

Toooo Weeet... Attention on Deck... "Saints... APRIL... Newsletter"... Arriving!

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VA-163 SAINTS GRAM

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KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE

Distance and time may separate us

but friendship and memories won't

Dedicated to those who have invested their lives to the cause of Freedom in America! God Bless our Men and Women who are (or Have) in any way or manner served to protect our Great Nation and the freedom we have.

And God Bless the United States of America.



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Standing the Watch

Ed Copher, Editor, "Saints Everlasting Keeper of the Flame"

Saints Tradition

An old Saints tradition is that friends who have not seen or heard from each other for long periods of time never question their friendship. These friendships resume at the same time they left off regardless of distance and time between them. We call these friends **"Family"**.

Saints Motto

"Fight by Night or Day, Land or Sea"



ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT

Listen to music as you read the newsletter:

When the Saints Go Marching In – US Navy Seventh Fleet Band <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgsgUbXCeIA&feature=related> at the top right of your screen, click the Minimize minus sign (-). It will then go back to the newsletter with the music playing. When finished listening to music, go to your desk top home page, on the bottom tool bar, right click on **When the Saints...**, and select close.

Vietnam Memorial Wall Song: <https://www.facebook.com/100000531380774/videos/1142596289101406/>

Sea Cruise: Frankie Ford: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5tHtbctFQ&feature=em-share_video_user

Goodnight Saigon: Billy Joel <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Qjzjhl-QztE&feature=share>

VN Vets song: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/215020061882554/permalink/1206478169403400/>





http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_A-4_Skyhawk



CAG-16 patch 1967



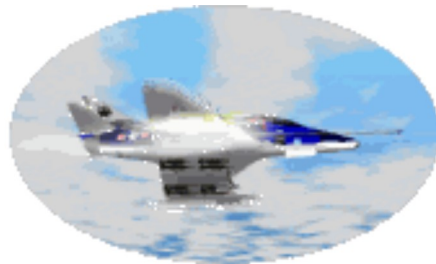




NAS Lemoore memorial



Birds of a feather... Flock Together





[Click Here](#)

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/va163saints/sets/>

Also on Saints website, [PHOTOS](#) section

Contains 76 Albums (Sets).... 4,634 Photos

View Counts as of 04 April 2017

Photos

668,171 views

Albums

30,558 views

Total

723,593 views



www.Flickr.com charges \$24.95 per year to keep the [SAINTS Photo Albums](#) on their web site.

****Just paid the one year fee on 15 Nov 2016****



SAINTS WEB SITE

**MAKE SURE AND VIEW THE WEBSITE. IT HAS BEEN RECENTLY UPDATED
WITH LATEST NEWSLETTERS AND ROSTER**

Saints website www.va163.org (password: *Saints4ever* (capital S))

12,994 Visitors since Mar 09

*****Total cost for the Website is \$151.97 per year**

\$183.95 to renew GoDaddy website hosting (paid for 2 years on 10 Sept 2015)

\$80.00 to renew Domain Name (va163.org) (paid for 2 years on 07 Mar 2016)

\$30.00 to renew Domain Provider (paid for 2 years on 27 Mar 2016)

\$10.00 to renew Domain Protector (paid for 2 years on 27 Mar 2016)

\$25.00 to Saints Photo Site, Flickr.com: \$25 per year (paid 15 Nov 2016)

Donations are appreciated

Ed Copher

242 Toye Blvd

Canyon Lake, TX 78133

Saints Website and Photos site FEES:

Jim Houston, Palm Coast FL, is the Saints webmaster, designed the website, and does all the updates etc.

