



IN MY OPINION

by Irene Mandra

Dear Members,

I thought you would be interested in this article from Mark Sauter:

Fascinating and Infuriating

An unforgettable documentary in the New York Daily News, Crossing the Line is the absolutely fascinating Hollywood Reporter story of James Joseph Dresnok, a US Army private who in 1962 stunned the world by walking across the violently contested DMZ that cuts Korea in two and defecting to the communist North. Taking full advantage of access granted by the government of North Korea, the axis of evil's mysterious and feared rogue state, director Daniel Gordon The Game of Their Lives, A State of Mind combines historical footage with contemporary interviews to both uncover the Kim-Jong Il regime and end 44 years of secrecy and rumor by allowing Dresnok to tell his own story. Despite spending more than half his life living, working, and raising a family in North Korea, Comrade Joe, as Western media dubbed Dresnok when he walked into infamy at the height of the Cold War, remains a man of eternally divided loyalties. Mr Dresnok has recently passed away. He leaves stories from his appalling childhood in a rural 1950s Virginia foster home, to interviews with his fellow GIs, to amazing footage in the New York Post of playing the villain in Kim-Jong Il's personally produced propaganda films.