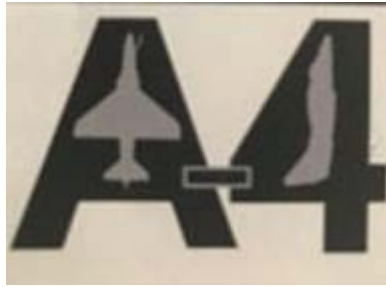


*Toooo Weeet... Attention on Deck... "Saints...August newsletter"...Arriving!*  
*ALSO ON SAINTS WEBSITE*

## 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.



17th Year Edition  
Established Nov 2002  
VOL 1 Issue 210



**Stay Safe, Be Healthy, Be Well**  
**It will come to pass**

To all the healthcare workers; thank you for your service.

# “All Lives Matter”

God Bless our Military and Law Enforcement



## **Standing the Watch**

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

### **“Keeper of the Flame”**

Memories glimmer and hide in the dim shadows  
Daring us to ‘...catch me...if you can!’...  
As time steadily treads its own meandering path,  
It’s hard to trace old members of the clan.  
Then someone steps up with lantern and blade  
Shouting, “Let’s gather them in for us all, good neighbor!  
We’ll bring forth those hidden in the shade, and  
Share them with one and another!  
“I’ll keep that flame high and the blade ever sharp,  
That our friends may never be lost in the dark!”

### **Keeper of the Flame, Song by Miranda Lambert**

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



ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT





ATKRON 163



[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 03 August 2020**

**Total**

**937,436 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](http://www.va163.org) (password: *saints4ever* (all lower case))

**17,901** *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

176 Landa Street #210

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  
Lucille Stickley  
James Marceley (VA-164)  
Steve Cutting (VA-164)  
Tommy Wimberly (other)



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

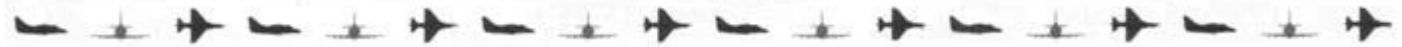
*Flowers have been sent to 5 funerals*

Ken Adams  
Raymond Baker  
Russ Stickley  
Earl Groff  
John Roosen  
Thomas Harwood  
Griff Sexton  
Ed Chadwick  
Daniel Lestage  
Lucille Stickley



To the VA-163 -  
Thank you for honoring  
Russ with the beautiful red,  
white and blue flower bouquet  
for his funeral. Your warm  
gesture was a blessing to us.  
Lucy Stickley & family

Thank you Ed for lovely  
military bouquet from VA 163.  
So pretty with the flags and  
the blue square vases. They  
were so pretty. Russ would have  
been so proud. He dearly loved  
to be a part of the squadron  
and his special Navy friends.  
You are doing and have been  
doing a fine job keeping us  
all informed on the new letters  
of all the happenings.  
Thank you.  
Lucy Stickley



[Saint Earl "Jelloman" Groff's wife passed away:](#) RIP Patsy, Gods peace be with Earl and family

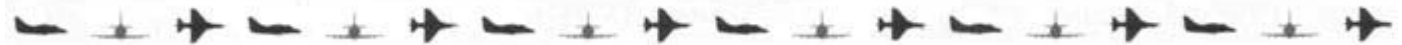
#### Obituary

PATRICIA A. GROFF (formerly Adams), 86, of North Wildwood, NJ, passed away on Monday, July 20, 2020. Born in Philadelphia, PA to the late Edward and Elizabeth LeMunyon Gallagher, she graduated from Little Flower High School in 1951 and moved here in 1974 from Philadelphia. She was a member of St. Ann Church.

Pat and her husband Earl owned and operated Groff's Restaurant in Wildwood for 26 years. She ran Tours By Pat Groff and also worked for A&P in Wildwood, Bell Telephone in Philadelphia, and Broadway Chrysler Plymouth in Philadelphia.

**Pat is survived by her husband, Earl A. Groff;** her children, Martin (Linda) Adams, Mary Adams, Catharine (John) Harford, Patricia (Shawn) Bulifant, Denise (Michael) Shepherd, Edward (Josette) Adams, Anne (Harry) Cowan, and Jennifer G. (Jay) Jutkofsky; her sisters, Elizabeth Messer and Kathy Stoess; 21 grandchildren; and 32 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Edward Gallagher and Thomas Gallagher; and her sister, Joan Cox.

Memorial services will be private for the family. Donations in Pat's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or to the charity of one's choice.



[Happy Birthday Fritz #81:](#)



[Robert Lee, an Original Saints Plank Walker:](#) He say's to donate blood







**Health Updates:**

Ken Adams: I survived an emergency operation to remove my ruptured spleen but have recovered and 01 August I will be able to lift more than 10 pounds,

Ray Miller: Issues with Dementia

Walley Spain: Issues with COPD

Ed Copher: Issues with neuropathy, numbness in both feet, caused by Agent Orange

JC Ferris: Issues with prostates

George Gabrys: Lots of different issues, say's his whole body hurts.....

