

*Toooo Weeet... Attention on Deck... "Saints... June... 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.



2017

## 15th Year Edition

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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=i5tHtbctFQ&feature=em-share_video_user): Frankie Ford: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5tHtbctFQ&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5tHtbctFQ&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/>

[Vietnam War Song](https://www.facebook.com/TheWarriorConnection/videos/721229604627086/): <https://www.facebook.com/TheWarriorConnection/videos/721229604627086/>





[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas\\_A-4\\_Skyhawk](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 79 Albums (Sets).... 4,765 Photos**

**View Counts as of 02 June 2017**

**Photos**

**704,397** views

**Albums**

**30,690** views

**Total**

**760,471 views**



## Added 3 new Reunion Albums

1. Reunion by David Compton (25 pictures)
2. Reno Reunion by Russ Sticklely (74 pictures)
3. Reno Reunion by Ed Copher (31 pictures)

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

***13,213 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](http://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

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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 **Domain Admin** \$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 Reunion was a great success:

A big thank you for all that was involved in organizing it and especially Ode.

The banquet was especially enjoyed by all, very emotional touching speakers.

NAS Fallon tour was allot of fun, very nice air park. Top Gun is there now!

Oldest member attending was Brian Compton at age 89.

The Nugget was very nice, and accommodating, most rooms were like brand new and first class.

When is the next one????



**Reunion Shirts can still be ordered:**

If you want to order a shirt, please see Penny's address below:

At the reunion, some who had not ordered shirts had a change of heart. Our options are more limited at this time, but if you would like the Men's Callaway shirt ---runs slightly large, or a new product since the sweater is no longer available-- which is a Men's Port Authority half zip long sleeve micro fleece, or the Ladies' Ogio half sleeve polo shirt ---appropriately sized. Please PHONE or EMAIL me with your order prior to 5/19 when I will place the order. Once placed, I will contact you by phone or email to get your USPS address and with your exact cost including shipping so that you can mail me a check. All shirts will have the same logo as on the originals, VA-163/164 Reno logo with the white A-4 on the left chest.

David Compton: I still have your order so no need to call/email.

Jerry Breast: No sweaters are available

Scott Wilkins and John Roosen, I will be mailing you your orders...sorry you were unable to attend!

Prices are approximate but likely no more than 10% additional. They are going to tell me AFTER I order the shirts. Our pricing will depend on how many we need. I will give you the best price we can get, plus I will need to charge you \$6 to get the order from NW WI to you by USPS. Or, if you'd like to pick up here, Fritz and I would love to see you.



Men's Callaway golf/polo shirt \$40

Navy or white

S, M, L or 2X

Men's Port Authority microfleece pullover (the embroidery company has discontinued our sweater!) \$30

Black, gray, navy

S, M, L, 2X

Ladies' Ogio polo \$35

Pink, Red, Gray, Black

XS, S, M, L, 2X

Penny Schroeder

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[715-491-0412](tel:715-491-0412) ©



### Reunion Banquet opening prayers & opening remarks: Speaker: Don Purdy

First I'd like to say thanks to our Trail Boss Ode Odegaard and his assistant wrangler Jim Waldron for the great job they did in ridin' herd on this rowdy bunch and corralling us here in Reno...

This is the Wild West, but we do have some culture out here.

Just up the road in Elko, Nevada they have the annual gathering of cowboy poets.

Now I ain't sayin' I am one, I just dabble at it for fun

So at this point... I should ask you...

To please bow yer head, but that wouldn't be right, just relax a bit instead

What I got to say is kinda light.

### Opening Remarks

Lord bless us and forgive us our faults

The angelic Magic Stones yes,

but mostly those sinful Old Salts

As our years must surely advance  
Officers and men, one and all  
Let us gather in remembrance,  
Raise a toast and recall  
How it used to be... *once*

Once we were young and bold  
And flew the Navy's planes  
Now we're so damn old  
We've traded our sticks for canes

Once our minds were steel traps  
Honed for flyin' at sea and ashore  
Now we have an occasional lapse  
And can't recall what we came here for

Once we flew as wingman and lead  
Deft with stick and throttle  
But now we're just tryn' to read  
The dosage on the bottle

Once we danced all night in Singapore  
And drank 'til we dropped in Manila  
Now we're in bed and nappin' by four  
And drink nothin' stronger 'n sarsaparilla

Once our vision was so sharp  
We could trap at O'dark-thirty-three  
Now we stumble in the dark  
When we're getting up to take a pee

Once we fought without fear,  
But now we're so damn old,  
That we're just tryin' to hear,  
For whom the bell hath tolled.

