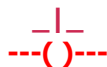


Toooo Weet... Attention on Deck... "Saints...February...Newsletter"...Arriving!

ALSO ON SAINTS WEBSITE

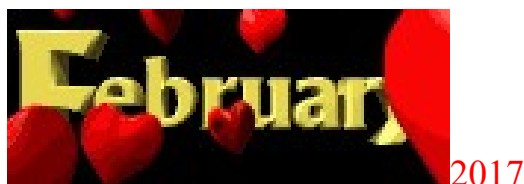
VA-163 SAINTS GRAM



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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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) <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/): <https://www.facebook.com/100000531380774/videos/1142596289101406/>

[Sea Cruise](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5tIHtbtFQ&feature=em-share_video_user): Frankie Ford: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5tIHtbtFQ&feature=em-share_video_user

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

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



CDR Wynn Foster
Silver Star Medal Award

ATTACK SQUADRON ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE
VA-163 Saints
SILVER STAR MEDAL
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Commander Wynn Franklin Foster

301
VA-163
USS ORISKANY
NAVY

Douglas A-4E "Skyhawk"
BuNo.152100 #301 / AH - pilot CDR Wynn Franklin Foster
USS ORISKANY (CVA-34), AIR WING 16
Vinh, North Vietnam. July 23rd, 1966



On July 23rd, 1966 over Vinh in North Vietnam, the vietnamese anti-aircraft artillery hit the A-4E of the 39 years old Commander Wynn Franklin Foster, belonging to VA-163 based on carrier USS Oriskany. Foster was flying an Alpha Strike mission while was hit suffering the traumatic loss of his right arm below mid-thighs. At around 3,000 - 4,000 feet CDR Foster recovered his severed limb and with one hand pulled the ejection handle of his ejection seat starting the automatic sequence. The pilot jumped into the waters of the Gulf of Tonkin and was recovered by USN rescue team.



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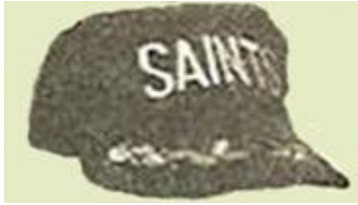


http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_A-4_Skyhawk



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 08 Feb 2017

Photos

653,150views

Albums

30,459views

Total

708,302 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))

12,842 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 **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 2016**



**Saints and Ghostriders Reunion 2017
May 3-5, 2017**

UPDATE: 9 January 2017

Greeting to all Saints and Ghostriders,

First of all, I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year! And for those of you that made the 1967 cruise, it has been 50 years! We are now only four months out from our 2017 reunion. I am continuing to work with NAS Fallon as to our visit and the number of people that they can accommodate. My information to this point is that the charter bus can handle 58 people. Given that we expect more than 125 at the reunion, we will have to schedule two trips. I really do not want to be in the position of having to set up a first come first served scenario, but we won't know until the registration forms come in.

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

“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** and ask for **Group Code: GVA163.**”

The good news for this letter is that Penny Schroeder has firmed up an excellent deal with the shirt company to be able to offer men's and women's shirts with our logo at some very reasonable prices. Please see the email attachment for the order form for the

shirts. She will need to receive your order prior to April 1 for us to have them available when you check in. Your shirts will be in your registration packet. Please don't forget to enclose your payment with the shirt order. I do want to publicly thank Penny for taking this on again for the Reno reunion. She has done this for prior reunions, and it involves hours and hours of work. At this time I plan to email out the registrations forms in early February. I am still working on the appropriate deadline for registration but anticipate that it will be 30 days prior to the reunion.

Just as a reminder, if you plan to rent a car, there are a number of beautiful and interesting places to visit that are close to Reno. For example, Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Virginia City, and Carson City are all within easy driving distance. There is a paddlewheel boat that operates out of South Lake Tahoe that offers a wonderful view of the lake and mountains. If you do not want to rent a car, the Nugget does provide airport pick up services every half hour.