Website Hosting Provided by **GoDaddy** cost **\$183.95** for two years (*Paid up until 10 Sept 17*)

Domain Name: Provided by **Internet Domain Name Services** www.idns.ae an annual charge for keeping the www.va163.org is \$40 p/yr, paid for 2 years (*Paid up until 15 Mar 2018*)

Domain Provider: Provided by **Active Domain** \$15 p/year, paid for 2 years (*Paid up until 31 Mar 2018*)

Domain Protector: Provided by **Domain Admin** \$5 p/year, paid for 2 years (*Paid up until 31 Mar 2018*)

Photos Site: Saints Photos on the **Flicker site** is \$25 p/yr (*Due 15 Nov of each year*) ***Paid 15 Nov 2016***



There **will not** be a May newsletter, due to extended road trip to and from the reunion.

Next newsletter will be in June. Be Well, Ed



Reunion, Reunion, Reunion, Reunion, Reunion, Reunion, Reunion

SAINTS 1960-71

VA-163

2017 Reunion



The Nugget Casino

Sparks, NV

3-5 May

Saints and Ghostriders Reunion 2017

May 3-5, 2017

UPDATE 15 March:

We are in the final countdown in preparation for our reunion the first week of May. It looks like we will have a good turnout as we have 70 attendees signed up to this point. The good news is that I have imposed on Dave Carey's good nature and he has agreed to be our dinner speaker at the banquet on Friday night. Also, I think that I have mentioned that the "Sweet Adeline's" are having a convention at the Nugget at the same time that we will be there. If you are not familiar with the Sweet Adeline's, they are female singing groups much in the same mode as Barbershop quartets. I have been in contact with them and they have agreed to sing at our Thursday night Happy Hour. I still have room for more people on the NAS Fallon tour so would encourage those of you that have not yet signed up to get your reservations in.

I would also remind you that the room rate at the Nugget that we have negotiated is only good until two weeks before our event. If you reserve after that point they will charge the going rate which I would guess would be \$40 or \$50 more per night. Also, in that I will need to lock in our buses, I need to know how many will be going on the Fallon trip by the first of April. So, keep those cards and letters (and checks) coming.

I anticipate that we will have information in your registration packets of local attractions and restaurants at the Nugget and in the immediate area. I will be sending out a schedule of events in a future email.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in just seven more weeks.

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Saints Event Coordinator

Richard (Ode) Odegaard

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Ghostrider Event Coordinator

Jim Waldron

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Lane,

Sparks, NV 89436
Simons Island GA 31522

[410-409-1987](tel:410-409-1987)

115 Enclave

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Location: Nugget Casino, Sparks NV

Saints and Ghostriders,

Saints 2017 Reunion will take place at the Nugget Hotel/Casino from Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May 2017. The Hotel has extended the room rate for 2 days prior and after the event. \$59 plus taxes and fees. RSVP as soon as possible so we can know the number of rooms to hold and what events to plan.

For those who would like to start making hotel reservations, I received the following from the Nugget sales department:

We are 2 months away, but I wanted to let you know we are all set to take hotel reservations. Your guests can call our toll free number at [1-800-648-1177](tel:1-800-648-1177) and ask for Group Code: [GVA163](#)

Here is a list of those that have indicated that they hope to attend:

Charlie Stender	Floyd Oakes	Don Mack	JC Farris
Griff Sexton	Dick Vaughn	Bill Tomkow	Scott Drake
Jerry Breast	Russ Stickley	Mike Mich	Dennis Dooley
Frank Hughes	Bob Hofford	Ed Copher	Hubert Cook
John Gabrys	Ray Miller	Sue Harriss	Roger Meyer
John Roosen	Bill Schulz	Ken Adams	Edward Jokerst
Robert Feuillerat	Dale Landroth	Scott Mitchell	Ed Chadwick

Earl Jackson	Jim Busey	Bob Senecal	Vince Walmer
Daniel Lestage	Jim Blythe	Larry Thompson	Al Abeebe
Fritz Schroeder	Bryan Compton	Marion Petty	Phil Genarie
Richard Odegaard	Louie Nordbye	John Weber	Tom Decker
Bob Legette	Bill Sargent	Bill Cohen	John Shore
Gordon Hunter	Jerry Hannah	Dave Carey	Tom Klein

Mailing address:

Richard Odegaard
2490 Old Waverly Court
Sparks, NV 89436

For purposes of simplicity and accountability, we are asking the Ghostriders to send their forms and checks to Richard Odegaard as well.

