

# VA-163 SAINTS GRAM



**KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE**

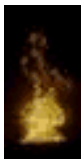
*Distance and time may separate us  
but friendship and memories won't*

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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**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=MgsUbcXcIA&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=i5tHtbtFQ&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5tHtbtFQ&feature=em-share_video_user)

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



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas\\_A-4\\_Skyhawk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_A-4_Skyhawk)





NAS Lemoore memorial



*Birds of a feather... Flock Together*





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

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

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

**View Counts as of 05 August 2016**

**Photos**  
612,204 views  
**Albums**  
30,204 views  
**Total**  
**666,658 views**



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

**\*\*Paid the one year fee on 15 Nov 2015\*\***



**\*\*\*SAINTS WEB SITE\*\*\***

Saints website [www.va163.org](http://www.va163.org) (password: *Saints4ever* (capital S))

**9,675 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 2015)

*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](http://www.idns.ae) an annual charge for keeping the [www.va163.org](http://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 **Whoisproof** \$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 2015**



**Saints Reunion May 2017 Reno:** Submitted by Richard Odegaard [richard.odegaard@gmail.com](mailto:richard.odegaard@gmail.com)

**Saints Event Coordinator**

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2490 Old Waverly Court  
Sparks, NV 89436  
775-626-898

**Ghostrider Event Coordinator**

Jim Waldron  
115 Enclave Lane,  
St. Simons Island GA 31522  
410-409-1987

Greetings to all Saints and Ghostriders,

Here is your one year warning of the next great "All Hands" reunion event. We are looking forward to hosting the reunion on May 3-5, **2017**, at the Nugget casino in Sparks. We have had a number of requests for a joint reunion and given the shared history, this sounds like a terrific opportunity to renew old friendships. We have an enthusiastic endorsement from both Skipper Compton and Span.

Although it is very early in the planning stages we have secured a great room rate (\$59 plus tax and resort fee) at the Nugget. The Nugget has agreed to extend this great rate for two days prior to the reunion and two days following the reunion. If you are not able to make it to this reunion, rest assured that you will be kept in the database for future events. This reply involves no commitment either way but merely gives us some indication of the number of rooms to hold and what events to plan.

From Hubert Cook **08 July 2016**

Greetings Saints,

An update on the 2017 Reunion which is in the planning stages.

At present we believe that 50 plus Saints with significant others in tow will show.

A SWAG at the Ghostriders says perhaps 20 or more will show.

If you have not returned an answer to the Reunion Coordinator please do so.

This year has been somewhat hectic as many of the addresses, emails and phone numbers have changed without update. We are going through the process of validation to ensure no one gets left out from lack of invitation. It is important that you respond in some fashion. Ask others if they know?

The Nugget Hotel Resort has a total of 1400 rooms, and is ranked Second (2) of Seventeen (17) in Sparks Nevada. (Hot tip, if you have a hunch bet a bunch, if your hunch is wrong your bunch is gone)

Several of our number have gotten orders to the celestial gates and earned a new set of wings.

Each reunion we find ourselves with fewer old friends to reminisce about days gone by.

Overall number of known Living Saints crew is about 190.

July 6, 201

Dear Fellow Saint,

The VA-163 Saints have been doing reunions for a few decades now. We saw a trend in San Diego that the enlisted men are beginning to outnumber the officers. The next planned event will be in Sparks Nevada, just outside of Reno and near Fallon.

Saints 2017 Reunion will take place at the Nugget Hotel/Casino from Wednesday, May 3 to Friday, May 5, 2017. The Hotel has extended the room rate for two days prior and after the event. \$59 plus Taxes and Fees.

This is a great opportunity to renew old friendships and share History. Adult Family and Friends are welcome.

We need a head count for the Nugget planning; YES I plan to attend or NO I will not be able to attend or Maybe I can make it. Your timely reply will be appreciated.

Please return a short note as to your status. Give us an update on your contact info, phone, e-mail etc.

We are asking all Saints to contact us by email at [richard.odegaard@gmail.com](mailto:richard.odegaard@gmail.com) or a letter to the below address or by phone to 775-626-0898.

Sparks (Reno) offers a multitude of entertainment opportunities. If there is any interest we will try to arrange a visit to NAS Fallon. Other events may include the National Auto Museum, Lake Tahoe, Carson City/Virginia City, Fleischmann Planetarium, the Riverwalk, golf, Reno Aces (triple A baseball), etc.