SAINTS AND GHOSTRIDERS REUNION MAY 2017

SOUVENIR SHIRT ORDER FORM--SHIRTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE REUNION

PLEASE SEE OPTIONS on the information sheets, PRINT THE ORDER FORM, COMPLETE ALL PARTS OF THE FORM, AND RETURN via USPS mail along with your payment (checks made out to Penny Schroeder) to:

Penny Schroeder
W8655 Dutch Dr
Minong WI 54859

DEADLINE 01 APRIL 2017 Questions? Please contact Penny wiredinthewoods@gmail.com/715-491-0412

Saints Event Coordinator

Richard (Ode) Odegaard
2490 Old Waverly Court
Sparks, NV 89436
775-626-0898 richard.odegaard@gmail.com

Ghostrider Event Coordinator

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

Date: 3-5 May 2017

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:

“I realize we are 4 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** 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 Abeeb
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

Penny Schroeder has graciously offered to coordinate the purchase of shirts commemorating our reunion. We will try to get that information out early so that the order can be filled and the shirts waiting for you at registration.

Please contact me at richard.odegaard@gmail.com if you have questions or suggestions.

Richard (Ode) Odegaard

The Reunion announcement will be included in the Fall edition of the **Skyhawk Association Magazine**:
The VA-163/164 reunion info will be in the "**Prez Sez**" section for the Fall 2016 *A4Ever* Journal. Submitted by: Pete Cole, President Skyhawk Association



Please Submit Oriskany Fire Memories: Submitted by Ken Adams

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



Question about low level flying photo:

During our time on Yankee station, I did several low passes over the flight deck of the Oriskany and Hancock. If anyone has a picture of one of our A4s about 10 to 15 feet over the flight deck, I would love to have it.

Ed Chadwick chadco@chadcorealestate.com



10 day Sea Cruise from Ft Lauderdale to Panama Canal: No carrier Quals were necessary, and no watches! Did not even have to use saltwater showers! Watched Super Bowl on big screen by pool...nice!



[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>



[Navy Newsletter: TWS News](#) newsletters@togetherweserved.com
[31 Shipmates you may know](#) (1965-1968, AT's, VA-163 Saints)
TWS Updates info@navy.togetherweserved.com



[J.O. Wheeler 1967](#)



[Detail Thesis on CAG 16 1965-1967](#)

Dear Saints, I was just emailing back to 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



[THE SEVEN VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISES OF USS ORISKANY](#): Submitted by George Lundy

Sad remembrances of our times in Oriskany. Lot more difficult when you see all listed at one time and one place; had the Operational Losses been named too, it would have been even more poignant to see all those names along with the fire names. Good only in that is important to remember our shipmates.

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RIPPLE SALVO... #308... THE SEVEN VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISES OF USS ORISKANY...Between April 1965 and March 1973 USS Oriskany made seven deployments from her home port of Alameda to the Western Pacific. In those eight years she was away from home for four years and spent two years, 728 days, on Yankee Station conducting offensive air operations with Task Force 77 against our enemy North Vietnam. "O-Boat" and her embarked air wing— CVW-16 for the first three cruises through the disastrous fire of 26 October 1966, and CVW-19 for her last four combat cruises— paid a great price for their great victories. More tha 100 true patriots—warriors, all— and more than 100 aircraft were lost on the seven cruises. Humble Host is honored to add the Oriskany/ CVW-16 and CVW-19 record to this journal of Operation Rolling Thunder. References for the following include Chris Hobson's "Vietnam: Air Losses" and Rene' Francillon's "Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club."...

THE FIRST VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE OF USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) and CVW-19 departing NAS Alameda on 5 April 1965 and returning on 16 December 1966 (8 1/2 months)...

