

Toooo Weeet... Attention on Deck... "Saints April newsletter"...Arriving!

ALSO ON SAINTS WEBSITE



VA-163 SAINTS GRAM



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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Ed, vaccinated against COVID-19

Stay Safe, Be Healthy, Be Well



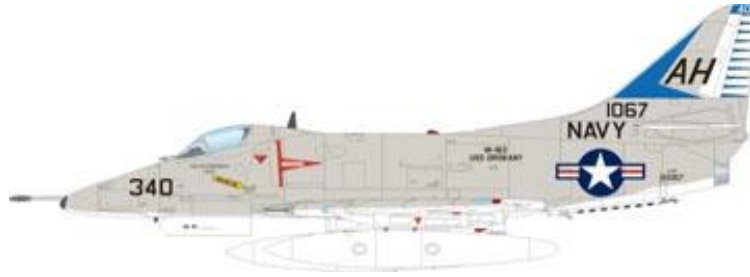
Military Enlistment Oath: I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against **all enemies, foreign and domestic**; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States.



Patriot

pa·tri·ot *Noun*
[pey-tree-uhz, -ot or, esp. British, pa-tree-uhz]

A person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against enemies foreign and domestic.



Standing the Watch

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

"Keeper of the Flame"

Memories glimmer and hide in the dim shadows
Daring us to ‘...catch me...if you can!’...
As time steadily treads its own meandering path,
It’s hard to trace old members of the clan.
Then someone steps up with lantern and blade
Shouting, “Let’s gather them in for us all, good neighbor!
We’ll bring forth those hidden in the shade, and
Share them with one and another!
“I’ll keep that flame high and the blade ever sharp,
That our friends may never be lost in the dark!”

Keeper of the Flame, Song by Miranda Lambert

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=ydE6lzd->Very was

ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT





ATKRON 163



Saints Photos Website



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

Also on Saints website, PHOTOS section

Contains 80 Albums.... 4,832 Photos

View Counts as of 04 April 2021

“Over a million views”

1,113,733 views

****Paid \$59.99 to Flickr.com for Saints Photo website on 01 April 2021

SAINTS WEBSITE

THE WEBSITE HAS THE LATEST NEWSLETTERS AND ROSTER

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

19,861 *Visitors since Mar 09*

History, Latest Info, Photos, In Memoriam, Miscellaneous, Newsletters, Links, Recall Roster

***Total cost for the Saints Website is **\$293.97 per year**

4 Sept 2019 paid \$286.34 to “GoDaddy” web hosting for 2 year renewal

15 Jan 2020 paid \$120 to “Webmaster” for maintenance of site, annual renewal

01 March 2021 paid \$14.45 for “Domain Name” one year renewal

Any donations are appreciated

Ed Copher

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Folks that have sent in “**website**” donations 2017-20: A big shout out...”Thank You”

Ken Adams

Raymond Baker

Dave Carey

Ed Chadwick

Dennis Dooley

David Farley

JC Ferris

Bob Feuillerat

Earl Groff (2)

Tom Harwood

Bill Houk

Tom Kline

Dale & Mary Landroth

Daniel Lestage

George Lundy

Roger Meyer

Pete Munro

Floyd Oakes

MA Petty

John Roosen

Bill Sargent

Fritz Schroeder

John Shore (2)

Lucy Sticklely

James Thompson

Bill Tomko

Anthony Stabile

Lucille Stickley (3)

James Marcely (VA-164)

Steve Cutting (VA-164)

Tommy Wimberly (other)

Folks that have donated to the “Saints Flower Fund”: Thank You

Flowers have been sent to 7 funerals

Ken Adams

Raymond Baker

Dennis Dooley

Earl Groff

John Roosen

Thomas Harwood

Griff Sexton

Ed Chadwick

Daniel Lestage

Lucille Stickley (3)