Would you please pass on the message to other Saints that may not be in our database.

Regards,

Hubert Cook

Event Coordinator:  
Richard Odegaard  
2490 Old Waverly Court  
Sparks, NV 89436  
775-626-0898

Hubert

A number of the Saints on the Roster have bad addresses and/or phone numbers. The Reunion Coordinator and volunteers have made a diligent effort to make sure all Saints and families are extended an invitation. Please look over the following list and contact any that have current contact information. Drop us a note and we will update our records.

If you are in contact with any of the Saints be sure to ask if they received reunion information.

Thomas Abballe	Peter Hammes	
Earl Baker	Russel Hietbrink	Herbert Pasqual
Bobby Balentine	Marvin Madsen	Mark Pierce
Austin Bigford	Carl Mayfield	Spike Staallings
Walter Currin	Robert Meharg	Stephen Swerdloff
Mike Fox	Michael Moulton	Randall Zarr
Patrick Gould	George Mowers	



[Saint Walter Ohlrich Jr.](#) - former Naval aviator, air race pilot and founder of Warbirds Of America  
Click on the picture to go to the web page:

The Passing of a Legend: Walt Ohlrich Jr.

[Editor](#) — November 23, 2014



*Walt Ohlrich flying in his beloved SNJ over Georgetown, Delaware in 2003.*

A true gentleman, in every sense of the word, we are so saddened to learn of the legendary Walt Ohlrich Jr.'s passing on Friday night. For those of you who don't know him, alongside a storied thirty two years as a US naval aviator, he was instrumental in forming the EAA's [Warbirds of America](#) in 1965... actually coining the term Warbird. He was also one of the founding members of the Reno Air Races during the 1960s as well, participating in the event in one form or another for 25 years. Later in life he continued to fly warbirds, as a regular pilot with Jerry Yagen's [Military Aviation Museum](#) in Pungo, Virginia.

Ohlrich learned to fly in his family's war-surplus PT-17 Stearman in 1946 at the age of just sixteen, earning his pilot's license at seventeen. His father, Walt Sr., had flown P-40s and B-25s during WWII, and was a very strong influence in his son's aviation prowess. But Walt joined the US Navy while still in college, rather than the Air Force, and was flying the SNJ by January, 1949, a type with which he had a lifelong connection. He started advanced training on the Grumman F6F Hellcat in 1950, which is likely where his passion for high performance piston-engined warbirds first blossomed.



*An F2H-2 Banshee over Korea in 1952, similar to the one in which Ohlrich had to eject from.*

Ohlrich flew most of the Navy's early jet aircraft including the McDonnell F2H Banshee. In fact it was in one of these aircraft that Ohlrich had a narrow shave with death early in his flying career. An uncontained failure of the starboard J-34 engine blew off the wing. The aircraft fell out of the sky, ripping itself to pieces. Ohlrich tried desperately to eject as the cockpit tumbled end over end. The canopy wouldn't blow off. Somehow, Ohlrich had the presence of mind to open the canopy in the normal way... it slid back, and the slipstream tore it from the remains of his shattered Banshee. Ohlrich was then able to eject safely, although debris tore at his parachute, making his landing in the water a lot harder than typical. He spent three months in a hospital recovering.

Ohlrich was a superb pilot, and as such, spent a lot of his career training other naval aviators. Ohlrich did a tour in the Viet Nam war, flying A-4 Skyhawks from the USS Intrepid. He also served as a production acceptance test pilot at Douglas Aircraft, evaluating each Skyhawk for the military as it rolled off the Long Beach production line. It was during this time that he formed the Warbirds Of America organization, and acquired a Grumman F8F-2 Bearcat (Bu121752). He flew in the first Reno Air Races of 1964, and continued participating nearly every year until the early 1970s. He bought his famous SNJ-5 Texan in 1965 (heading photo), and owned and flew the aircraft for the next forty years or so. The aircraft is now owned by John Mazza, and based in Virginia. Mazza revered Ohlrich, and kept the SNJ in his same colors out of respect for his good friend.

