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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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Also on Saints website, PHOTOS section

Contains 80 Albums (Sets)... 4,832 Photos

View Counts as of 01 August 2019

Total

934,847 views



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

THE WEBSITE HAS THE LATEST NEWSLETTERS AND ROSTER

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

16,155 Visitors since Mar 09

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

Any donations are appreciated

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Folks that have sent in “**website**” donations 2017-19: A big shout out...”Thank You”

Ken Adams

Dave Carey

Ed **Chadwick**

David Farley

JC Ferris

Bob Feuillerat

Earl Groff

Tom Harwood

Bill Houk

Tom Kline

Dan Lestage

George Lundy

Roger Meyer

Pete Munro

Floyd Oakes

MA Petty

John Roosen

Bill Sargent

Russ Sticklely

James Thompson

Bill Tomko

Anthony Stable

James Marcely (VA-164)



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

Flowers were sent to Hubert Cook \$160 & John Langlinais \$80.98

Ken Adams

Russ Stickley

Earl Groff

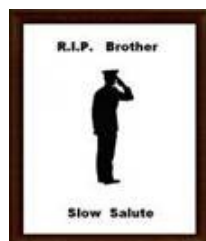
John Roosen

Thomas Harwood

Griff Sexton



Louie Nordbye Passed Away:



From: **John Shore (Rumble)** Louie's roommate in '66.

Louie's wife, Lynn, gave notice this morning that Louie passed quietly at 0737 this morning. No further notices have been received. Moose and I have agreed to toast Louie at 4 pm for perhaps the next several days. Join in for remembrance of a most colorful fallen shipmate.

Obituary:

<https://www.bradleybanderson.com/notices/Louis-Nordbye>

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/louie-nordbye-obituary?pid=193507125>

Nordbye, Louie D. *Deceased 28 July 2019* **(Saint Pilot & Airframes Div Officer Apr 1966- Oct 66)**



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John Langlinais Passed Away last month: *Flowers were sent by the Saints Flower Fund*



A note from John's wife, Mary: Thank you for the basket of flowers with flags, lilies and carnations. I found the following note when I was going through John's desk:

Send this to Ed Copher.

"From John Langlinais, **owner of the Saints Patch** has passed away at age 80. Wife and son Jonathan were there with him. Mary, wife of 55 years was by his side. Once a Saint always a Saint we wave."



Patrick Gulick (VA-163 ADJ-3) was killed in a vehicle accident Sunday 30 June 2019 in Corvallis, OR. He lived in Kalispell, Montana. Services are pending at this time. Go to the funeral home web site to check up on when services are scheduled.

Obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/patrick-gulick-obituary?pid=193321211>



Earl Groff health update: 20 July 2019

Hello Mates, five months ago I was diagnosed with a form of lymphatic cancer. I haven't told too many people about it. Was waiting to see what all the Dr's said. They said it was a form they cure all the time. Hope they are right. I had my first chemo sessions this week. Everything went fine. No side effects so far or other problems. They all say they have never seen a patient as good as me. I guess that is a plus. Two more chemo's in the next nine weeks. Then they do a Pet/Ct scan to check if it is gone. If not three more sessions. Other SQ members I have not addressed this to you may send it to them. Hope everyone is doing well. Love you guys we had some good times.

Thanks, The Jelloman earlgroff@verizon.net





USS Oriskany Reunion: 20-24 Oct

The Oriskany Reunion Association meets once every autumn to catch up, attend to club business, and generally have a good time! Reunions typically alternate between the east and west coasts. This year's reunion is slated to be hosted October 20-24, 2019 in Pensacola, FL. Reservations must be made by September 21, 2019. Please check your latest newsletter for details.

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<https://www.oriskanymuseum.com/uss-oriskany-reunion-association-ora.html>

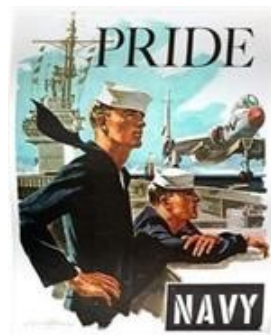


Navy Hooyah:

Hooyah is the battle cry used in the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard just like Semper Fi or Semper Fortis to build morale and signify verbal acknowledgment. It is comparable to Hoorah in the United States Marine Corps and Hooah in the United States Army and the United States Air Force. Like the Air Force to the army it is not commonly said because we are not ground troops. So please, before you comment look it up.



Do you sill have yours?



Hello Ghost rider and Saints family –

Just got final confirmation that the **Lady Jessie project is a go**. It will air on the Sacramento PBS affiliate on Veterans' Day, and will also be made available for PBS stations across the country.

I'm hoping to get a head count for those who might be interested in attending a premier in Sacramento on November 7th? We will tailor an event based on interest.

Secondly, some details. The program will be roughly 27 minutes (26:42 to be precise!). There will be some restructuring, and we are almost certain of a second installment around Memorial Day - which would allow for a fuller telling of the story of Air Wing 16. I'm meeting with our producing partner soon, which will determine the need for additional footage.

