

Toooo Weeet... Attention on Deck... "Saints...March 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.

March Newsletter

2020

17th Year Edition

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Standing the Watch

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

Keeper of the Flame, Song by Miranda Lambert

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=ydE6lzad-VQ>

I'm the keeper of the flame
The teller of the story
Keeper of the flame
For the ones that came before me
For the little pilot lights waiting to ignite
Like fireflies in the rain
Keeper of the flame



ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT





[Click Here](#)

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

Also on Saints website, PHOTOS section

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

View Counts as of 04 March 2020

Total

936,643 views



******Paid \$49.99 to Flickr.com for Saints Photo website on 17 Nov 2019**



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

THE WEBSITE HAS THE LATEST NEWSLETTERS AND ROSTER

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

17,130 *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

04 Mar 2020 paid \$14.45 for “Domain Name” one year renewal

Any donations are appreciated

Ed **Copher**

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New Braunfels, **TX 78130**

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

Ken Adams

Raymond Baker

Dave Carey

Ed **Chadwick**

David Farley
JC Ferris
Bob Feuillerat
Earl Groff
Tom Harwood
Bill Houk
Tom Kline
Daniel Lestage
George Lundy
Roger Meyer
Pete Munro
Floyd Oakes
MA Petty
John Roosen
Bill Sargent
Russ Stickley
James Thompson
Bill Tomko
Anthony Stable
James Marcey (VA-164)
Tommy Wimberly



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

*Flowers have been sent to **3** funerals*

Ken Adams
Raymond Baker
Russ Stickley

Earl Groff

John Roosen

Thomas Harwood

Griff Sexton

Ed **Chadwick**

Daniel Lestage



Saint Gary Holder's wife passed away: Gary called her "his Princess". May she rest in peace!

We are sad to announce that on February 14, 2020, at the age of 71, Freida Garrett Holder of Cave City, Kentucky, born in Glasgow, Kentucky passed away. Family and friends are welcome to [send flowers](#) or leave their condolences on this memorial page and share them with the family. She was predeceased by: her parents, J. L. Garrett and Grace Rigsby Garrett; her son Larry Allen Glass; and her siblings, Terrell Garrett and Audrey Wilson. She is survived by: her husband Gary Holder; her children, Michael Glass (Kim) of Glasgow and Samantha Johnson of Glasgow; her grandchildren, Tony Oswald (Pisie), Crystal Oswald, Michael Glass II, Ryan Edmunds, Alicia Morgan, Brock Johnson, Cord Glass and Drew Johnson; her great grandchildren, Caleigh, Nola Morgan and Emery Oswald; and her brother Royce Garret (Jane) of Glasgow. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 18th 2020 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the A. F. Crow & Son Funeral Home (201 E Washington St, Glasgow, KY 42141). A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, February 18th 2020 at 2:00 PM at the same location. A burial will be held on Tuesday, February 18th 2020 at the Glasgow Municipal Cemetery (303 Leslie Ave, Glasgow, KY 42141).



Saints Reunion Survey: Pensacola, Nov 2020

Some Saints folks are in the early stages of planning a possible 2020 November VA-163 Reunion in Pensacola. We need two or three enlisted members who might be interested in helping. One job which will be difficult to fill is replacing the expertise of Hubert Cook (RIP), to organize and run the film presentations. So far we have only asked for a yea or nay from eight or so pilots and received all positive responses.

Please respond with a Yea or Nay that you would be interested in a reunion to be held in Pensacola around Nov 2020. "And" if you would like to help out in the organizing of same, or any suggestions.

Respond to Ed Copher newsman242@gmail.com



Bill Houk
NAS North Island, San Diego

Feb 2020



Bill Houk Feb 2020



JC Ferris
Feb 2020

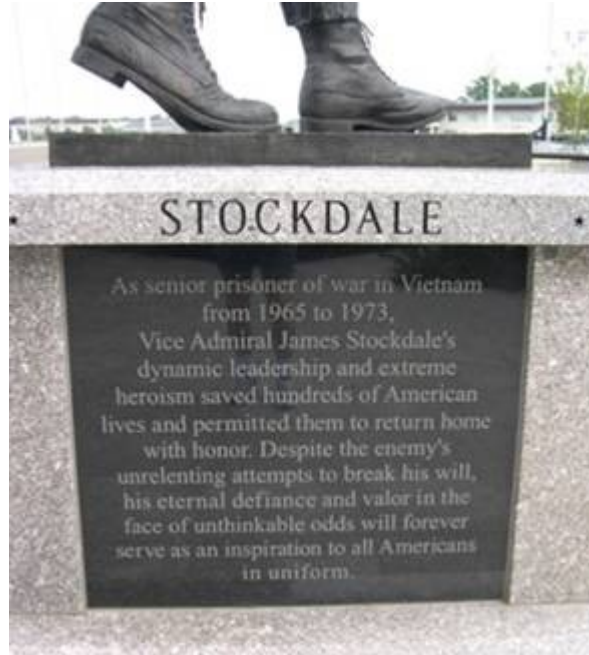
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Denny Earl
Feb 2020