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Now, Lord help us to endure  
These speakers 'n their lofty prose  
Drink your whisky, it's the only cure  
'Til I get back here at the close

### **Closing Remarks**

Lord thank you for this reunion

It was too short, but really fun  
And though we're older than back then  
It was great to remember when...

We were ready for fightin' and flyin',  
'N though many of our mates were dyin',

We knew the war could still be won,  
Back when we were all so very young.

It wasn't for lack of courage or might,  
Just Johnson wasn't up for a fight,  
And though support was lacking too,  
Still we did what we had to do.

Gone now the missiles and flak,  
The thankin' god we made it back,  
The strikes up in Route Pack Six,  
Engagement rules and politics.

And though the fightin' and flyin's done,  
We're still one for all and all for one,  
As we mark our dwindling days,  
All of us gone our separate ways.

But as our final landings near,  
We face that old familiar fear,  
And join in echelon right,  
To break toward the western night.

We'll go by age, the JO's have proposed,  
And the Senior O's surely are not opposed,  
So step right up, it's a right you've earned  
The JO's will be at the bar, waitin' our turn.



Saints Challenge Coins:





Front & back

Dear Fellow Saints, I had this Challenge coin designed and made for the Reno Reunion. I am sorry I ran out, but the art and mold cost are already paid for. To be clear. I get NOTHING out of this. If you want to order one you can call Scott Sudduth at [1-800-605-4001](tel:1-800-605-4001). He works at Medals of America and will take care of you. Just ask for the VA 163 Saints challenge coin. Don't know the exact cost which may depend on how many orders he gets. I guess some where around \$13.00. I know many of the Saints were not able to attend and Ed Copher may pass this on to the Saints all hands Distribution list and News letter. Also if you did get one and like it please pass the word to your Saints Buddies that did could not make it and may be interested. This is the First and Only VA163 Challenge coin around. Just wanted to let every on know there is one but was Not listed or shown on the Medals of America ,probably due to it's limited audience of only OUR VA163 Squadron crew. The Ghost Riders were JEALOUS :-)

Warm Regards. Bill Tomko



**Earl Jackson:** Saint pilot 1968

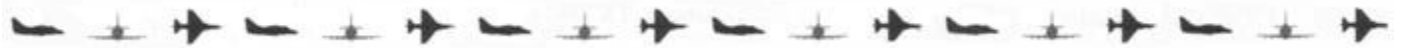
His wife wanted to pass the word that Earl is in a care facility with dementia and bipolar disorder. His contact info is correct on the Saints roster.



**Message from Steven Skipchak:** 14 April

Ed, would let all the Saints know that my cancer has spread, do not know how long I have, thank You for a great job of keeping the flame alive

Skip



### Got Wi-Fi ??



Picture of four pilot buddies from VA-163 enjoying each others company, or not.

They are L-R: Richard Odegaard, Griff Sexton, Ed Chadwick and Scott Mitchell. All but one, doesn't know how to fish. The picture was taken in Ed's kitchen after a fishing a trip to British Columbia.



### Friz Schroeder's son taking Command of Sq: 5 April 17

The new Commanding Officer of VQ-7... James Schroeder. The ceremony was impressive, powerful and moving.  
Penny Schroeder



### VA-163 Pilot Loss Info needed:

Hello Ed, my apologies if this is a repeat. I'm looking for the name/rank of this VA-163 pilot:

Unknown pilot ejected and was rescued. 0800 one A-4 type (BuNo 150047) aircraft crashed in water on the bow. Pilot ejected. Pilot recovered by helo #39. 0827 received medical report of A-4 pilot: no injuries. USS Oriskany deck log, 10 September 1967. The Skyhawk was configured as a tanker.

Thanks,

Gary Verver [gp@verx2.org](mailto:gp@verx2.org)



### A-4 Pilot passed away in TX:

John E. Wasson was CO of an A-4 squadron, VA-94 I believe. According to a bio prepared by a son-in-law, he flew over 200 combat missions in Vietnam.

From Tommy Wimberly in Corpus Christi. [twimbo@aol.com](mailto:twimbo@aol.com)

Ed, are you connected with the A-4 Skyhawk community? An A-4 driver here in

Corpus Christi died (12 May I think): John E. Wasson, Capt USN Retired. I think his squadron in 1962-63 was VA-46. In Aug 1978 he relieved me as Commander of Training Air Wing 3 at Chase Field at Beeville.