The **Fallon tour** is going to be a bit complicated for me. I have reserved two 56 passenger buses from Amador Stage Lines. If we get more than 112 people that want to do the tour, I'll have to schedule on a first come, first served basis. Hate to limit the number but that is a requirement from NAS Fallon. I'll try to give you updates as the registration forms come in as to the number of people that are interested in the tour.

Other info:

From the Nugget:

“Regarding the hotel rooms, as we discussed, your room block has been increased to 75 rooms on Wednesday 5/3/17, Thursday 5/4/17 and Friday 5/5/17 at the special group rate of **\$59 + tax & resort fee**. However, one clarification on the hotel rooms: the cutoff for reservations is TWO weeks prior to your event. Attendees MUST make their hotel reservations by Friday, 14 April 2017. At 5:00 pm on Friday, 14 April, any unreserved guestrooms will be released back to the general hotel inventory for resale. Any reservations after the cutoff date will be at prevailing hotel room rates.”

At last count, we already have 24 room reservations made. Kudos to those that are out in front and ahead of the game. It looks like the Nugget is going to be fairly full as the “Sweet Adeline’s”, female barbershop quartets are holding their national convention at the same time as our reunion. We are scheduled to have all of our rooms in the west tower. The Nugget is totally renovating the west tower rooms now at a cost of \$20K per room. We did a walkthrough last week and they look like they will be very nice.

All of our events will be held in the Orozko room and they have given us 24 hour use of it from Wednesday to Friday less their time for cleaning and setup. So, for those that just want to sit and catch up, we will have a place to do it.

I will be sending out a schedule of events, other possible activities, and a listing of eating venues both in the casino and within walking distance in a future mailing.

Registration FORM:

VA-163/VA-164 Reunion 2017

May 3-5, 2017

Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, Nevada

Registration

Name(s) _____ Name tag _____

_____ Name tag _____

Mailing address _____

Best phone number _____

Email address _____

Hotel Reservations -

Toll free number at [1-800-648-1177](tel:1-800-648-1177) and ask for Group Code: **GVA163**

The cutoff for reservations is TWO weeks prior to our event. Attendees **MUST** make their hotel reservations by Friday, April 14, 2017. At 5:00 pm on Friday, April 14, any unreserved guestrooms will be released back to the general hotel inventory for resale. Any reservations after the cutoff date will be at prevailing hotel room rates.

Reunion registration fee Number ____ X \$15 = _____

(Hospitality "Readyroom" and administrative costs)

Wednesday, May 3 1600-1800

Welcome reception Number ____ X \$25 = _____

Thursday, May 4

Tour of NAS Fallon* Number ____ X \$30 = _____

Lunch is included at the Silver State Club (All Hands)

Required info for security access:

(Mo/day/year)

Full name _____, Date of birth _____, Last 4 of SSN _____

If foreign born, nationality _____, Passport # _____

Full name _____, Date of birth _____, Last 4 of SSN _____

If foreign born, nationality _____, Passport # _____

Friday, May 5

Banquet Number ____ X \$45 = _____

Total =

Make checks payable to: Richard Odegaard

Mail form and check to: 2490 Old Waverly Court

Sparks, NV 89436

Registration forms need to arrive by April 4, 2017

- NAS Fallon limits the number of tour participants to 55 at one time. Will need to limit requests to first come first served unless we get 90 – 100 people that want to go, in which case we may be able to add a second tour later in the day.



Please Submit Oriskany Fire Memories: Submitted by Ken Adams

Only received two memories' as of Feb 2017. Need more.....

26 October 2016 was the 50th anniversary of the "Mighty O" fire. I was wondering if you would send out a request to our shipmates that lived through the fire to see if they would like to write a paragraph or 2 of their memories of that day. If they send them to me I will try and put together all their stories in a print out that we can hand out at our 2017 reunion.

