

Toooo Weeeettt..Attention on Deck...Now hear this...Standby to hear a message from the bridge.... "Saints June 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.

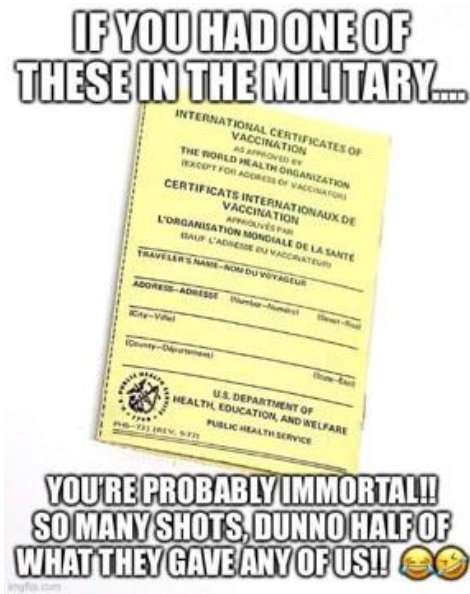


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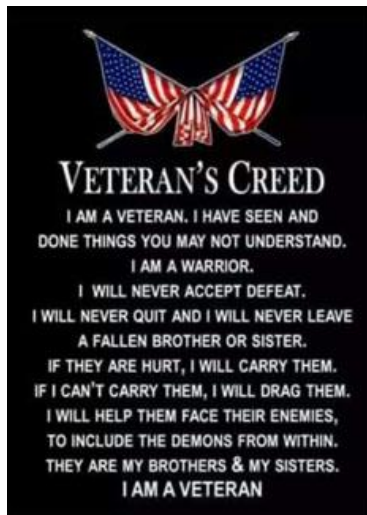
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Stay Safe, Be Healthy, Be Well



Military Enlistment Oath: I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution Of The United States against **all enemies, foreign and domestic**; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States.



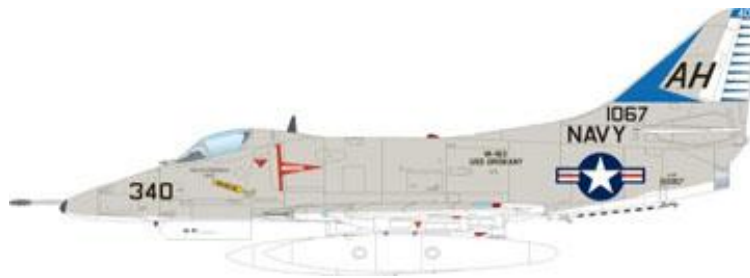


Patriot

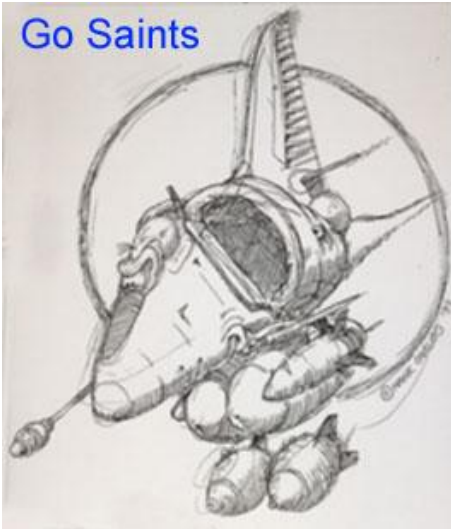
pa·tri·ot *Noun*

[pey-tree-uhz, -ot or, esp. British, pa-tree-uhz]

A person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against enemies foreign and domestic.



ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT





ATKRON 163



Saints Photos Website





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

Also on Saints website, PHOTOS section

Contains 80 Albums.... 4,832 Photos

View Counts as of 03 2021

“Over a million views”

1,114,112 views

****Paid \$63.95 to Flickr.com for Saints Photo website on 01 April 2021

*****SAINTS WEBSITE*****

THE WEBSITE HAS THE LATEST NEWSLETTERS AND ROSTER

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

20,233 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**

4 Sept 2019 paid \$286.34 to “GoDaddy” web hosting for 2 year renewal

15 Jan 2020 paid \$120 to “Webmaster” for maintenance of site, annual renewal

01 March 2021 paid \$14.45 for “Domain Name” one year renewal

Any donations are appreciated

Ed Copher

1211 Gruene Vintage

New Braunfels, TX 78130

Folks that have sent in “**website**” donations 2017-20: A big shout out... “Thank You”

Ken Adams

Raymond Baker

Dave Carey

Ed Chadwick

Dennis Dooley

David Farley

JC Ferris

Bob Feuillerat

Earl Groff (2)

Tom Harwood

Bill Houk

Tom Kline

Dale & Mary Landroth

Daniel Lestage

George Lundy

Roger Meyer

Pete Munro

Floyd Oakes

MA Petty

John Roosen

Bill Sargent

Fritz Schroeder

John Shore (2)

Lucy Sticklely

James Thompson

Bill Tomko

Anthony Stabile

Lucille Sticklely (3)

James Marcely (VA-164)

Steve Cutting (VA-164)

Tommy Wimberly (other)

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

Flowers have been sent to 7 funerals

Ken Adams

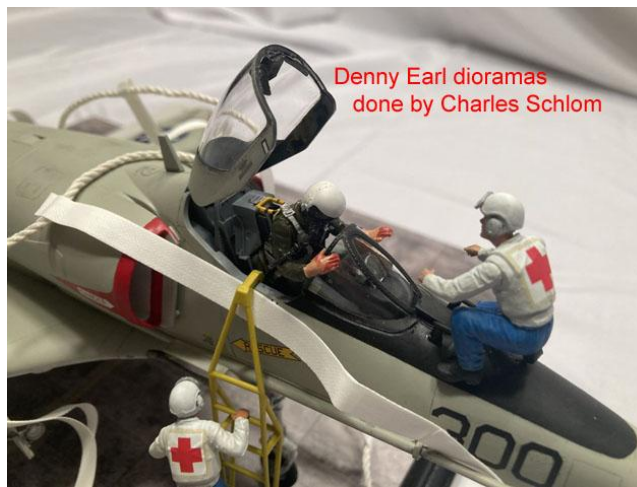
Raymond Baker

Dennis Dooley

Denny Earl dioramas by Charles Schlom



Denny Earl dioramas done by Charles Schlom



Reunion's Info:

If you are interested in a **Saints Reunion** this year, contact Ed Chadwick
chadco@chadcorealestate.com

Skyhawk "Hook" Reunion: 9-11 Sept at the Nugget in Sparks, NV

Oriskany Reunion: 19-22 Sept at Coeur d' Alene Casino in Idaho.

Contact Fred Mouring 208-568-1894



Lt CDR James Dooley KIA: Changed status on website from POW to KIA

From Ed Chadwick: I just noticed on our website, Jim Dooley is listed as a POW. To my knowledge, he was never reported as a prisoner. His plane was seen impacting the water in Haiphong Harbor and no one on the flight saw a chute.

The website has his status changed to KIA, editor.



In memoriam
of the 44 men lost in the fire aboard the
USS Oriskany
October 26, 1966