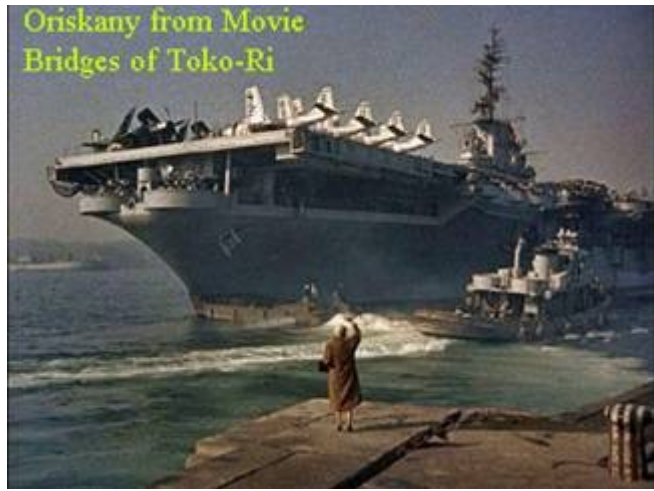
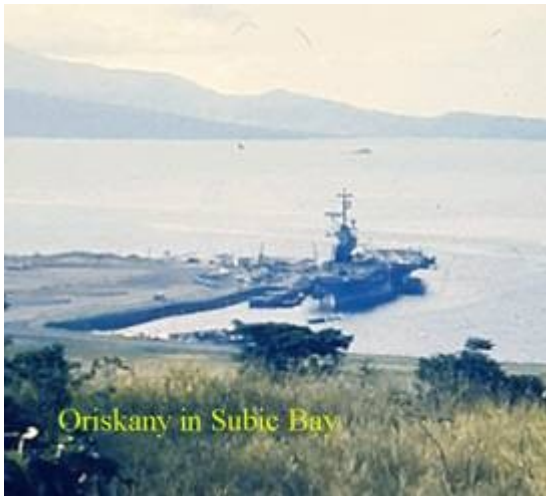
Stockdale Memorial



34 ORISKANY
65 ENTERPRISE
NAS Alameda Piers CA



USS Oriskany



Oriskany Deck Logs: Submitted by George Gabrys

Ed, I know this has nothing to do with the newsletter but the other day there was that lady asking for readings on ships. Tell her to go to Hill and Ponton. I don't know where they got the information but they got all the ships and logs.

NOTE from Ed Copher: I have a copy of the Oriskany Deck Logs that show dates the Oriskany went within the 12 mile limits. Contact me if you anyone needs a copy.



Winter Issue of A-4ever:

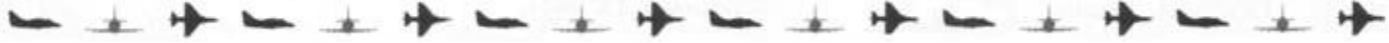
The Winter issue of the A-4ever is now posted on line. Go to the website - skyhawk.org - and click on the cover. The document will download to your device and you are go to read. There is no hard copy of the Winter issue sent out by the Association.



Graduation from RTC is a day-long ceremony also known as Pass-In-Review: a formal military ceremony that honors the hard work and dedication of the recruit and marks the beginning of the sailor's career.

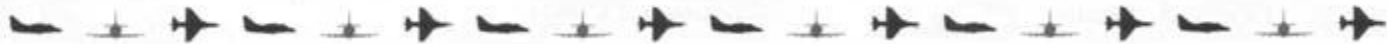
The final Pass-In-Review took place November 19, 1993.

NTC San Diego graduated over 2,000,000 recruits over it's seventy-four year history.





Where to obtain your DD 214:



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: www.A4skyhawk.info.org





Veterans Benefits Newsletter from the VA:

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



James Stockdale Medal of Honor video:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Pc_6GDWI0s4&feature=share#menu



Cockpit View:

https://www.youtube.com/embed/wfOD2y_AD_w?feature=player_embedded



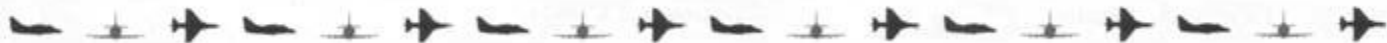
Oriskany Dive 9 Feb 2020:

<https://vimeo.com/390358620>



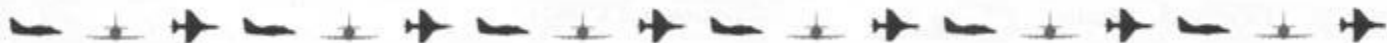
Bridges of Toko-Ri Video: Has the Oriskany in it

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Dx4KkWEMah0>



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#>



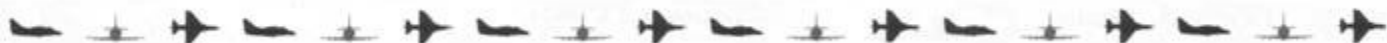
F-18 Parking on Flightdeck:

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



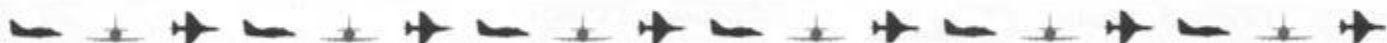
A-4 Launch 1962:

<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 04 March 2020

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**