Thanks for your help in this,

Mule Adams kmuleadams@gmail.com



Hugging the Deck DVD's:

Jim and I produced a limited quantity of DVDs from the Discovery Channel VHS called **Hugging the Deck** about the A-4 Skyhawk during Vietnam. First come, first served at \$20 ea. We will donate anything we make over our production cost to the Saints! Just have them email me.

Thanks & Blessings,

Diane Blythe

[972.849.3923](tel:972.849.3923)

Scripture Everywhere Calligrapher

D'Scribe of Dallas

<http://dscribeofdallas.org/>

diane@dscribeofdallas.org



[Navy Newsletter: TWS News](#): 3 easy steps to find squadron mates

newsletters@togetherweserved.com

31 Shipmates you may know (1965-1968, AT's, **VA-163 Saints**)

TWS Updates info@navy.togetherweserved.com



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Veterans Day Celebration at Sea, Cruise out of Galveston: 9-12 Nov 2017

I am putting together a Veteran's Day Cruise out of Galveston on **09 November 2017 for 4 nights**.

This cruise is **open to all Veterans of all Branches**. I have been on many cruises and the cruise lines always honor the Veterans in one form or another. This one will be special since it will occur over Veterans Day this year.

I am working on special incentives (amenities) with the Cruise Line for the group that will be going with us on this cruise. Some amenities we are trying to secure are, On Board Credit for each guest and or cabin, Free Cocktail Party, Private Meeting Rooms and special recognition, fun and games such as a Poker Run and a Scavenger Hunt.

Here is the information for the cruise. I have included a link with the Group website, prices, general information, amenities and registration for those that are interested in going on a fun filled 4 nights Veterans Celebration at Sea.

<http://ttrawick.dreamvacationsgroups.com/VeteransCelebrationSea>

Thank You
David W. Dickson (Retired USAF)
Vacation Specialist

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web: www.tnttravelgroup.com/





San Diego 2012



Oct 2016



SCUTTLEBUTT

Latest was heard at the “Gedunk”

The Smoking Lamp is out due to JP-5 Jet Fuel in the drinking water.

Cold Saltwater showers “only” due to no fresh water.

Remember: The soap will not rinse off in cold saltwater shower....



[Skyhawk Association Links:](#)

Skyhawk Association SDO. As you probably already know, you can find the web link to your squadron or unit at <http://www.a4skyhawk.org/content/us-navy-skyhawk-units>.

There have been changes to the website structure, however, the **main page remains the same:**
<http://www.a4skyhawk.org/>

The correct link to the VA-163 page is:

<http://www.a4skyhawk.org/content/va-163-saints>

The SDO coordinator contact is sa-sdo-coordinator@a4skyhawk.net or me.

The new SA contact listing is:

<http://www.a4skyhawk.org/content/association-contact-directory>

There is no ready room coordinator any more. Use the contact listing to contact the webmaster. There are no longer any xxx@a4skyhawk.org email addresses they are now xxx@a4skyhawk.net since we have changed our ISP.

Hope this makes sense; give me a shout with any questions. Sorry I did not catch this before.

Great news letter.

Pete Cole, SDO Coordinator



[Skyhawk Digital Journal:](#) Feb 2017

A few years ago the Board of Directors voted to reduce the number of printed Journals from 4 to 3 and to substitute a digital Journal in place of the 4th. This year's digital edition can be found at: <http://a4skyhawk.info/article-journal-public/skyhawk-association-journal-public-page1>

[Skyhawk Association Journal - THE A-4ever](#)

a4skyhawk.info

Our "Members Only" Journal is published twice yearly and contains excellent textual and color image examples of the historical and current activities of one of the ...

Just click on the link or copy it into your browser and you are there. Additionally if you know of prospective

members of the organization forward the link to them. They might like it enough to join.