LTJG Dewey Lee Alexander, Texas	CDR Harry William Juntilla, Minnesota
LTJG Cody Allen Balisteri, Ohio	LTJG James Anthony Kelly, Jr., Pennsylvania
LTJG Josslyn Francis Blakely, Jr., Alabama	ENS Daniel Olmstead Kern, New York
ENS Charles Wilson Boggs, Minnesota	SN James Andrew Lee, Arizona
LTJG James Lewis Brewer, Tennessee	LCDR Norman Stanley Levy, New York
CDR Rodney Balaam Carter, California	AZAN David Allen Liste, Louisiana
LTJG William Richard Clements, California	LTJG William Gowan McWilliams III, Virginia
LTJG Ramon Allen Copple, Louisiana	LTJG Walter Forrest Merrick, Maine
CDR Richard Earle Donahue, Iowa	LT Clarence Dale Miller, Maryland
JOSN Robert Louis Dyke, California	LCDR Clement Joseph Morisette, Washington
CDR George "K" Farris, Indiana	CDR John Joseph Nussbaumer, Washington
LCDR Omar Ray Ford, Nebraska	BM3 Donald Wilfred Shanks, California
LT John Frederic Francis, Louisiana	BM3 Alvin Marion Shifflett, Jr., Kentucky
LT Frank Maynard Gardner, Rhode Island	LTJG Gerald William Siebe, Illinois
LCDR William J Garrity, Montana	LCDR James Andrew Smith, Missouri
SN James Kenneth Gray, Texas	LTJG Thomas Edmund Spitzer, North Dakota
LT Julian Dickie Hammond, Jr., Mississippi	LCDR Daniel Leroy Strong, California
CDR Jack Harold Harris, Wisconsin	ENS Ronald Enrique Tardio, Bolivia, South America
AA Greg Eugene Hart, Washington	LTJG Franklin Michael Tunick, New Jersey
LTJG James Brian Hudis, Wisconsin	FN William Walling, Illinois
LT Lloyd Patterson Hyder, Georgia	CDR Clyde Ray Welch, Texas
LTJG, William Allen Johnson, North Carolina	LTJG James Raymond Welsh, Pennsylvania

U.S.S. ORISKANY CV-34

KOREAN WAR

SHIP'S COMPANY

PHAN Thomas L. McGraw, Jr.

AE3 Thomas M. Yeager

AIR GROUP SQUADRONS

VF-62

LTJG. James M. Weaver

VF-121

ENS. Randolph T. Scoggin

VF-22

LTJG. Ralph N. Mew
LTJG. Roy Taylor

VA-923

LT. George A. Gaudette, Jr.
LTJG. James A. Hudson
CDR. John C. Micheel

VIETNAM WAR

SHIP'S COMPANY

LTJG. Dewey L. Alexander
SA Peter Chan
LTJG. Ramon A. Copple
SN Jimmy M. Dolan
CDR. Richard E. Donahue
SN Robert L. Dyke

LCDR. Omar R. Ford
LT. Frank M. Gardner
LCDR. William J. Garrity, Jr.
SN James K. Gray
JO3 Raul A. Guerra
CDR. Jack H. Harris, CARDIV-9

AA Greg E. Hart
LTJG. James B. Hudis
CDR. Harry W. Juntilla
LTJG. James A. Kelly, Jr.
SN James A. Lee
LCDR. Walter F. Merrick

CDR. Charles D. Metzler
BM3 Donald W. Shanks
BM3 Alvin M. Shifflett, Jr.
LTJG. Franklin M. Tunick
LT. Edwin W. Van Orden, Jr.

AIR WINGS AND SQUADRONS

CVW-16

CDR. Rodney B. Carter
LCDR. Donald V. Davis
LT. Lloyd P. Hyde
LCDR. Jesse J. Taylor

CVW-19

CAPT. Donald D. Aidem, GAG

VF-111

LTJG. Cody A. Balisteri
LCDR. Norman S. Levy
LTJG. William G. McWilliams, III

VF-125

LTJG. Lawrence S. Mailbes

VF-162

MAJ. Robert G. Bell, USAF
ENS. Charles W. Boggs
CDR. Terry A. Dennison
CDR. Herbert P. Hunter
ADJAN Wayne A. Michalak
LCDR. Richard W. Minnich, Jr.

VF-191

LT. John B. Martin, II

VF-194

LT. Richard B. Lineberry

VFP-63

LT. Joseph R. Klugg
LT. Henry S. McWhorter
LTJG. Robert D. Rudolph

VA-23

LT. Stanley K. Smiley

VA-152

LCDR. James A. Beene
LTJG. Robin B. Cassell
CDR. John A. Feldhaus
LT. Charles W. Fryer
AO3 Dale A. Lash
AZAN David A. Liste
CDR. John J. Nussbaumer
LT. Edd D. Taylor
ENS. Darwin J. Thomas