Days on the Line: 141

Combat Losses: 15

26 August 1965: A-1H of VA-152... **LTJG EDWARD ANTHONY DAVIS... POW...**

29 August: A-1H of VA-152... **LT EDD DAVID TAYLOR... KIA...**

29 August: RF-8A of VFP-63... **LT HENRY STERLING McWHORTER... KIA...**

6 Sept: A-4E of VA-164... **LT J.L. BURTON... Recovered...**

8 Sept: RF-8A of VFP-63... **LTJG ROBERT DAVID RUDOLPH... KIA...**
9 Sept: A-4E of VA-163... **COMMANDER JAMES B. STOCKDALE, Commander Carrier Air Wing 19... POW... (MOH)**
5 Oct: F-8E of VF-162... **LTJG RICHARD F. ADAMS... Recovered...**
31 Oct: A-4E of VA-164... **LCDR TRENT RICHARD POWERS... KIA... (Navy Cross)...**
5 Nov: F-8E of VMF (AW)-212... **CAPTAIN HARLAND P. CHAPMAN, USMC... KIA...**
7 Nov: A-4E of VA-163... **LCDR CHARLES D. WACK... Recovered...**
9 Nov: A-1 H of VA-152... **LCDR PAUL G. MERCHANT... Recovered...**
13 Nov: A-4E of VA-163... **COMMANDER HARRY TARLETON JENKINS, CO-163... POW...**
17 Nov: F-8E of VMF (AW)-212... **CAPTAIN ROSS C. CHAIMSON, USMC... Recovered...**
17 Nov: A-4E of VA-163... **LCDR ROY HOWARD H. BOWLING... POW...**
17 Nov: A-1H of VA-152... **LCDR JESSE JUNIOR TAYLOR... KIA...**
Operational Losses: 7 (1- A-3B; 2-A-1H; 1-A-4E {pilot killed}; 2-F-8E; and 1-A-1J {pilot killed})

THE SECOND VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE OF USS ORISKANY with CVW-19 embarked departed Alameda 26 May 1966 and returned 16 November 1966 (5 1/2 months)...

Days on the Line: 87

Combat Losses: 16

12 Jul 1966: F-8E of VF-162... **LTJG RICHARD F. ADAMS... Recovered...**
14 Jul: F-8E of VF-162... **COMMANDER RICHARD M. BELLINGER, CO-162... Recovered...**
19 Jul: F-8E of VF-162... **LT TERRY ARDEN DENNISON... KIA...**
23 Jul: A-4E of VA-163... **COMMANDER WYNN F. FOSTER, CO-163...Recovered...**
28 Jul: A-4E of VA-164... **ENSIGN GEORGE P. McSWAIN... POW...**
7 Aug: A-1H of VA-152... **LT CHARLES WIGGER FRYER... KIA...**
11 Aug: F-8E of VF-111... **LTJG C.A. BALISTERI... Recovered...**
13 Aug: F-8E of VF-111... **LCDR NORM S. LEVY... Recovered...**
18 Aug: F-8E of VF-162... **LCDR DEMETRIO A. VERICH... Recovered...**
28 Aug: A-1H of VA-152... **COMMANDER GORDON H. SMITH... Recovered...**
31 Aug: RF-8G of VFP-63... **LCDR THOMAS A. TUCKER...Recovered...**
5 Sept: F-8E of VF-111... **CAPTAIN WILFRED KEESE ABBOTT, USAF... POW...**
6 Oct: F-8E of VF-162... **LT R.D. LEACH... Recovered...**
8 Oct: A-1H of VA-152... **LT JOHN ANTHONY FELDHAUS... KIA...**
12 Oct: A-4E of VA-164... **LT FRANK CALLIHAN ELKINS... KIA...**
14 Oct: A-1H of VA-152... **ENSIGN DARWIN JOEL THOMAS... KIA...**
Operational Losses: 9 (5 A-4s {2 pilots killed}; 2 A-1 {one pilot killed}; 1 F-8; and 1 UH-2)...

Highlight of the Cruise: One MIG-17 bagged by COMMANDER RICHARD BELLINGER, CO-162 on 9 Oct...

THE 26 OCTOBER 1966 ORISKANY FIRE: 44 killed (20 aircrew)...re: [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS Oriskany fire](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Oriskany_fire) ... for casualty list, which was published on my Rolling Thunder Remembered post for 26 October 1966 (archived)...

THE THIRD VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE OF THE USS ORISKANY with CVW-16 embarked departed Alameda on 16 June 1967 and returned on 31 January 1968 (7 1/2 months)...

Days on the Line: 122

Combat Losses 29...