March 2021. Fritz 82 YO





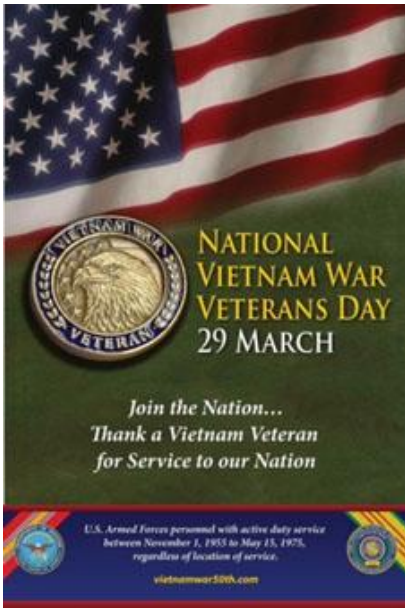
Hancock Cruise Book:

https://www.navysite.de/cv/cv19.htm?fbclid=IwAR2ASZMoaF_gE8Pp_Fu9uZxtjQeqFaA4RKERfc-Gz_aycU3Rlc_UaoxEKpg

Hancock Incident: 1968

Two aircraft from the USS Hancock CVA-19 Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 21 involuntarily "transferred" from USS Hancock (CVA-19) to USS Camden (AOE-2) as a result of a collision in the Tonkin Gulf, 26 November 1968.





**NATIONAL
VIETNAM WAR
VETERANS DAY**
29 MARCH

*Join the Nation...
Thank a Vietnam Veteran
for Service to our Nation*

U.S. Armed Forces personnel with active duty service
between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975,
regardless of location of service.

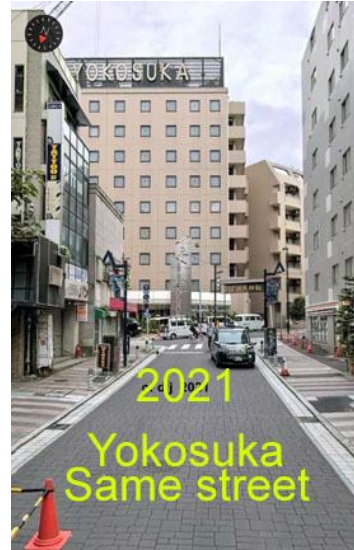
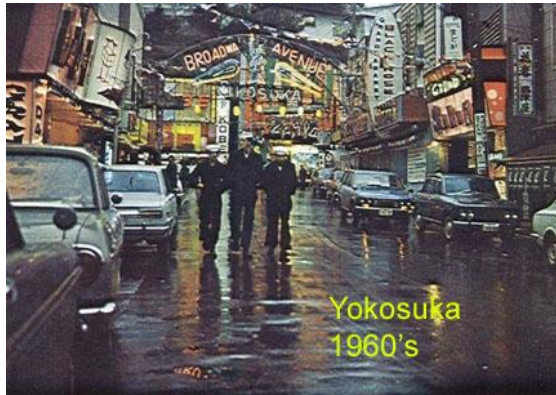
vietnamwar50th.com



**THANK YOU
NAVY
VIETNAM WAR
VETERANS**

HISTORY.NAVY.MIL





Oriskany Fire Part 1: 12 min video

https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR1ML3DxZwI7T6JqJQglo-BY29EqBYLvFWc_pOmz2tyHGwkFeTtG87Ro3nM&v=YesbC7vl_Kk&feature=youtu.be

Oriskany Flight Ops Oct 1966, 10 min video

https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0HPclso0TSxCoxpi9iLdiWaNo0UMqKWnPCYdZr9idals7H-_puUV1f3_0&v=GsvftcNQ3lw&feature=youtu.be

VA-163 Combat Air Strikes video:

From the National Archives: "Scenes on this roll show air strikes being made on Viet Cong positions 15 miles South of Kien Hoa Airfield by aircraft of Squadron VA-163, attacking Viet Cong concentrations 6 miles south of Vihn Long in South Viet Nam. Attacking aircraft were also from VMF-212, F-8E aircraft, which attacked Viet Cong positions 15 miles northeast of Vihn Long. A-4E aircraft from squadron VA-163 also attacked Viet Cong defensive positions along canal, 20 miles southeast of Can Tho, South Viet Nam. **A-4Es of VA-163** and E-3Bs of VAH-4

also attacked Viet Cong battalion 20 miles northwest of Saigon. Planes from VMF-212 and VA-163 were from the USS ORISKANY (CVA-34)."