VA-153

CDR. Thomas P. Frank

VA-155

LT. Daniel V. Borah, Jr.
LT. Leon F. Haas

VA-163

LT. Malcolm A. Avore
LCDR. Ralph C. Busz
CAPT. Roy H. Bowling
LCDR. James E. Dooley
LT. Ralph E. Foulks, Jr.
LCDR. Jeffrey M. Krommenhoek
LT. Clarence D. Miller
LCDR. Clement J. Morissette
LTJG. Thomas E. Spitzer
ENS. Ronald E. Tardio

VA-164

LCDR. John F. Barr
LTJG. James L. Brewer
LTJG. William H. Bullard
CDR. Frank C. Elkins
CDR. Richard D. Hartman
LT. David L. Hodges
LTJG. William A. Johnson
LTJG. Frederic W. Knapp
LCDR. Richard C. Perry
CAPT. Trent R. Powers
LCDR. Daniel L. Strong
CDR. Clyde R. Welch
AMSS Richard M. Woyrnarski

VAW-11

LTJG. William R. Clements
LT. John E. Francis
LTJG. Norman L. Roggow

VAW-111

ATC Roland R. Pineau
LTJG. Donald F. Wolfe
LTJG. Andrew G. Zissu

VAQ-130

ADJ2 Barry A. Bidwell
LTJG. Raymond V. Deblasio, Jr.
LT. John R. Painter, Jr.
LTJG. Charles S. Taylor

VAH-4

CDR. George K. Farris
AE Charles D. Hardie
ENS. Bruce M. Patterson
LCDR. James A. Smith

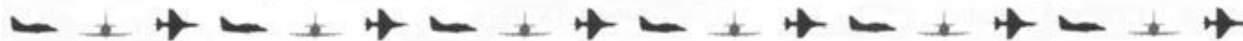
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CDR. James R. Dennison
LT. Terrence H. Hanley
PHCS Henry H. Herrin, Jr.

HC-1

LT. Josslyn F. Blakely, Jr.
LT. Julian D. Hammond, Jr.
ENS. Daniel O. Kem
LTJG. Gerald W. Siebe
FN William Walling
LTJG. James R. Welsh

DONATED IN FOND MEMORY BY WINGMEN, SHIPMATES AND FRIENDS



USS ORISKANY CVA 34



ALL FOUGHT TO SAVE THEIR SHIP AND SHIPMATES

OCTOBER 26 1966

LTJG DEWEY L. ALEXANDER
 LTJG CODY A. BALISTERI
 LT ROSSLYN F. BLAKELY JR.
 ENS CHARLES W. BOGGS
 LTJG JAMES L. BREWER
 CDR RODNEY B. CARTER
 LTJG WILLIAM R. CLEMENTS
 LTJG RAMON A. COPPLE
 CDR RICHARD E. DONAHUE
 SN ROBERT L. DYKE
 CDR GEORGE K. FRANKS
 LT JOHN F. FRANCIS
 LCDR OMAH R. FORD
 LT FRANK M. GARDNER
 LCDR WILLIAM J. GARDNY JR.
 SN JAMES K. GRAY
 CDR JACK H. HARRIS
 LT JULIAN D. HAMMOND
 AA GREG E. HART
 LTJG JAMES B. HUCKS
 LT LLOYD P. HYDE
 LTJG WILLIAM A. JOHNSON



CDR HARRY W. JUNTILLA
 LTJG JAMES A. KELLY JR.
 ENS DANIEL O. KERN
 SN JAMES A. LEE
 LCDR NORMAN S. LEVY
 AZAN DAVID A. LISTE
 LTJG WILLIAM G. McWILLIAMS
 LCDR WALTER F. MERRICK
 LT CLARENCE D. MILLER
 LCDR CLEMENT J. MORRISSETTE
 CDR JOHN J. NUSSBAUMER
 ENS RONALD E. RABOLD
 BMC DONALD W. SHANKS
 BMC ALVIN M. SHUFFLET JR.
 LTJG GERALD W. SIEBE
 LCDR JAMES A. SMITH
 LTJG THOMAS E. SPITZER
 LCDR DANIEL L. STRONG
 LTJG FRANKLIN M. TUNICK
 FN WILLIAM WALLING
 CDR CLYDE R. WELCH
 LTJG JAMES B. WELSH



