

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

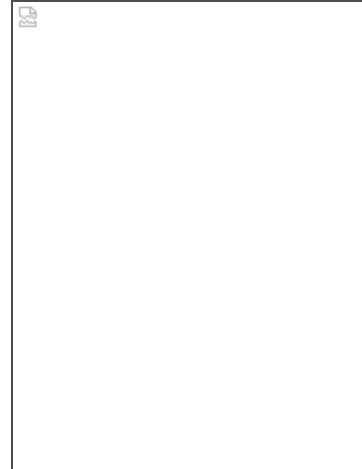
And God Bless the United States of America.



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Stay Safe and Stay Alive

It will come to pass



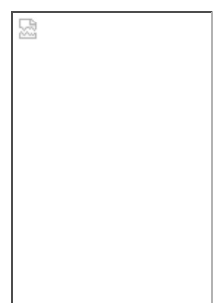
Standing the Watch

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

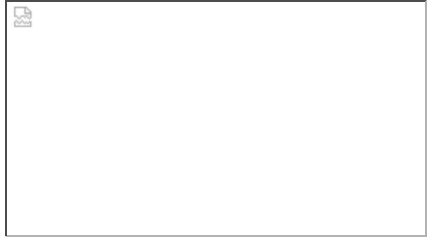
Keeper of the Flame, Song by Miranda Lambert

<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



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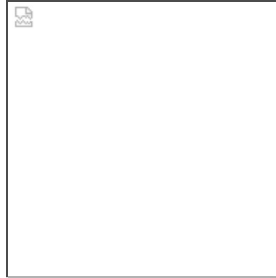
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/va163saints/sets/>

Also on Saints website, **PHOTOS** section

View Counts as of 04 May 2020

Total

937,112 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* (all lower case))

17,553 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 2017-20: 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 Marcely (VA-164)
Tommy Wimberly



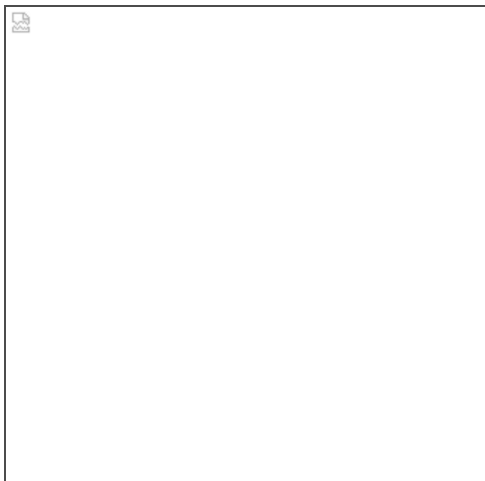
Folks that have donated to the “Saints Flower Fund”: Thank You

*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



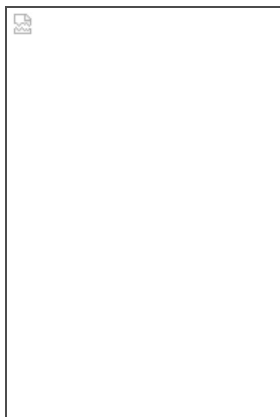
The U.S. Navy **Blue Angels** and **Air Force Thunderbirds** took to the skies over Washington, D.C., on Saturday to thank health care workers and first responders for their work during the coronavirus pandemic. The air display showcased intricate forms and tricks from some of the top pilots in the armed forces and lasted around 20 minutes.



Saints Reunion Planning: Pensacola

Submitted by Ed Chadwick

It's been decided to place a **"hold"** on planning the **2020 reunion**, due to the Virus. When we know restrictions will be lifted, dates will then be picked and planning continued. However, we may need to wait until a vaccine is developed and that seems to be at least one year out.