Beginning at around 1:59, there is an amazing film sequence of the camera aircraft landing aboard Oriskany while she is refueling.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR2Hz6oIOImpLEo0c3Z40Ejst7Zkpxy8att2LZdteqRMWZDIItqTLI3UUqIM&v=AJjxzgtnrz8&feature=youtu.be>

Oriskany 200 Mission Guys celebrate:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR07e1bCr674pPBeyI4wBa-kkXpEAYiyACk4u4CfcGLYSmljpCds7LMAN9E&v=zTWnIWVKb3I&feature=youtu.be>



A History of Wartime Aviation Gasoline

The following is an article by the British Society of Chemists, declassified in 2014: It seems that the German and British aircraft both used 87 Octane Gasoline in the first two years of the war. While that was fairly satisfactory in the German Daimler-Benz V-12 engine, it was marginal in the British Rolls-Royce Merlin XX engine in British aircraft. It fouled the spark-plugs, caused valves to stick and made for frequent engine repair problems. Then came lend-lease and American aircraft began to enter British service in great

numbers. If British engines hated 87 Octane gasoline, American, General Motors Built Allison 1710 engines loathed and despised it. Something had to be done! Along came an American named Tim Palucka, a chemist for Sun Oil at their South East Texas Refinery. Never heard of him? Small wonder, as very few people have. He took a French formula for enhancing the octane of Gasoline, invented the "Cracking Tower" and produced the first 100 octane aviation Gasoline. This discovery led to great joy among our English Cousins and great distress among the Germans. A Spitfire fueled with 100 Octane gasoline was 34 miles per hour faster at 10,000 feet. The need to replace engines went from every 500 hours of operation to every 1,000 hours which reduced the cost of British aircraft by 300 Pounds Sterling. And even more when used in 4 engine bombers. The Germans couldn't believe it when Spitfires that couldn't catch them a year ago started shooting their ME-109 E and G models right out of the sky. Of course, the matter had to be kept secret. If the Germans found out that it was a French Invention, they'd simply copy the original French patents. The American Allison engines improved remarkably with 100 Octane gasoline, but did even better when 130 octane gasoline came along in 1944. 130 Octane also improved the performance of the Radial Engine Bombers we produced. The Germans and Japanese never snapped to the fact that we had re-invented gasoline. Neither did our "Friends" the Russians. In all, 100,000 Americans died in the skies over Europe. Lord only knows what that number would have been without "Super-Gasoline". And it all was invented just a few miles west of Beaumont, Texas and we never knew a thing about it. "A nation that forgets its past has no future" Winston Churchill

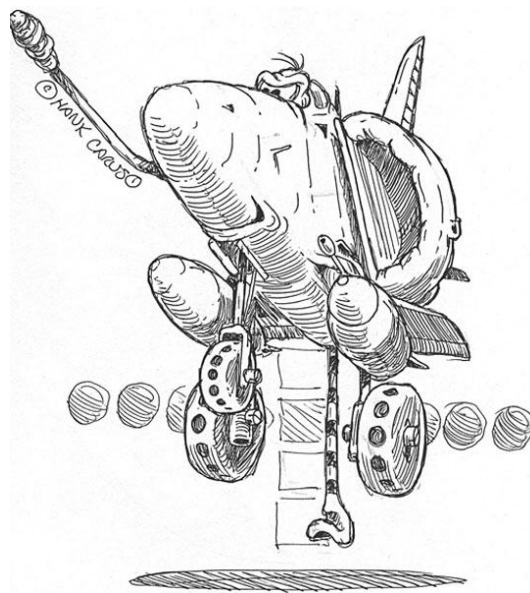


Enlisted Marine took A-4M for a joy ride in Calif:



On the night of July 4th, 1986, 21-year-old Marine flight mechanic Lcpl Howard Foote climbed into an unarmed A4M Skyhawk and began enjoying the perks of the zero life while stationed at El Toro. The young Marine drove up to the plane in a vehicle used to take pilots to their aircraft. He even wore a flight suit to dress the part. Sentries tried to stop him as he taxied the aircraft for takeoff, but they just couldn't get his attention. He flew the fighter for 50 miles, roughly a

half-hour, doing loops and barrel rolls over the Pacific Ocean. He then landed it after making five passes of the runway.No one tracked the plane. They didn't send any other fighters to intercept it. Foote brought it back on his own.He was sent to the stockade at Camp Pendleton. He served 4½ months of confinement and was served an other than honorable discharge.Foote had joined the Marines with the hopes of attending flight school. However, while flying at 42,500 feet in a glider, he suffered an aerial embolism, killing any chances of becoming a pilot.Despite what the Corps told him, he later qualified as a test pilot in more than 20 different military and civilian aircraft, and became a contractor to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He holds patents in aviation design and engineering technology and life time supply of beer and tang.



The Skyhawk Association has 797 members, 14 Saints are members

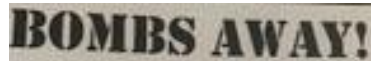
VA-163 page: <http://a4skyhawk.info/article-unit/va163>

Please join the Skyhawk Association. A great Quarterly Magazine, allot of A-4's and Saints articles.

Only \$30 per year.

To Join: <http://skyhawk.org/>

Websites of Interest



Oriskany Websites: 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. Oriskany Reunion Association: www.ussoriskany.com
4. Video of Big O going under:
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1401279762745553286&q=oriskany>
5. Patriot Media "The Mighty O": <http://patriotmediainc.com>
6. Oriskany Dive Video & Photos: http://www.oriskanycharterboats.com/oriskany_photos.htm
7. Diving Oriskany Reef, 25 March 2007: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9l-wYnIBZis>
8. Oriskany Cruise Books on CD's: A. <http://glewis.us/obooks.htm>
B. <http://navysite.de/cruisebooks/cv34-67/index.html>
C. <http://navysite.de/cruisebooks/cv34-67/index.html>
9. Oriskany 1967 Vietnam Combat Cruise, DVD sale:
http://www.cv41.org/GRS/uss_oriskany_67/index.html
10. Oriskany Information and History/Pictures:
<http://www.pnj.com/newsfiles/oriskany/index.shtml>
11. Oriskany model: <http://www.motionmodels.com/ships/cv/>
12. USS Oriskany Photo Galleries:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/7437991@N08/galleries/72157622440145584>

13. USS Oriskany History 1972: <http://www.ussoriskany.com/id17.html>
14. USS Oriskany digital Cruise Book Project <http://glewis.us/obooks.htm>
15. Oriskany 1970...Flight Ops:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXaKTJIVxHM&feature=email> 10 min
16. 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
17. 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
18. Saints Video on YouTube: Dennis Lund video filmed on the Oriskany including the Oriskany fire! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJ5ykZjRaIM>
19. Tour of Duty photo site: 3000 photos, some Saints
<https://www.flickr.com/groups/435090@N22/>
20. USS Oriskany Fire & Sinking: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS2uky8K5Jk> 42 min video
21. 1963 TOUR OF THE USS Oriskany: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e92t7kgV_Ws &
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9Mh975VCII>
22. O Boat Sinking Video: 24. <http://trib.al/t69QQT4>
23. Oriskany Video: With F-4's https://youtu.be/e92t7kgV_Ws
24. USS Oriskany Alumni: "facebook page" and gallery has some great photos. Go to Facebook to join the group

USS Hancock: Scotty Moore - The USS Hancock ("Hannah")

http://scottymoore.net/USSHancock.html?fb_action_ids=620396487990408&fb_action_types=og.likes&fb_source=other_multiline&action_object_map=%7B%22620396487990408%22%3A325920780869208%7D&action_type_map=%7B%22620396487990408%22%3A%22og.likes%22%7D&action_ref_map=%5B%5D#NASNI

Lots of Oriskany Info:

<http://www.navsource.org/archives/02/34.htm?fbclid=IwAR0Onwxj0QPhQRFLCmZ6wzytPb9D9YpRVSIB2Ea6cKhhUKm2gP0SECiqj-k>

