

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

ALSO ON SAINTS WEBSITE

VA-163 SAINTS GRAM

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KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE

Distance and time may separate us

but friendship and memories won't

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

And God Bless the United States of America.



16th Year Edition

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65th Anniversary of the A-4



The picture came down through channels courtesy of a Facebook post by Real Air Power. This picture was created to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the first flight of the A-4 on June 22, 1954.

Standing the Watch

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



ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT





[Click Here](http://www.flickr.com/photos/va163saints/sets/) <http://www.flickr.com/photos/va163saints/sets/>

Also on Saints website, PHOTOS section

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

View Counts as of 05 July

Total

934,658 views



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

THE WEBSITE HAS THE LATEST NEWSLETTERS AND ROSTER

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

16,008 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**

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

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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 Sticklely

Earl Groff

John Roosen

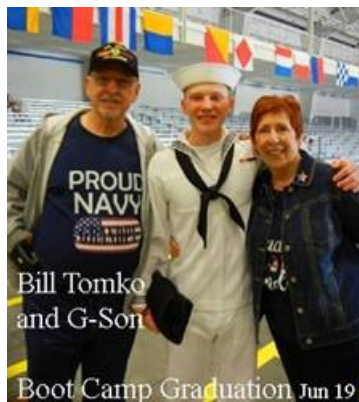
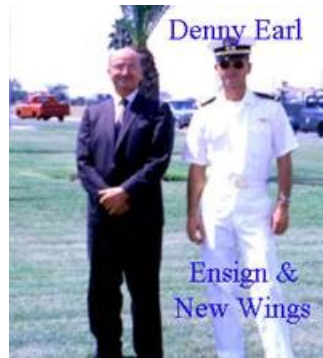
Thomas Harwood

Griff Sexton



Bill Houk:

Recovering from second Open Heart surgery:







Oriskany 1966, near Vietnam




Oriskany Reef and Flag, May 2019

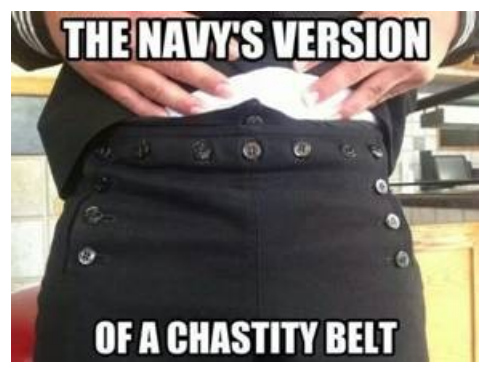


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 noun. [roo f - rat] *roofus rattus AmericanUS*

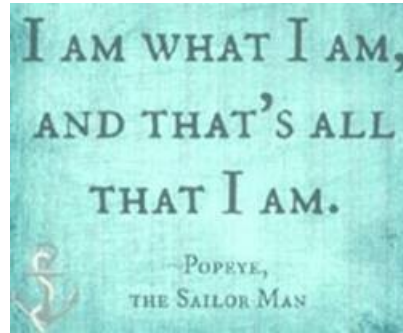
1. A greasy yet salty SAILOR found working the flight decks of US Aircraft Carriers. Thrives on jet exhaust, adrenaline and doing the most dangerous job on Earth.




Burial at Sea:



Wallet pocket was on inside. Some folks modified buttons with Velcro.



Kicking around what should be done with Skyhawk Association Artifacts and info:

1. All is well here, as long as I stay flat on my back. Sitting and standing is very painful even with my brace on. Chris will drive me to Mayo on Monday to see if I'll need surgery, but either way, I'll be mostly down for a long time.

You've presented some interesting thoughts. I'm not saying it's time to nail down exact details. The time will come, but we've got some years left to talk about it.

As I see it, the first question for the future is how important is it to us that our years of collecting information be protected? I think most of us would say it's important.

Bearing in mind I ain't the brightest bulb, but in what format should it be saved! If we look for a home for the data, what form is best?

Would it be boxed up so as to be easily used on a website? Or, should it just be saved as files that anyone could open and use? ...like if we decided to make it available to individuals? How much memory would be required either way?

How important is it for us to find a museum or like organization to have and make the data available to the public? As you indicate, easier said than done, but it can't hurt to aim high.

Is it time to talk about priorities?

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2. On Jun 20, 2019, at 22:16, twidget55 <twidget55@nomonitor.net> wrote:

Hide; Hope all is going well there!

Somewhere with a lot of public traffic. A dozen display cases and a video running and local wireless access the site stored locally on a server. Would be a great draw for someone's bar and grill, or aviation themed whatever. Pensacola will put it on a server to store it; but they don't volunteer to handle any traffic to it. Pcola only wants certain items, that is a problem too I think. We need to be thinking out of the box. Don't like the thought of going to the Douglas Museum, CA is due to slip into the ocean any day now.

Las Vegas **or Reno? Make a deal with a casino, backed by the local reserves there.**

We could build several servers with the site on it; ship them to museums for their local wireless access.

We could build, now with the cheap usb mem sticks, the site on a usb mem stick and distribute them.

Our site has probably seen most of it's growth as far as images go; yet we should have a way of updating a master copy.

Everyone thinks of Ohio for the Air Force Museum, perhaps they would expand into Naval Air?

Library of Congress?

Texas A&M. other military friendly education menus.



Ships off the coast of Vietnam: some good Rolling Stones music & videos

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pFgBJbUh9t8>



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.



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 05 July 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
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