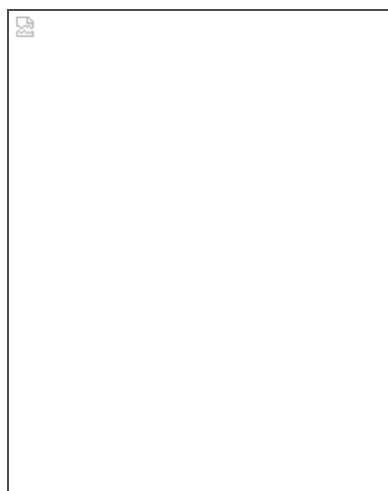
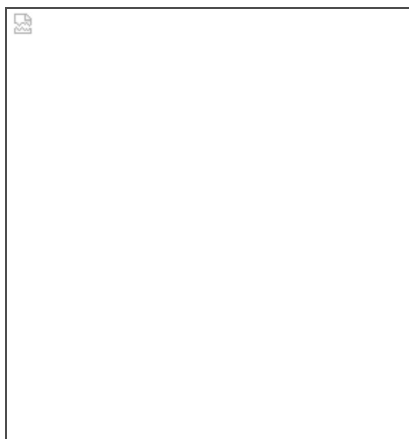


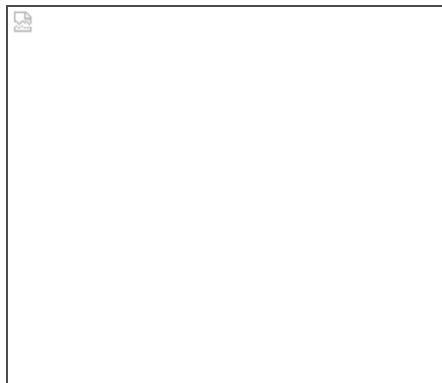
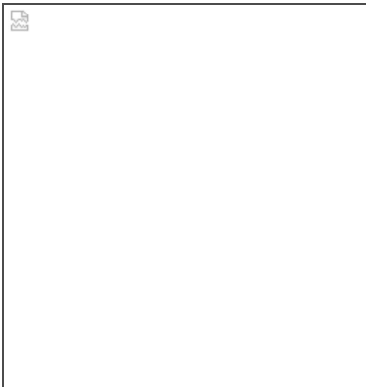
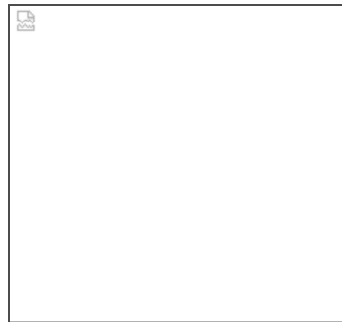
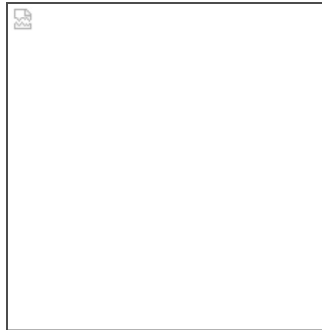
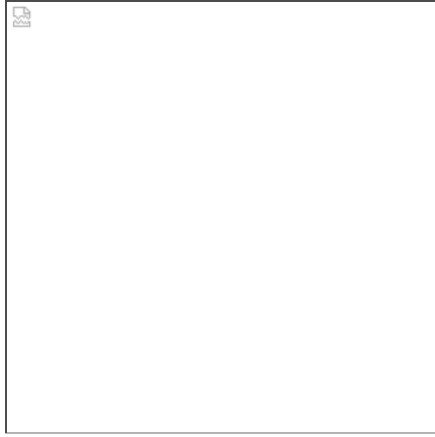


Stimulus Payment Info: 05 May is deadline to file

If you did not file a 2018 or 2019 tax return you should use the [IRS Non-Filer Portal](#) to provide dependent information to the IRS by **May 5 to claim additional payments under the IRS “Plus \$500” program. If Veterans are unable to make this deadline, they can still receive their “Plus \$500” payment, at a later date, by submitting a simple tax return for their 2020 tax filing. Veterans who receive VA Compensation and Pension (C&P) benefits but did not file a tax return will still automatically receive their \$1200 Economic Impact Payment (EIP).**

To file: go to www.irs.gov then select “My Stimulus Payment”. \$1200 per person and \$500 for each dependant. I received my direct deposit payment on 25 April.





