is a finalist for the contest's Sarah Winnemucca Award for Creative Nonfiction. Winners will be announced on Dec. 2.

"It's very gratifying to be considered a part of the Oregon literary community," Manthos said.

As American ground troops left Vietnam in 1973, Manthos was a member of Task Force 77, known as the "Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club." The flight deck was the center of activity for Manthos and the rest of the air wing – and a gathering place during rare time off – and it was dubbed "Steel Beach."

A resident of Corvallis, Ore., Manthos said he has several more books in the works.

"We are delighted and very proud that one of our authors has received such an honor," said Jeremy Solomon, publisher of Inkwater Press.

For more information about the book, visit <http://www.steelbeachthebook.com/> or www.inkwaterbooks.com.

About the publisher

Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, Inkwater Press has published more than 400 titles, including fiction and nonfiction, poetry and children's books. Inkwater Press is a division of First Books, which was founded in 1988. The company is committed to a sustainable future, printing on recycled paper and using no animal-based products.