Toooo Weeeettt..Attention on Deck…Now hear this...Standby to hear a message from the bridge…. “Saints **October** 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.

2022

20th Year Edition

Established Nov 2002

VOL 1 Issue 236

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation *under God*, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is God's gift, that's why we call it the present"

"Remember today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday"

"Don't complain about growing old! Some people don't get the privilege"

Stay safe, Be proud, Be strong, Be healthy, and Be well, It will all come to pass

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.

Salute.

Salute to all you Saints heros. Thank you for your service.

God Bless you

ALL GAVE SOME
SOME GAVE ALL

God Bless
America

THANK YOU
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THE PROFESSIONALS PREFERENCE
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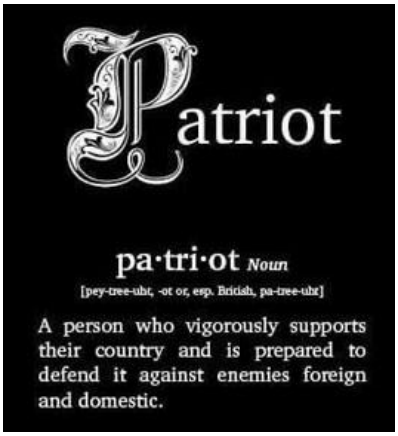
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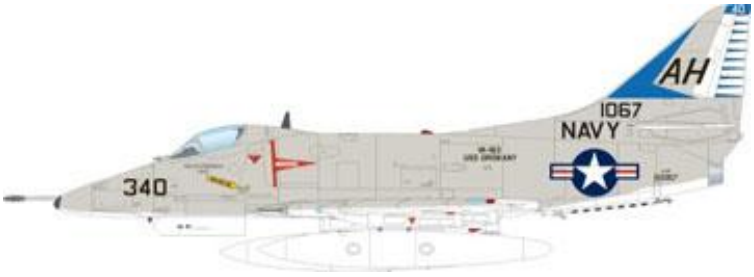
[pey-tree-uht, -ot or, esp. British, pa-tree-uht]
A person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against enemies foreign and domestic.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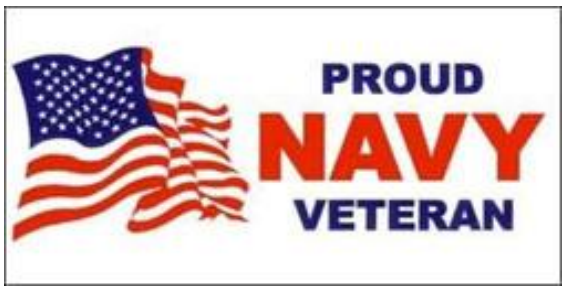
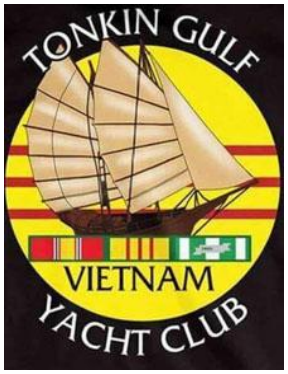




Standing the Watch

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!

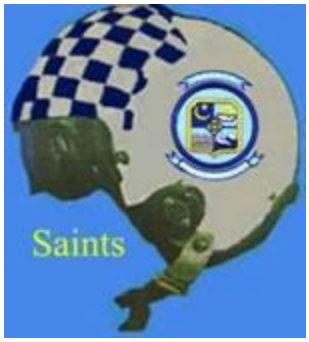
We'll bring forth those hidden in the shade, and

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!"

ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT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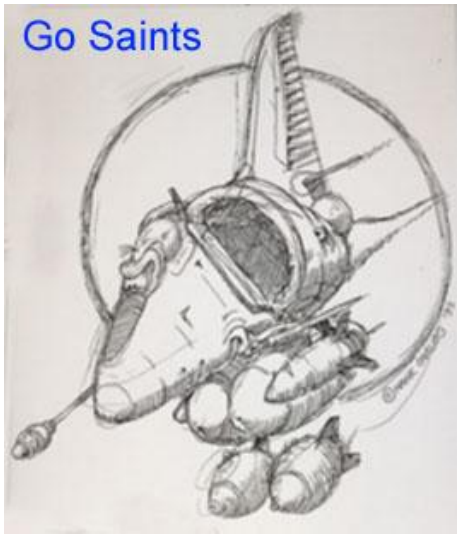
Go Saints

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 07 OCTOBER 2022

"Over a million views"

1,117,223 views

"Saints Reunion Virginia Beach" 49 photos & 1 video

Click on link below

https://www.flickr.com/photos/va163saints/albums/72157720165688053/with/51698826279/