**think character  
is permanent,  
and issues are  
transient.**

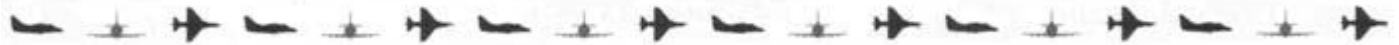
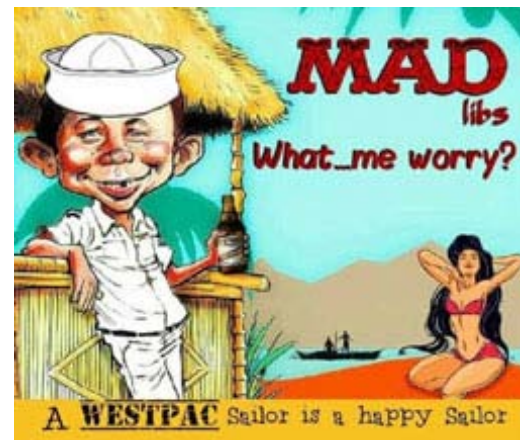
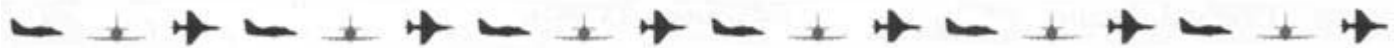
- Vice Admiral James Stockdale



Notice the price of Prime Rib.....back in the day.

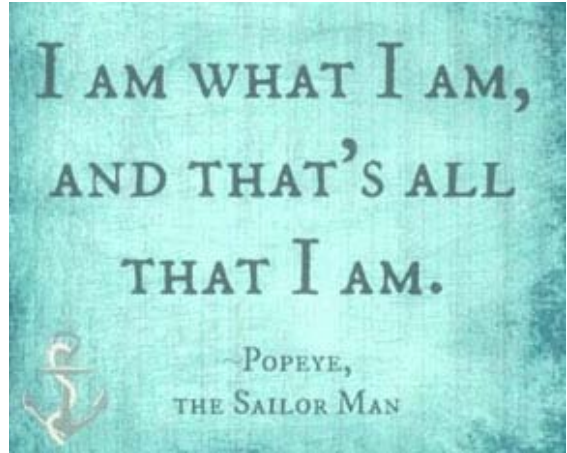


Saint  
JC Ferris





**ONLY A SAILOR KNOWS  
THE STRUGGLE OF PARTYING  
AND HAVING TO PEE IN  
NAVY DRESS BLUES**

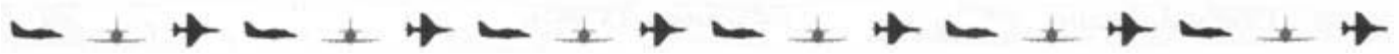


**I AM WHAT I AM,  
AND THAT'S ALL  
THAT I AM.**

**POPEYE,  
THE SAILOR MAN**



**WHEN YOU WERE OUT AT  
SEA WHAT WAS YOUR GQ STATION**





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](http://www.A4skyhawk.info.org)



## 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. Oriskany Reunion Association: [www.ussoriskany.com](http://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](http://www.oriskanycharterboats.com/oriskany_photos.htm)
7. Diving Oriskany Reef, 25 March 2007: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9l-wYnlBZis>
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](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=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](https://youtu.be/e92t7kgV_Ws)

24. USS Oriskany Alumni: “facebook page” and gallery has some great photos. Go to Facebook to join the group

**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](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)



**Sailor, Petula Clark 1961:**

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



**Oriskany in Bridges of Toko-Ri:**

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=bIFuGFBw\\_yI](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=bIFuGFBw_yI)



**China Navy Training video:**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zeJqxUMzN64>

**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>



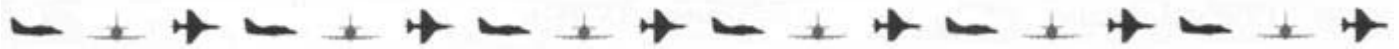
**Blue Angels A-4 Video:**

<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>



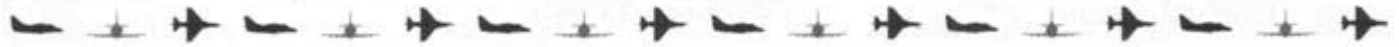
**I Stand:**

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



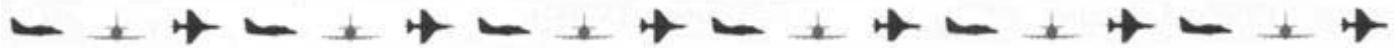
**Blue Angels In Flight:**

[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](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>

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**Oriskany Sinking Article & photos:**

<https://fighterjetsworld.com/naval/the-u-s-navy-blows-up-aircraft-carrier-sets-world-record-that-still-stands/10506/>

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**181 Pictures from Oriskany, including inaction Fire photos:**

No need to log in.

<https://genelewis.smugmug.com/SLIDE-GALLERY-FROM-JAMON-KENT-PH2/>

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NAS Lemoore April 1968:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5sRIO4kvjVE&feature=youtu.be>



# SAINTS ONBOARD (260 Names)

“Muster Call”

Revised 03 August 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](http://www.va163.org) (password, *Saints4ever*) capital S