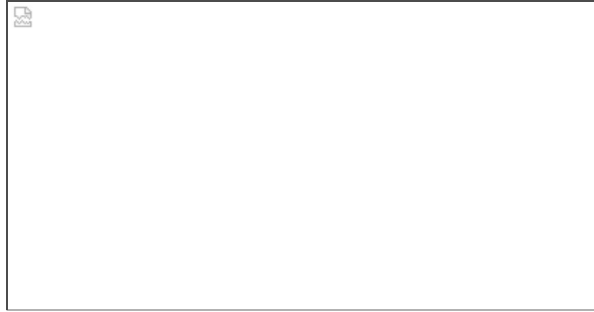
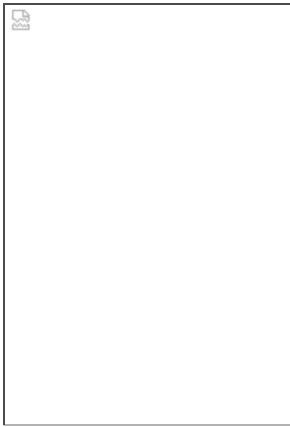
Oriskany Reunion Critique from last Oct:

Submitted by Bill Sargent

I joined the Oriskany Reunion Association (ORA) and my wife and I attended the reunion in Pensacola Florida on October 20-24. There were only approximately 65 men and their wives present, but they have this event every year. I was the only member that was not ship's company. At the final men's meeting I was asked to relay information on upcoming future reunions to VA-163 and 164 in an effort to increase participation. My wife and I really enjoyed it. The last day some of the guys visited MBT Divers Shop and saw the sign on the door of the Saint's ready room from the Oriskany that you had signed this year. That was quite a surprise!! Bill Sargent



A-4's Still Flying:



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**, all of A-4's and Saints articles.*

Only \$30 per year.

To Join: www.A4skyhawk.info.org



Websites of Interest



Old Glory:

Let us always be proud of Old Glory of what it represent's and those who died to defend it.

<https://raulrubiera.smugmug.com/RaulRubieraPhotography/RRP-Final-Images/2020/Evangelo-Morris-Old-Glory/i-zWkvH7G/A>



Blue Angels Ready Room & Taxi: 30 min video



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>



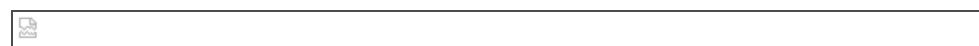
Blue Angels A-4 Video:

<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:



Blue Angels In Flight:

https://www.wearthemighty.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”

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

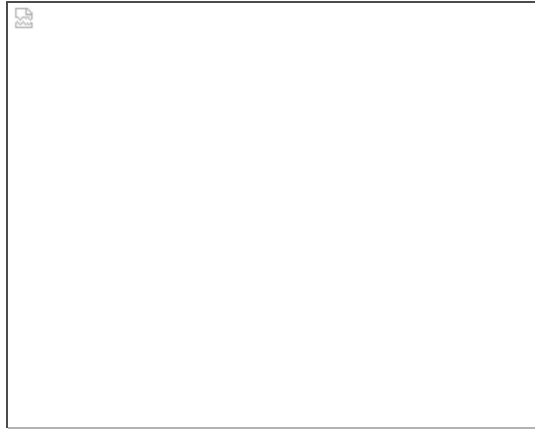


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Coronavirus entering a veteran's body and finding Anthrax and Smallpox vaccines, exhaust fumes, jet fuel, hydraulic fluid, MEK, asbestos, arthritis, tinnitus, and a shitload of Motrin and alcohol



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Day 14 of quarantine...finally got to the bottom of my freezer!!!



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Totals:	Single Seaters	Two Seaters
Military:	10	3
Contract:	22	3
Private:	3	3
Totals:	35	9

Grand Totals: 44 Flying Skyhawks,
February 2019

A-4's Still Flying!
as of February 2019

13 Military
25 Contract
6 Private
Total: 44




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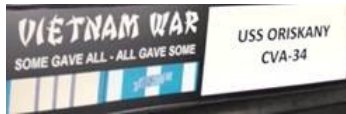


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