Even after retiring from the Navy in 1978, Ohlrich continued to pass on his training knowledge, regularly writing flight safety articles for EAA Warbirds and the North American Trainer Association. He was also instrumental in saving the [XF4U-4 Corsair](#) (now at the New England Air Museum) and the [F2G-1 Corsair](#) (now at the Museum of Flight) and also the [F6F Hellcat](#) (now with the Collings Foundation). The aircraft had been in sealed storage containers for decades at NAS Norfolk, and forgotten about until Walt discovered them in the early 1970s. They could well have found their way onto the fire dump, as the Navy wasn't interested in them at that point, but Ohlrich rescued them, and found new homes for the historic aircraft. Ohlrich stayed active in warbird flying until the just a few years ago. He flew with the Skytypers for several years, and concluded his warbird flying with the Military Aviation Museum, flying their A-1 Skyraider, FG-1D Corsair and P-40 Kittyhawk. He was also qualified and flew the museum's naval aircraft in Legacy Flights with current US Navy warplanes at air shows.

Walt Ohlrich leaves a massive legacy in the US Navy and Warbird Community that will echo for many years to come. He was dearly loved by all who knew him.



Blue skies Walter!



### 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....



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

*Ed Copher is the Association SDO for VA-163 Saints*

**Skyhawk Association website, VA-163 page:**

**VA-163** Page, click here: <http://a4skyhawk.org/3e/va163/va163o.htm>

*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? Contact the [RR Coordinator](#).

A-4s Forever! [sdo-coordinator@a4skyhawk.org](mailto:sdo-coordinator@a4skyhawk.org) / [bluebolts6364@aol.com](mailto:bluebolts6364@aol.com)

"**Skyhawk Association Members:** Use the new site address <http://A4skyhawk.org> 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 opens .....an alphabetical order of city-town or village within that state is listed, with names of those lost from that home town .....then 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)

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



**From Saint Ray Miller:**

Hi Ed,

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!

I read on the News Letter about the Grey Blankets and being a Salty Dog Member.

I have two of the Grey Blankets and also a white one. The White one, has US Navy printed on it. They are very special to me and bring back A LOT of GOOD MEMORIES. I AM PROUD TO BE A US NAVY SALTY DOGS MEMBER.

I recently had an opportunity to be a Guardian for the Arizona World War II Veterans trip to Washington, DC. There were 22 WW II Veterans on this trip. It was a GREAT TRIP, very emotional at times. I got to see the Viet Nam Wall and many more of the Monuments. We also got to tour through Arlington Cemetery.

I really enjoy reading the News letter. Thanks for putting it together.

Always A Saint,

Ray Miller

**From Mark Morell:**

*(He has been the hospital for the past 2 weeks with heart problems, 5 Aug 16)*

If anyone has Randy Bischoff and Dave Decrackers phone numbers and addresses please let me know. Mark (Lurch) Morell 16093 Hwy 5 Benton Ark 72019. [mkdm0@aol.com](mailto:mkdm0@aol.com) . 501 590 4789

[Mark Morell](#)

July 25 at 3:38pm ·

Back in hospital gonna try get water off, it's causing afib. In er holding going to icu cause of afib meds then to a room after while.

**Like**Show more reactions

**Comment****Share**

[Mark Morell](#)

July 25 at 10:34pm ·

I'm no longer in afib, guess I've leaked enough water out to take pressure off.

July 26 at 3:48pm ·

Looks like I'm gonna be in this room for 4-5 days. Got 2 iv's going. One antibiotics the other diuretic drip. Pulmonary doc is old friend of mine and had kidney doc stop by and look me over. Will know more when he gets specimen. Haven't seen the wound care ladies yet

[Mark Morell](#)

July 27 at 9:18am ·

Looks like I've lost about 16 pounds of water since ive been in the hospital. 300 cc every time about every 15-45 minutes to 45 to an hour. Can bend knees farther anyway.

**Like**Show more reactions

**Comment**

**From Charlie Stender;**

Marc Pierce passed away 2013.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/app/obituary.aspx?pid=163474368>

Charlie Stender

[cfstender@verizon.net](mailto:cfstender@verizon.net)



**SAINTS Newsletters in Archives:** *To view the last 12 months newsletters*

Go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) (click on the link in blue)

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

Type in Yahoo ID: [va163leymoore@yahoo.com](mailto:va163leymoore@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.

**NOTE:** The newsletter is being sent as an "Attachment" to the email.

To open the attachment, click on the Icon that looks like a **paperclip** on top part of email next to the date.