Landing on Oriskany Video:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gm2jT6Ftn3E&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR23MVLfw69KhDsQ9A5BFS3tAEGzT_dBFHtHXMHL-GsiBh7TUxnRSdL-1Cs

Veterans Benefits Newsletter:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVBA/bulletins/2ae5164>

Oriskany Sinking video:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=F2-Aew7SMO8&fbclid=IwAR2xrucXr7I2laUx8SM98-IIDXpAi3gBQX0IIep4Fb6JPagec-xEZFeeVHU>

Vietnam Memorial Wall Faces:

154 service members with names inscribed on The Wall were born on Oct. 23. Their photos are spotlighted today on the Wall of Faces. Every day, the Wall of Faces changes to honor those who were born on that day. Join us in remembering them today and each of the 58,279 service members with names inscribed on The Wall. Search The Wall here: vvmf.org/wall-of-faces

Oriskany Video Clip:

<https://youtu.be/-UbU3iMj4zw>

A-4 Vietnam Magnet:

https://www.teepublic.com/magnet/8726181-douglas-a-4-skyhawk-vietnam-veteran?feed_sku=8726181D21V&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Agency

Within_Shopping_AllDesigns&gclsrc=aw.ds&&gclid=Cj0KCQjw-O35BRDVARIsAJU5mQ
WMJuS72eubdxmx2vtcaunkAOWtSgDb1aq1iRqXkESu76z5ldq_yJMaAsMIEALw_wcB

Petula Clark, Sailor 1961

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-r0ngPEHkg>

Oriskany in Bridges of Toko-Ri:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=bIFuGFBw_yI

Sailor Song 1961

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=share&v=4-r0ngPEHkg>

Veterans Benefits Newsletter from the VA:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVBA/bulletins/27794cb>

Nice Military Aircraft photos:

<http://www.doyletics.com/tidbits/militaryadvice.pdf>

Oriskany Dive 9 Feb 2020:

<https://vimeo.com/390358620>

Blue Angels A-4 Video:

<https://www.navalhistory.org/2020/01/24/how-the-navy-got-a-hit-recruiting-video-from-van-halen>

High Flight by John Denver:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1xNGgWNRUf8#>

F-18 Parking on Flightdeck:

<https://fbwat.ch/1vthAlcaGlvADom4>

A-4 Launch 1962:

<https://www.facebook.com/100026351565698/posts/312902602931456?d=n&sfns=mo>

I Stand:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/2eBxVxO0nh4>

Blue Angels In Flight:

https://www.wearethemighty.com/blue-angels-cockpit-footage?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Evergreen&utm_term=Veterans&utm_content=blue-angels-cockpit-footage

Blue Angels Cockpit...

WATCH: BLUE ANGELS - Footage Inside the Cockpit

Saints WestPac 1965-66 Video:

John Shore had his 8 mm movies converted to a DVD. He said it only took him 50+ years to get it put together. I took the DVD and uploaded it to YouTube.com. What a task for this rookie YouTube user, took many hours, first had to convert DVD to Mp3, and that took hours of work. Then upload to YouTube took many steps to get accomplished. Click on the link below to view on YouTube.

LINK address: <https://youtu.be/bwuTIK544cQ>

Oriskany Sinking Article & photos:

<https://fighterjetsworld.com/naval/the-u-s-navy-blows-up-aircraft-carrier-sets-world-record-that-still-stands/10506/>

181 Pictures from Oriskany, including inaction Fire photos:

No need to log in.

<https://genelewis.smugmug.com/SLIDE-GALLERY-FROM-JAMON-KENT-PH2/>

NAS Lemoore April 1968:

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

SAINTS ONBOARD (260 Names)

“Muster Call”

Revised 04 April 2021

New or changed address:

Admiral Compton has a new home phone number: 334 654 5060. His son David has moved to Demopolis and is the best source to get information on or to the Skipper. David's phone number is 571-286-6161 and email dtcompton3@gmail.com

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



Happy trails to you, until we meet again.....<https://g.co/kgs/3FJhs4>