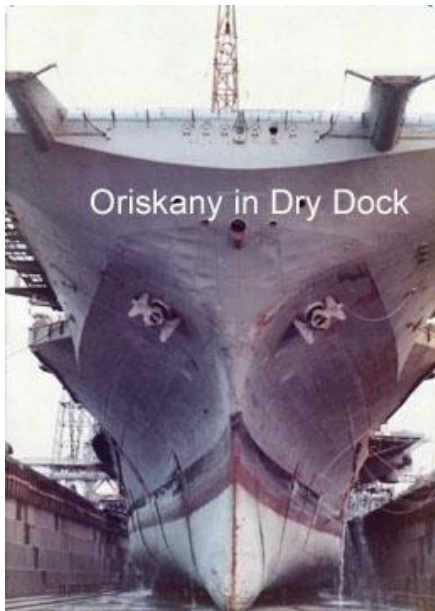


USS Oriskany CVA-34 November 6, 1966. Deck Log Entry.

1300: Commenced Memorial and Burial Services.

1318: All Shafts Stop. The body of **Omar Ray Ford** was committed to the deep by burial at sea at 25- 52' N latitude 143-18' E longitude in 2,380 fathoms of water.



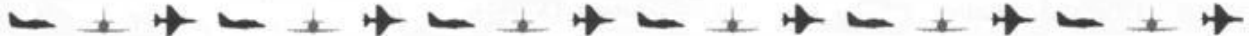


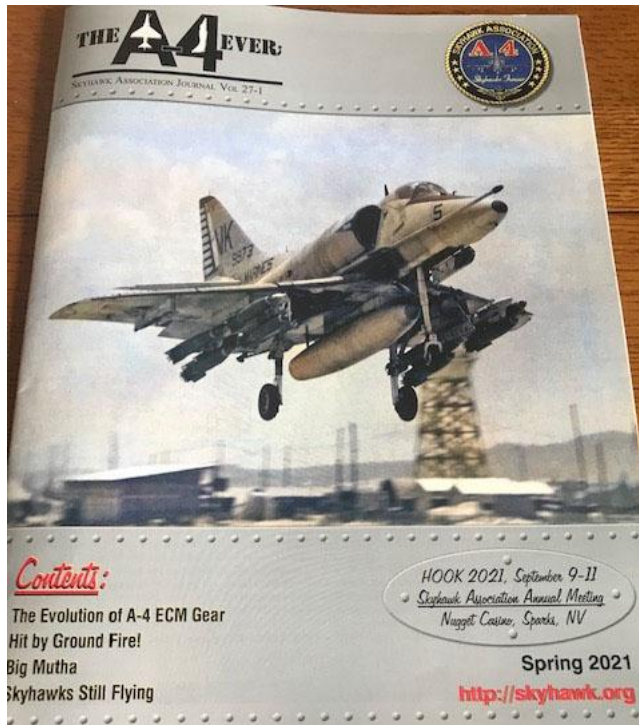


Hancock Memorial on USS Lexington



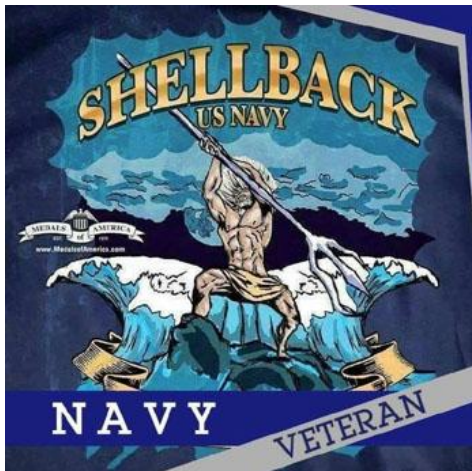
USS Hancock





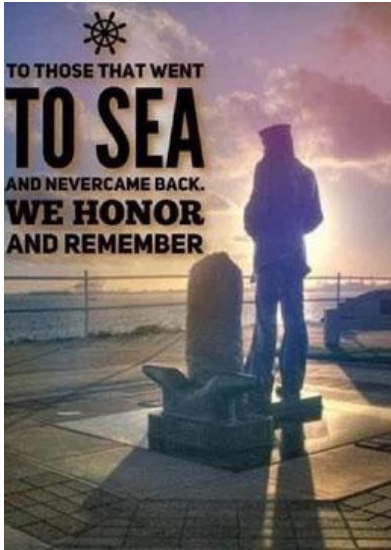
Shit River:

This is a bridge that goes from Subic Bay Bay into the city of Olongapo. This River, known as shit river was where all the city sewer drained into. As you can see in the picture, children swam in it. And if sailors tossed coins off the bridge into the filth. The children would dive down to retrieve the coin's. I will never forget seeing it in person.