**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:** *Past month's newsletters*  
Go to Saints Website, click on Newsletters, password: **saints4ever**



**\*\*Websites of Interest\*\***

**Oriskany Web Sites:**

[USS Oriskany \(CVA 34\)](#) 25 Sep 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 1950 / 20 Sep 1979 2006 for use as artificial reef. **Click on the ship name for a complete history.**

1. USS Oriskany Online: *Great Photos from Dive Shop Pensacola:* [www.ussoriskanyonline.com/](http://www.ussoriskanyonline.com/) [www.mbtdivers.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.oriskanycharterboats.com/oriskany_photos.htm)
8. Diving Oriskany Reef, 25 March 2007: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9l-wYnlBZis>
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](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>)
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/>

**Carrier Arresting Cable Accident:**

[http://pilotonline.com/news/military/local/navy-human-error-to-blame-for-march-cable-break-aboard/article\\_c4675c54-6cdc-5882-867a-68f961145c9d.html](http://pilotonline.com/news/military/local/navy-human-error-to-blame-for-march-cable-break-aboard/article_c4675c54-6cdc-5882-867a-68f961145c9d.html)

**Blue Angels Transition to Super Hornet:**

<http://www.newsairshow.com/headlines/2016/7/26/boeing-awarded-contract-for-blue-angels-transition-to-super-hornet>

**VA-163 Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club Shirts are available**

For 927 Commands that operated in the Vietnam Theater from 1950 to 1975.

To view the TONKIN GULF YACHT CLUB SHIRT with

Rocker = **ATKRON 163**

Rating = NAVY

Click on: <http://www.hullnumber.com/TONKIN-GULF-SHIRT.php?rating=NAVY&hn=VA-163>

LINK TO COMMAND ROSTER PAGE:

<http://www.HullNumber.com/VA-163>

My best wishes to All Hands on your end,

Dave Schultz - Web PO

**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>

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**[VN 40 years ago...75 pictures](http://www.vintag.es/2015/04/vietnam-war-40-years-ago-75-beathtaking.html)**

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**[Legends of the Ho Chi Minh Trail](http://www.laosgpsmap.com/ho-chi-Minh-trail-Laos/)**

<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](http://www.laosgpsmap.com)

Ho Chi Minh Trail Tours:

[www.laosgpsmap.com/ho-chi-minh-trail-tours/](http://www.laosgpsmap.com/ho-chi-minh-trail-tours/)

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**[Vietnam War Stories:](http://cherrieswriter.wordpress.com/category/the-vietnam-war-story/)**

<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](#)

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**[Number of Vietnam Vets Still Alive:](http://www.nationalvietnamveteransfoundation.org/statistics.htm)**

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

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

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**[1956 Navy All Hands Meeting:](http://www.navy.mil/ah_online/archpdf/ah195603.pdf)**

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

[http://www.navy.mil/ah\\_online/archpdf/ah195603.pdf](http://www.navy.mil/ah_online/archpdf/ah195603.pdf)

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**[A good day to revisit the Virtual Wall:](http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm)**

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>

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**[Do you remember these?](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=puGQsQux80k)**

This will bring back memories

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**[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=%252Fflightbox%252Fa-soldier-s-story-never-before-seen-images-of-vietnam-war-slideshow%252Fvietnam-photo--599932096.html)**

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**[Military Video](http://www.nragive.com/ringofffreedom/index.html) ~ 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.

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**[NAS Lemoore April 1968:](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5sRIO4kvjVE&feature=youtu.be)**

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**[Photos/History of Vietnam:](#)**

Excellent Viet Nam Pictorial History  
From the Denver Post.  
Click here: [VietnamPictorialHistory](#)

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**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>

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**A-4 Skyhawks:**

<http://a4skyhawk.org/>

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

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

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**VA Benefits Blog on Facebook:**

**VA Benefit Blog**  
[https://www.facebook.com/vabenefitblog?sk=app\\_129722457108553#!/vabenefitblog?sk=wall](https://www.facebook.com/vabenefitblog?sk=app_129722457108553#!/vabenefitblog?sk=wall)

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**Douglas A-4 Skyhawk:** 6:10 min video

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

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**Vietnam War Documentary Trailer:**

[http://www.v-prod.com/trailer\\_vietnam.html](http://www.v-prod.com/trailer_vietnam.html)

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

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**RAO BULLETIN Update, 01 August 2016**

Read the **Articles** go to the web site at: [http://post\\_119\\_gulfport\\_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html](http://post_119_gulfport_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html)



## SAINTS ONBOARD (260 Names)

“Muster Call”

Revised 05 August 2016

New or changed address:

John Shore: [twoflew@gmail.com](mailto:twoflew@gmail.com) 15 June 16

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](http://www.va163.org) (password, *Saints4ever*) capital S**