Hope to see a number of you at the reunion in the Jacksonville area or at Tailhook

Terry Cooney Secretary Skyhawk Association



Skyhawk Association BOD Meeting: March 2017

I just returned from the Skyhawk BOD meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. A few highlights from the meeting FYI.

- ∅ We currently have 797 dues paying members.
- ∅ The operating system for the website has recently been upgraded and the Webmaster is in the process of transferring all the data to the new sight. This should be done by the end of the month.
- ∅ There are currently 45 A-4's still flying around the world.
- ∅ Total membership is down from last year, but we have 21 new members since January 1, 2017. Hopefully this trend will continue.
- ∅ The next BOD meeting will be at Tailhook 17 in Reno on September 8, 2017.

For those that may not be familiar with the association board members please see the picture below. This was taken during our meeting in Jacksonville last Friday.

My best to all, George

BOD members (L-R) Jack Woodul, Dave Dollarhide, Todd Frommelt, Mark Williams, Terry Cooney, Terry Wolf, Pete Cole, Bill Ravgiala, George Blosser, Jimmy Seeley (Guest member) and Gene Atwell.



[The Skyhawk Association has 890 members, 14 Saints are members](#)

Ed Copher is the Association SDO for VA-163 Saints and VA-125

[Skyhawk Association, VA-163 page:](#)

VA-163 Page, click here: <http://www.a4skyhawk.org/content/va-163-saints>

[Association main page:](http://www.a4skyhawk.org/) <http://www.a4skyhawk.org/>

*Please join the **Skyhawk Association**. They have a great **Quarterly Magazine**...allot of A-4's and Saints articles. **Only \$30 per year.***

Skyhawk Association Members: Use link to access the Ready Room for; recent additions, aircraft histories, photo galleries, our roster, journals, and more.

Need access to email list? The Association email list is on this new hosting service.

So all can start using this new list on Sunday 30 October. xxx@a4skyhawk.net

Contact Directory: <http://www.a4skyhawk.org/content/association-contact-directory>

SDO coordinator contact is sa-sdo-coordinator@a4skyhawk.net

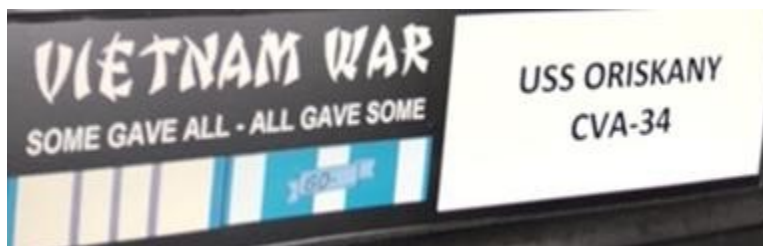
"Skyhawk Association Members: Use the new site address to get access to the wealth of info available and contact the webmaster for access to the 'Members Only' information at email webmaster@a4skyhawk.org."



[Saints and Military sites for Hats, Shirts, Pins, Decals, and Models:](#) Submitted by Bill Tomko

Go to Saints Website, **Miscellaneous Section**, for details. Also www.usmedals.com

I have done a ton of Internet research looking for Saints, Oriskany and A-4 related collectibles, pictures, books, videos, models, decals, pins, shirts and hats. I was asked to publish some of the links I had been satisfied with. I am happy to share it here and if you need help finding some thing please feel free to email me at Tomkowj@aol.com





[VN Memorial Wall with Faces:](#)

<http://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/20740/WILLIAM-R-HALE>

[Vietnam War Resources:](#)



Below is a link to a web site about the war in Viet Nam. Whether you are a Viet Nam veteran or not, you may find this web site very interesting because it contains an absolutely enormous amount of information about the war. <http://www.cc.gatech.edu/~tpilsch/Vietnam.html>



Remembering the Vietnam War:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XayOuMHlzDM> 7:11 min video

VIETNAM Veterans, War Casualties.....RIP: Memorial Virtual Wall

First click on a state.....then when it opensan alphabetical order of city-town or village within that state is listed, with names of those lost from that home townthen it should show you a picture of the person or at least his/her bio and medals.....<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>



Vietnam War Resources, Data Site: *Amazing accumulation*

ALMOST ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT VIETNAM AND A LOT MORE:

This is probably the best search list ever compiled about Vietnam. It would take months to look at everything this site offers.