14 Jul 1967: A-4E of VA-164... **LTJG L. J. CUNNINGHAM... Recovered...**
15 Jul: A-1H of VA152... **LTJG ROBIN BERN CASSELL... KIA...**
16 Jul: F-8E of VF-162... **LCDR DEMETRIO A. VERICH... Recovered (again)...**
18 Jul: A-4E of VA-164... **LCDR RICHARD DANNER HARTMAN... POW (Died in captivity)...**
18 Jul: A-4E of VA-164... **LTJG LAURIE J. DUTHIE... Recovered...**
18 Jul: A-4E of VA-164... **LTJG BARRY T. WOOD... Recovered...**
19 Jul: F-8E of VF-162... **COMMANDER HERBERT PERRY HUNTER, Xo of VF-162... KIA...**
20 Jul: A-4E of VA-163... **LT R.W. KUHL... Recovered...**
25 Jul: A-4E of VA-163... **LCDR DONALD VANCE DAVIS... KIA...**
31 Jul: F-8C ofVF-111... **LTJG CHARLES PETER ZUHOSKI... POW...**
4 Aug: A-4E of VA-163... **LTJG RALPH CHAMPION BISZ... KIA...**

31 Aug: A-4E of VA163... **LTJG DAVID JAY CAREY... POW...**
31 Aug: A-4E of VA-163... **LCDR HUGH ALLEN STAFFORD... POW...**
31 Aug: A-42 of VA-164... **LCDR RICHARD CLARK PERRY... KIA...**
5 Oct: F-8C of VF-111... **ENSIGN DAVID PAUL MATHENY... POW...**
7 Oct: A-4E of VA-164... **LT DAVID LAWTON HODGES... KIA...**
9 Oct: A-4E of VA-164... **LTJG L.J. CUNNINGHAM... Recovered (again)...**
18 Oct: A-4E of VA-164... **LCDR JOHN FREDERICK BARR... KIA...**
22 Oct: A-4E of VA-163... **LTJG JAMES EDWARD DOOLEY... KIA..**
24 Oct: A-4E of VA-163... **LTJG ROBERT EUGENE FOULKS... Recovered...**
25 Oct: A-4E of VA-163... **LT JEFFREY MARTIN KROMMENHOCK... KIA...**
26 Oct: F-8E of VF-162... **LTJG CHARLES DONALD RICE... POW...**
26 Oct: A-4E of VA-163... **LCDR JOHN S. McCAIN III... POW...**
2 Nov: A-4E of VA-164... **LTJG FREDERIC WOODROW KNAPP... KIA...**
5 Dec: F-8C of VF-111... **LT H.J. MEADOWS... Recovered...**
2 Jan 1968: F-8C of VF-111... **LTJG CRAIG M. TAYLOR... Recovered...**
4 Jan: F-8E of VF-162... **LTJG RICHARD WILLIS MINNICK... KIA...**
5 Jan: A-4E of VA-163... **LTJG RALPH EUGENE FOULKS... KIA.. (Rescued 24 Oct)...**
11 Jan: A-4E of VA-164... **LCDR DENNIS R. WEICHMAN... Recovered...**

Operational Losses: 10 (3 A-4; 4 F-8 one pilot killed; 2 KA-3 2 killed; 1 E-1 five killed)

Highlight of the cruise was LT RICHARD WYMAN's (VF-162) MIG-17 KILL on 14 December 1967...

THE FOURTH VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE OF USS ORISKANY with CVW-19 embarked and departing Alameda on 16 April 1969 and returning 17 November 1969 (5 months)...

Days on the Line: 116

Combat Losses: 1

20 Jul: A-4F of VA-23... **LT STANLEY KUTZ SMILEY... KIA...**

Operational Losses: 8 (4 A-4; 3 F-8; and 1 RF-8)...

THE FIFTH VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE OF USS ORISKANY with CVW-19 embarked departing Alameda 14 May 1970 and returning 10 December 1970 (5 months)...

Days on the Line: 90

Combat Losses: 1

28 June 1970: A-7B of VA-153... **COMMANDER DONALD DEANE ALDERN, Commander Carrier Air Wing 19... KIA...**

Operational Losses: 3 (1 A-7; 1 F-8 pilot killed; and 1 RF-8 pilot killed)

THE SIXTH VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE OF USS ORISKANY with CVW-19 embarked departing Alameda on 14 May 1971 and returning on 18 December 1971 (5 MONTHS)...

Days on the Line: 75

Combat Losses: None

Operational Losses: 4 (3 A-7 One pilot killed; 1 F-8 pilot killed)

THE SEVENTH VIETNAM COMBAT CRUISE OF USS ORISKANY with CVW-19 embarked departing Alameda on 5 June 1972 and returning on 20 March 1973 (10 months)...