Lastly, if I have neglected to include anyone here, would you be kind enough to forward this on? We are very excited that at least a little bit of the collective story will be told, and hope it will be an appropriate tribute for all of you who served, and who deserve more thanks and recognition than can ever be expressed.

Suzanne Eckes-Wahl

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Blue Angels 4th of July over DC.



Notice to Skyhawk Association Members:

The Summer Edition of *The A-4Ever* should have been delivered to your home by now, but when we tried to deliver the issue to the printers, we found out that the printer we've used since 2004 has gone out of business. We are working

hard to connect with a new printer that can provide the high-quality publication you've enjoyed in the past and will mail a printed copy of this issue to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, we've posted the Summer Edition (Vol 25.2) on the Home Page of the Skyhawk Association (skyhawk.org) for your enjoyment. **Bob Hickerson, Editor**



Blue Water Sailors UPDATE:

Blue Water Navy Veterans are encouraged to submit disability compensation claims for conditions presumed to be related to Agent Orange exposure. Veterans over age 85 or with life-threatening illnesses will have priority in claims processing. Veterans who previously were denied for an Agent Orange related presumptive condition can file a new claim based on the change in law. Eligible survivors of deceased Blue Water Navy Veterans also may benefit from the new law and may file claims for benefits based on the Veterans' service. The new law affects Veterans who served on a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia, as defined in Public Law 116-23. An estimated 420,000 to 560,000 Vietnam-era Veterans may be considered Blue Water Navy Veterans. To qualify, under the new law, these Veterans must have a disease associated with herbicide exposure, as listed in 38 Code of Federal Regulations section 3.309(e).

Agent Orange presumptive conditions are:

- • AL amyloidosis
- • Chloracne or similar acne form disease
- • Chronic B-cell leukemias
- • Diabetes mellitus Type 2
- • Hodgkin lymphoma, formerly known as Hodgkin's disease
- • Ischemic heart disease
- • Multiple myeloma
- • Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, formerly known as Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- • Parkinson's disease
- • Peripheral neuropathy, early-onset
- • Porphyria cutanea tarda
- • Prostate cancer
- • Respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea)

Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma or mesothelioma). For more information about Agent Orange exposure in Vietnam waters (Blue Water Navy Veterans), visit <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/vietnam-waters/>. The updated web links will be live at 4 p.m. EST. Please disregard the content prior to the update. Veterans seeking more information should contact their Veterans Service Officer, call VA's toll-free number at 800-827-1000 or visit the VA Blue Water Navy Agent Orange website.

VIETNAM BLUE WATER NAVY VETERANS

Disability benefits available to those serving offshore

Agent Orange Exposure in the Republic of Vietnam Waters (Blue Water Navy)

Blue Water Navy Veterans are now entitled to a presumption of service connection for conditions related to Agent Orange exposure. This extension of the presumption is a result of [Public Law 110-23](#), the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, signed into law on June 25, 2019. The law takes effect January 1, 2020.

The law states that Veterans aboard a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia as defined in [Public Law 106-23](#), between January 8, 1962, and May 7, 1975, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange and may be entitled to service connection for conditions related to that exposure.

To be entitled to disability compensation benefits, these Veterans must have one or more of the conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure that are listed in 38 Code of Federal Regulations section 3.309(c).

What conditions are related to Agent Orange exposure?

Agent Orange presumptive conditions are:

- AL amyloidosis
- Chloracne, or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne
- Chronic B-cell leukemia
- Diabetes mellitus, Type 2
- Ischemic heart disease
- Hodgkin lymphoma, formerly known as Hodgkin's disease
- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- Multiple myeloma
- Parkinson's disease
- Peripheral neuropathy, early-onset
- Porphyria cutanea tarda
- Prostate cancer
- Respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea)
- Soft tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma).

How do I file a claim for disability compensation?

- Apply online using [vets.va.gov](#), **OR**
- Work with an accredited representative or agent, **OR**
- Go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you. You can find your regional office on our [Facility Locator](#) page.
- State on your application that you are filing for one of the presumed Agent Orange conditions.

- Include any evidence you have of service in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the required timeframe. Include the name(s) of the ship(s) and the date(s) you crossed within 12 nautical miles of the Republic of Vietnam, if you have that information.
- Provide medical evidence showing a diagnosis of a current Agent Orange presumptive condition or tell us where you are being treated.

For more information on how to apply and for tips on making sure your claim is ready to be processed by VA, visit our [Disability Compensation](#) web page. [vets.va.gov](#)

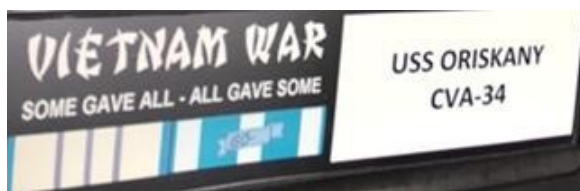


The Skyhawk Association has 797 members, 14 Saints are members

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

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Olongapo Website:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olongapo>



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 01 August 2019

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