Click on the link: <http://www-static.cc.gatech.edu/fac/Thomas.Pilsch/Vietnam..html>



[Statistics about the Vietnam War](#)

Interesting information about statistics and myths associated with the Vietnam War... <http://www.vhfcn.org/stat.html>

[Superb Vietnam Tributes:](#)

A Place Called Vietnam... <http://www.operationmom.org/ToOurParents.html>

<http://patriotfiles.org/VietnamWar.htm>

<http://www.vietnampix.com/>

[Life Magazine Vietnam War Photography:](#)

<http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=Life+Magazine+Vietnam+War+Photography&go=&form=QBIR>



None



[SAINTS Newsletters in Archives:](#) *To view the last 12 months newsletters*

Go to www.yahoo.com (click on the link in blue)

On the Yahoo home page, select **Sign-In** (top right side)

Type in Yahoo ID: va163lemoire@yahoo.com

Type in Password: **saints4ever** (lower case)

After Signed In, back on the Yahoo home page, select **MAIL** (*left side bar*)

When you get into the mail box, select **Inbox** (*on left side bar*)

Select the newsletter that you want to view.

To get out of Mail, under the top toolbar, find Yahoo! click on that to get back to the Yahoo home page.

ALSO: When you first get to the Yahoo Home Page, if you are already signed in to a different yahoo account, then you must sign out of that account, and then sign in to Saints account.

“ALSO”

Newsletters are on Saints Website:

Go to Saints Website, click on Newsletters,

To view the Roster: click on Roster, then Complete Roster, password: **Saints4ever** (capital S)



****Websites of Interest****

Oriskany Web Sites:

[USS Oriskany](#)
(CVA 34)

25 Sep 1950 / 20 Sep 1979 Stricken from Navy List 1989. Sold 9 Sep 1995, but contractor defaulted. Repossessed by the Navy and contract terminated 30 Jul 1997. Sunk off coast of Florida 17 May 2006 for use as artificial reef. **Click on the ship name for a complete history.**

1. Great Oriskany Photos from Dive Shop Pensacola: www.mbtdivers.com
2. The best pictures of the reefing. Going to her final resting place: <http://www.irishmansoftware.com/Oriskany.htm>
3. Two Memorial Video's of the Oriskany: <http://www.ussoriskanyonline.com/>
4. Oriskany Reunion Association: www.ussoriskany.com
5. Video of Big O going under: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1401279762745553286&q=oriskany>
6. Patriot Media “The Mighty O”: <http://patriotmediainc.com/>