### A sign in a “Ready Room” aboard the USS Enterprise, 1969, Gulf of Tonkin...

**The three best things in life are:**

- A good Aircraft Carrier landing...
- A good Organism...
- A good Bowel Movement...

The Night Carrier Landing is one of the few opportunities in Life where you get to experience all three at the same time...



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:xxx@a4skyhawk.org) email addresses they are now [xxx@a4skyhawk.net](mailto: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](#)

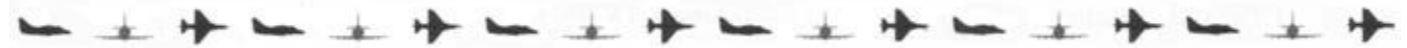
[a4skyhawk.info](http://a4skyhawk.info)

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 797 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/) <http://www.a4skyhawk.org/>

*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 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](mailto:xxx@a4skyhawk.net)

**Contact Directory:** <http://www.a4skyhawk.org/content/association-contact-directory>

**SDO coordinator** contact is [sa-sdo-coordinator@a4skyhawk.net](mailto:sa-sdo-coordinator@a4skyhawk.net)

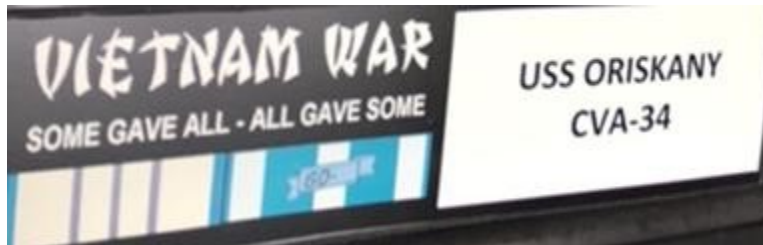
"**Skyhawk Association Members:** Use the new site address to get access to the wealth of info available and contact the webmaster for access to the 'Members Only' information at email [webmaster@a4skyhawk.org](mailto:webmaster@a4skyhawk.org) ."

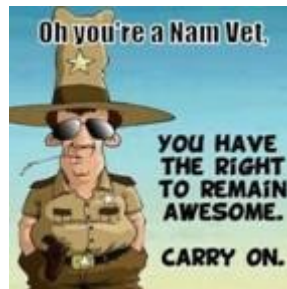


**Saints and Military sites for Hats, Shirts, Pins, Decals, and Models:** Submitted by Bill Tomko

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/>

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[Life Magazine Vietnam War Photography:](#)

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

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[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:** [va163lemoore@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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-wYnIBZis>
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 \("Hannah"\)](#)

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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=e92t7kgV_Ws) &

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9Mh975VCII>

24. O Boat Sinking Video: <http://trib.al/t69QQT4>

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**Reunions**: A must read

<http://www.marzone.com/dog2~7/Quotes-16.htm>

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**F-14 Video**:

<https://youtu.be/VvYbXjAdOlc>

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### Sailor Video:

[https://wicccwiccc.com/products/sailors-prayer-stainless-steel-bracelet?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=Sailor%27s+Prayer+Stainless+Steel+Bracelet+Video+3b+PPE&utm\\_content=2017-05-17+36+%2810%216064999274790%21qwaya%210%29&utm\\_term=Lookalike+%28US%2C+1%25%29+-+Sailor%27s+Prayer+Stainless+Steel+Bracelet+PUR](https://wicccwiccc.com/products/sailors-prayer-stainless-steel-bracelet?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Sailor%27s+Prayer+Stainless+Steel+Bracelet+Video+3b+PPE&utm_content=2017-05-17+36+%2810%216064999274790%21qwaya%210%29&utm_term=Lookalike+%28US%2C+1%25%29+-+Sailor%27s+Prayer+Stainless+Steel+Bracelet+PUR)

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### 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>

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### 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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### 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>

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

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](https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=Peter+Fey+rolling+Thunder)

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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/>

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/>

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:](#)

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:](#)

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:](#)

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?](#)

This will bring back memories

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=puGQsQux80k](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=puGQsQux80k)

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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 ~ 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>

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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!!!

[www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623353551691/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623353551691/)

[www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623815542532/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623815542532/)

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[www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623854748712/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/45586426@N06/galleries/72157623854748712/)

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RAO BULLETIN Update, 01 June

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