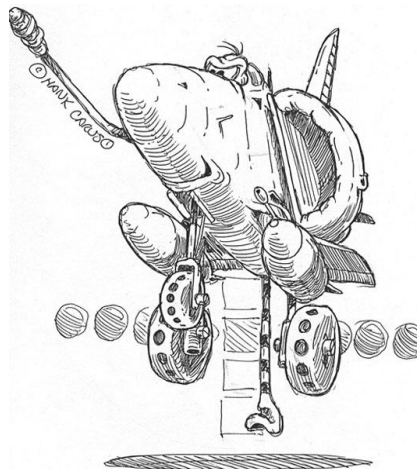
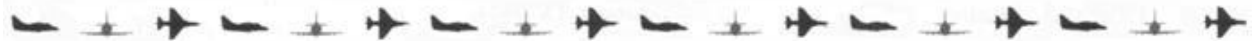








Here we see the unmarked graves of many sailors who never made it home. No flags. No ceremony. They gave all. Please remember them on Memorial day.



The Skyhawk Association has 797 members, 14 Saints are members

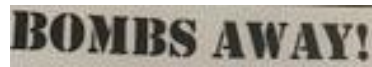
VA-163 page: <http://a4skyhawk.info/article-unit/va163>

Please join the Skyhawk Association. A great Quarterly Magazine, allot of A-4's and Saints articles.

Only \$30 per year.

To Join: <http://skyhawk.org/>

Websites of Interest



Oriskany Websites: 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. Oriskany Reunion Association: www.ussoriskany.com
4. Video of Big O going under: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1401279762745553286&q=oriskany>
5. Patriot Media "The Mighty O": <http://patriotmediainc.com>
6. Oriskany Dive Video & Photos: http://www.oriskanycharterboats.com/oriskany_photos.htm
7. Diving Oriskany Reef, 25 March 2007: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9l-wYnIBZis>
8. Oriskany Cruise Books on CD's: A. <http://glewis.us/obooks.htm>
B. <http://navysite.de/cruisebooks/cv34-67/index.html>
C. <http://navysite.de/cruisebooks/cv34-67/index.html>
9. Oriskany 1967 Vietnam Combat Cruise, DVD sale: http://www.cv41.org/GRS/uss_oriskany_67/index.html
10. Oriskany Information and History/Pictures: <http://www.pnj.com/newsfiles/oriskany/index.shtml>
11. Oriskany model: <http://www.motionmodels.com/ships/cv/>

12. USS Oriskany Photo Galleries:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/7437991@N08/galleries/72157622440145584>
13. USS Oriskany History 1972: <http://www.ussoriskany.com/id17.html>
14. USS Oriskany digital Cruise Book Project <http://glewis.us/obooks.htm>
15. Oriskany 1970...Flight Ops:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXaKTJIVxHM&feature=email> 10 min
16. 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
17. 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
18. Saints Video on YouTube: Dennis Lund video filmed on the Oriskany including the Oriskany fire! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJ5ykZjRaIM>
19. Tour of Duty photo site: 3000 photos, some Saints
<https://www.flickr.com/groups/435090@N22/>
20. USS Oriskany Fire & Sinking: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS2uky8K5Jk> 42 min video
21. 1963 TOUR OF THE USS Oriskany: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e92t7kgV_Ws & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9Mh975VCII>
22. O Boat Sinking Video: 24. <http://trib.al/t69QQT4>
23. Oriskany Video: With F-4's https://youtu.be/e92t7kgV_Ws
24. USS Oriskany Alumni: "facebook page" and gallery has some great photos. Go to Facebook to join the group