7. Oriskany Dive Video & Photos: http://www.oriskanycharterboats.com/oriskany_photos.htm
8. Diving Oriskany Reef, 25 March 2007: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9l-wYnIBZis>
9. Oriskany Cruise Books on CD's: 1. <http://glewis.us/obooks.htm> 2. <http://navysite.de/cruisebooks/cv34-67/index.html>
3. <http://navysite.de/cruisebooks/cv34-67/index.html>
10. Oriskany 1967 Vietnam Combat Cruise, DVD sale: http://www.cv41.org/GRS/uss_oriskany_67/index.html
11. Oriskany Information and History/Pictures: <http://www.pnj.com/newsfiles/oriskany/index.shtml>
12. Oriskany model: <http://www.motionmodels.com/ships/cv/>
13. USS Oriskany Photo Galleries: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/7437991@N08/galleries/72157622440145584>
14. USS Oriskany History 1972: <http://www.ussoriskany.com/id17.html>
15. [USS Oriskany digital Cruise Book Project](http://glewis.us/obooks.htm) (<http://glewis.us/obooks.htm>)
16. Oriskany 1970...Flight Ops: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXaKTJIVxHM&feature=email> 10 min
17. [Oriskany Memorial Dive for Saint Ralph Bisz](#): *Saints logo patch placed on Oriskany, 20 Sept 2010*
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqNETwJvF3A> 7:13 min video
18. [Oriskany Dive to put Saint Larry Spear's ashes to rest on Oriskany](#): 03 Dec 2010
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBnOkCrDnQo> 7:25 min video
19. [Saints Video on YouTube](#): *Dennis Lund video filmed on the Oriskany including the Oriskany fire!*
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJ5ykZjRaIM>
20. [USS Hancock](#): Click here: [Scotty Moore - The USS Hancock \("Hannah"\)](#)
21. [Tour of Duty photo site](#): 3000 photos, some Saints <https://www.flickr.com/groups/435090@N22/>
22. [USS Oriskany Fire & Sinking](#): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS2uky8K5Jk> 42 min video
23. [1963 TOUR OF THE USS Oriskany](#): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e92t7kgV_Ws &
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9Mh975VCII>
24. [O Boat Sinking Video](#): <http://trib.al/t69QQT4>

All US Navy Planes:

<https://www.facebook.com/AeroSedifer/videos/787464098055215/>



USS Independence being destroyed:

<https://www.facebook.com/KIRO7Seattle/videos/1534739586545789/>



All Hands Video:

<https://www.facebook.com/AllHandsMagazine/videos/1014568965310222>



Vietnam War Song:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheWarriorConnection/videos/721229604627086/>



VA-164 Video: Miss Jessie and Ghost Rider 401

Dick Perry of the O-boat's VA-164 and the saga of Miss Jessie.

<https://www.facebook.com/DosEckes-Productions-362988187722/?pnref=story>



The Blues Flying the A-4

Oh the good old days. Scooter drivers prepare to shed a tear.....

The best Blue Angel show of all time. A-4's. Here is a video of them from the '70's. Bear Smith and Skip Umsted are the last two guys walking towards the camera before they get to their planes. They both died later in aircraft accidents. The crazy solo is Denny Sapp. Best show for the spectators because it was close to show center. Always in sight. **Tightest diamond formation ever.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk3XSV6H6w0>

Resource Book with details of all aircraft loss on every cruise: Submitted by Ed Chadwick

Here is a site where books by Rene J. Francillon can be purchased. His "**Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club**" has a section that shows every carrier deployment during the Vietnam. It details each aircraft loss on every cruise, including the date, aircraft type, aircraft identification, squadron, pilots name / rank and well as whether the pilot was KIA, recovered or made a POW. I look at the book when memory fails me. It's a great resource.

<https://www.amazon.com/Ren%C3%A9-J.-Francillon/e/B001HCWSDM>

Detail Thesis on CAG 16 1965-1967

Commander Fey, who asked my permission to use a Photo I took of Commander Stockdale's Saints A-4 from 1965. He said he did a thesis on CAG 16 and a Manifest. Many of the Saints including Skipper's Compton and Foster were interviewed as well As Mildman and others. It spans 1965 thru 1967. I found it very interesting with insight I never was aware of, worth a read. WE WERE THERE!!! Thanks Bill Tomko

CAG 16 losses and info: https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=Peter+Fey+rolling+Thunder

VN 40 years ago...75 pictures

<http://www.vintag.es/2015/04/vietnam-war-40-years-ago-75-beathtaking.html>

Legends of the Ho Chi Minh Trail

<http://www.laosgpsmap.com/ho-chi-Minh-trail-Laos/>

There are many links to the archive by date as well as to specific articles like this one about an F-4 shootdown:

<http://www.laosgpsmap.com/ho-chi-minh-trail-shot-down-plane/>

This is the homepage:

www.laosgpsmap.com

Ho Chi Minh Trail Tours:

www.laosgpsmap.com/ho-chi-minh-trail-tours/

[Vietnam War Stories:](#)