Days on the Line: 160

Combat Losses: 2

17 July 1972: A-7B of VA-155... **LT FREDRICK LEON HAAS... KIA...**

24 Sept: A-7B of VA-155... **LT DANIEL VERNOR BORAH... KIA...**

Operational Losses: 4 (1 A-7; 2 F-8 one pilot killed; and 1 RF-8)

Humble Host is wordless... This honor roll warrants somber thought. Thank God for each of these men of indomitable courage.



[Need Info about my dad:](#)

Just looking for some info regarding the upcoming reunion in May at the Nugget Casino in Sparks, Nevada that was mentioned in the Skyhawk Association Newsletter. My father was Ltjg. Gerald Lynn Carter, an A-4 pilot with the Ghostriders. He was tragically killed in Jan '71 during a cat launch off the USS Hancock in the South China Sea. My wife and I attended a reunion years ago in Visalia, CA. These give me the opportunity to meet and chat with those who may have flown or worked with him. I was only 18 months old when he passed. We are thinking of attending this upcoming reunion...

Thanks for your time,

Eric J. Carter eJco@pge.com (805) 441-7435 – cell



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](http://a4skyhawk.info)

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



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/>

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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."

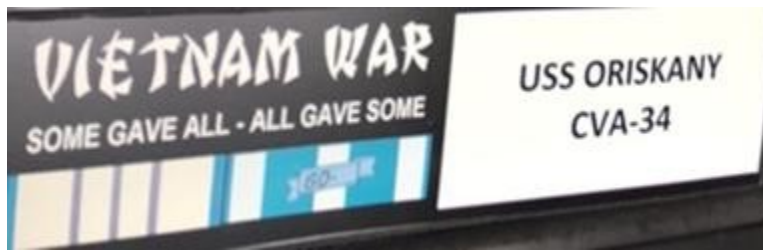


Saints and Military sites for Hats, Shirts, Pins, Decals, and Models: Submitted by Bill Tomko

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.vmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/20740/WILLIAM-R-HALE)

<http://www.vmf.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:

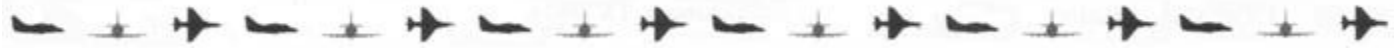
A Place Called Vietnam... <http://www.operationmom.org/ToOurParents.html>

<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>



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: va163lemoore@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.

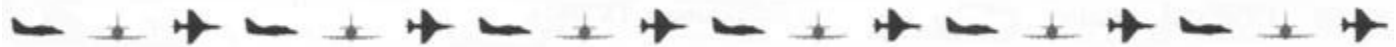
ALSO: When you first get to the Yahoo Home Page, if you are already signed in to a different yahoo account, then you must sign out of that account, and then sign in to Saints account.

“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/oobooks.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>)
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=DJ5ykZjRalM>
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>

Life on a Carrier:

<https://www.facebook.com/themighty/videos/1004923669639534/>

Navy Ahoy:

<https://www.facebook.com/sailahoy/videos/1106032559494519/>

Landing on a carrier:

<https://www.facebook.com/Fighterjetsworld/videos/1565837156782380/>

Escape from Laos:

http://www.vfp62.com/IMAGES/Price_of_Freedom.pdf

USS Enterprise decommissioned:

<http://pilotonline.com/tncms/asset/editorial/7e3e201c-8c2c-5c5b-b474-b4718cd0bdd4>

CVA-77:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=973459862754466&id=126834980750296

Blue Angels up close & in cockpit:

Click here: [BLUE ANGELS - Insane Footage Takes You Inside the Cockpit - YouTube](#)

Sailors Slideshow:

<https://www.facebook.com/sailahoy/videos/1106032559494519/>

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>

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.

[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/

www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623815542532/

www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623727604239/

www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623854694748/

www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623854748712/

[RAO BULLETIN Update, 01 Feb 2017](#)

Read the [Articles](#) go to the web site at: http://post_119_gulfport_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html



SAINTS ONBOARD (260 Names)

“Muster Call”

Revised 08 Feb 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*