A-4 the most advanced aggressor aircraft:

<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/40404/top-aces-aggressor-a-4s-are-now-the-worlds-most-advanced-skyhawks>

How Did the Cubi Point O'Club Bar Find a Home at the National Naval Aviation Museum?

https://issuu.com/rotorrev/docs/rr_152_summer.21/s/12233220

USS Hancock: Scotty Moore - The USS Hancock ("Hannah")

http://scottymoore.net/USSHancock.html?fb_action_ids=620396487990408&fb_action_types=og.likes&fb_source=other_multiline&action_object_map=%7B%22620396487990408%22%3A325920780869208%7D&action_type_map=%7B%22620396487990408%22%3A%22og.likes%22%7D&action_ref_map=%5B%5D#NASNI

Lots of Oriskany Info:

<http://www.navsource.org/archives/02/34.htm?fbclid=IwAR0Onwxj0QPhQRFLCmZ6wzytPb9D9YpRVSIB2Ea6cKhhUKm2gP0SECiqj-k>

Landing on Oriskany Video:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gM2jT6Ftn3E&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR23MVLfw69KhDsQ9A5BFS3tAEGzT_dBFHtHXMHL-GsiBh7TUxnRSdL-1Cs

Veterans Benefits Newsletter:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVBA/bulletins/2ae5164>

Oriskany Sinking video:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=F2-Aew7SMO8&fbclid=IwAR2xrucXr7I2IaUx8SM98-IIDXpAi3gBQX0IIEp4Fb6JPagec-xEZFeeVHU>

Vietnam Memorial Wall Faces:

154 service members with names inscribed on The Wall were born on Oct. 23. Their photos are spotlighted today on the Wall of Faces. Every day, the Wall of Faces changes to honor those who were born on that day. Join us in remembering them today and each of the 58,279 service members with names inscribed on The Wall. Search The Wall here: vvmf.org/wall-of-faces

Oriskany Video Clip:

<https://youtu.be/-UbU3iMj4zw>

A-4 Vietnam Magnet:

https://www.teepublic.com/magnet/8726181-douglas-a-4-skyhawk-vietnam-veteran?feed_sku=8726181D21V&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Agency_Within_Shopping_AllDesigns&gclid=Cj0KCQjw-O35BRDVARIsAJU5mQWMJuS72eubdxmx2vtcaunkAOWtSgDb1aq1iRqXkESu76z5ldq_yJMaAsMIEALw_wcB

Petula Clark, Sailor 1961

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-r0ngPEHkg>

Oriskany in Bridges of Toko-Ri:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=bIFuGFBw_yI

Sailor Song 1961

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=share&v=4-r0ngPEHkg>

Veterans Benefits Newsletter from the VA:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVBA/bulletins/27794cb>

Nice Military Aircraft photos:

<http://www.doyletics.com/tidbits/militaryadvice.pdf>

Oriskany Dive 9 Feb 2020:

<https://vimeo.com/390358620>

Blue Angels A-4 Video:

<https://www.navalhistory.org/2020/01/24/how-the-navy-got-a-hit-recruiting-video-from-van-halen>

High Flight by John Denver:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1xNGgWNRUf8#>

F-18 Parking on Flightdeck:

<https://fbwat.ch/1vthAlcaGlvADom4>

A-4 Launch 1962:

<https://www.facebook.com/100026351565698/posts/312902602931456?d=n&sfns=mo>

I Stand:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/2eBxVxO0nh4>

Blue Angels In Flight:

https://www.wearethemighty.com/blue-angels-cockpit-footage?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Evergreen&utm_term=Veterans&utm_content=blue-angels-cockpit-footage

Blue Angels Cockpit...

WATCH: BLUE ANGELS - Footage Inside the Cockpit

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 03 June 2021

New or changed address:

Admiral Compton has a new home phone number: 334 654 5060. His son David has moved to Demopolis and is the best source to get information on or to the Skipper. David's phone number is 571-286-6161 and email dtcompton3@gmail.com

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**



Happy trails to you, until we meet again.....<https://g.co/kgs/3FJhs4>