<http://cherrieswriter.wordpress.com/category/the-vietnam-war-story/>

Tags : [book sites](#), [books war](#), [cherry soldier](#), [combat](#), [Combat Infantry](#), [digital books](#), [firefights](#), [Grunts](#), [Hispanic](#), [Historical fiction](#), [jungle warfare](#), [Military](#), [novels](#), [The vietnam war](#), [The Vietnam war story](#), [Veteran](#), [Vietnam blog pages](#), [Vietnam book](#), [Vietnam conflict](#), [Vietnam veteran](#), [war books](#), [war stor](#), [Wars and Conflicts](#)

[Number of Vietnam Vets Still Alive:](#)

This has a lot of the statistics on Vietnam Vets.....

<http://www.nationalvietnamveteransfoundation.org/statistics.htm>

[1956 Navy All Hands Meeting:](#)

Thought you might find this 1956 All Hands..... interesting.

http://www.navy.mil/ah_online/archpdf/ah195603.pdf

[A good day to revisit the Virtual Wall:](#)

Vietnam Wall

First click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear. Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least their bio and medals.

This really is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it. I hope that everyone who receives this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our country. The link below is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam War with the names, bio's and other information on our lost heroes. Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family can look them up on this site.

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

[Do you remember these?](#)

This will bring back memories

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=puGQsQux80k

[Vietnam Photos:](#)

<http://news.yahoo.com/photos/a-soldier-s-story-never-before-seen-images-of-vietnam-war-slideshow/vietnam-photo--599932980.html?format=embed#mediaphotosbobaspotlightgallery=%252Flightbox%252Fa-soldier-s-story-never-before-seen-images-of-vietnam-war-slideshow%252Fvietnam-photo--599932096.html>

[Military Video](#) ~ Ending is Fabulous

Please take the time to view this and watch till the end. I was so very touched. And once again.....

Thank you to ALL who have served our country! I live in a free nation because of your sacrifice! God Bless you! Because of the warriors of the past, the present, and the future, we Americans can walk tall.

For those of you of may not know, or have forgotten, Lt. Col. Oliver North was wounded in Vietnam many times and never left the men he commanded. I am now passing this on for you to watch. It's not just enjoyable, it is riveting! When you are done pass it on too, I think it's important ... don't you?

If you are a veteran, I say thank you, for everything! You are SO special! Take the time for this one. You won't be disappointed ... the end is a kicker.

<http://www.nragive.com/ringoffreedom/index.html>

NAS Lemoore April 1968:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5sRIO4kvjVE&feature=youtu.be>

Photos/History of Vietnam:

Excellent Viet Nam Pictorial History

From the Denver Post.

Click here: [VietamPictorialHistory](#)

Vietnam War - Source list

I am passing this along because it is probably the best search list ever compiled about the Vietnam War. This simply has to be shared with anyone who ever served in Vietnam. It would take months (*more like years*) to look at everything this site offers:

<http://www.cc.gatech.edu/fac/Thomas.Pilsch/Vietnam.html>

A-4 Skyhawks:

<http://a4skyhawk.org/>

When the Saints Go Marching In - US Navy Seventh Fleet Band

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgsgUbXCeIA&feature=related>

VA Benefits Blog on Facebook:

VA Benefit Blog

https://www.facebook.com/vabenefitblog?sk=app_129722457108553#!/vabenefitblog?sk=wall

Douglas A-4 Skyhawk: 6:10 min video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hApICSSZqAs&feature=related>

Vietnam War Documentary Trailer:

http://www.v-prod.com/trailer_vietnam.html

A-4 Skyhawk Photo Galleries on Flickr.com website: Some of our Saints photos are in there!!!

www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623353551691/
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“Muster Call”

Revised 04 April 2017

New or changed address:

See website roster

Please advise if you have any additions or corrections.

Complete Muster Call can be found on the Saints website –
www.va163.org (password, **Saints4ever**) capital **S**