****Paid **$76.00** to Flickr.com for Saints Photo website on 27 April 2022

SAINTS WEBSITE

THE WEBSITE HAS THE LATEST NEWSLETTERS AND ROSTER

Saints website **www.va163.org** password: ***S**aints4ever capital S*

***31,455** 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**

14 March 2022 paid $15.45 to "Active-Domain" website hosting for 1 year renewal

5 OCT 2021 paid $306.75 to “GoDaddy” website hosting for 2 year renewal

15 Jan 2022 paid $120 to “Webmaster” for maintenance of site, annual renewal

01 March 2022 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 2017-21: A big shout out…”Thank You”

Ken Adams

Raymond Baker

Dave Carey

Ed Chadwick

Dennis Dooley

David Farley

JC Ferris (2)

Bob Feuillerat

Earl Groff (3)

Tom Harwood

Bill Houk (2)

Dale & Mary Landroth

Daniel Lestage (2)

George Lundy (2)

Roger Meyer

Pete Munro

Floyd Oakes

Richard Odegaard

MA Petty

John Roosen (2)

Seth Rossman (2)

Bill Sargent

Fritz Schroeder

John Shore (2)

James Thompson

Bill Tomko

Anthony Stabile

Lucille Stickley (4)

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 the last 12 funerals

Ken Adams

Raymond Baker

Dennis Dooley

Earl Groff

John Roosen

Seth Rossman

Thomas Harwood

Griff Sexton

Anthony Stabile

Ed Chadwick

Daniel Lestage (2)

Lucille Stickley (4)

I went on the Austin Veterans Honor Flight to DC Friday 30 Sept, got back Saturday night with about 500 folks clapping, and yelling welcome home, hugging us, and welcome home signs, very touching and emotional. I'm still on cloud nine. The 9/11 plane that hit the pentagon first hit the top of the hotel we stayed in. **Trip of lifetime for sure.**

Saint Denny Earl is going on the trip this weekend from Utah.

Vietnam War Memorial

WW II Memorial

Some of our group got to participate in changing of the guard and wreath.

Korean Memorial

Iwo Jima/Marine Memorial

Some old worn out Saint

Miss DC sang the National Anthem….was awesome

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PILOTS VIEW ON LAUNCH

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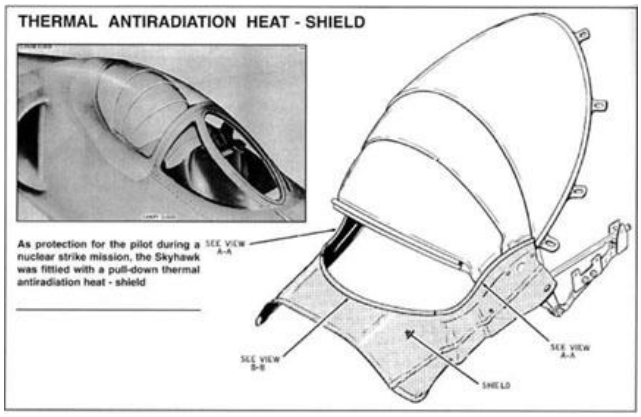
THERMAL ANTIRADIATION HEAT - SHIELD
As protection for the pilot during a nuclear strike mission, the Skyhawk was fitted with a pull-down thermal antiradiation heat - shield
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SEE VIEW B-B
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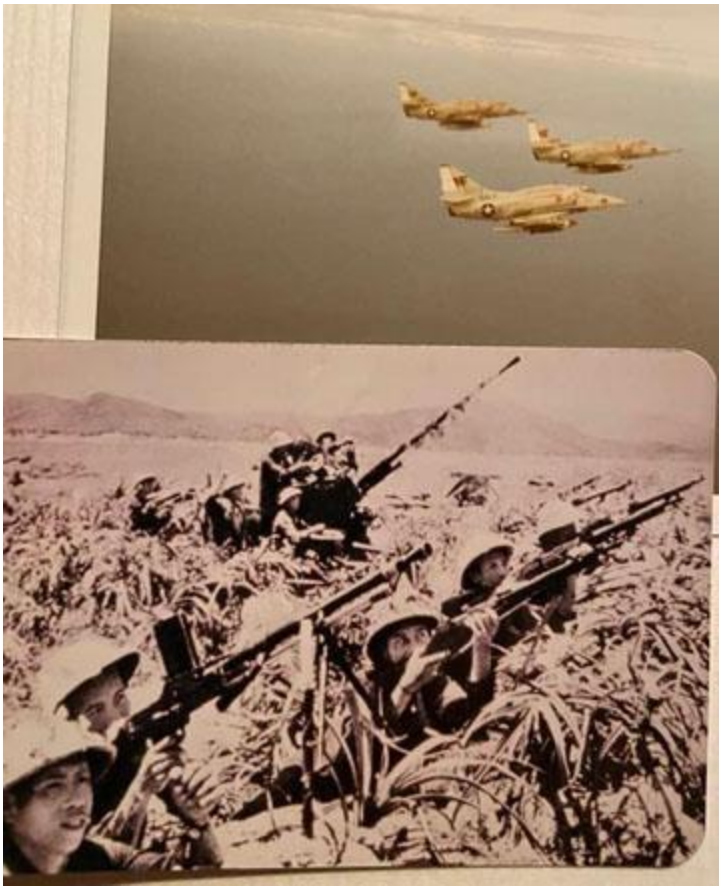

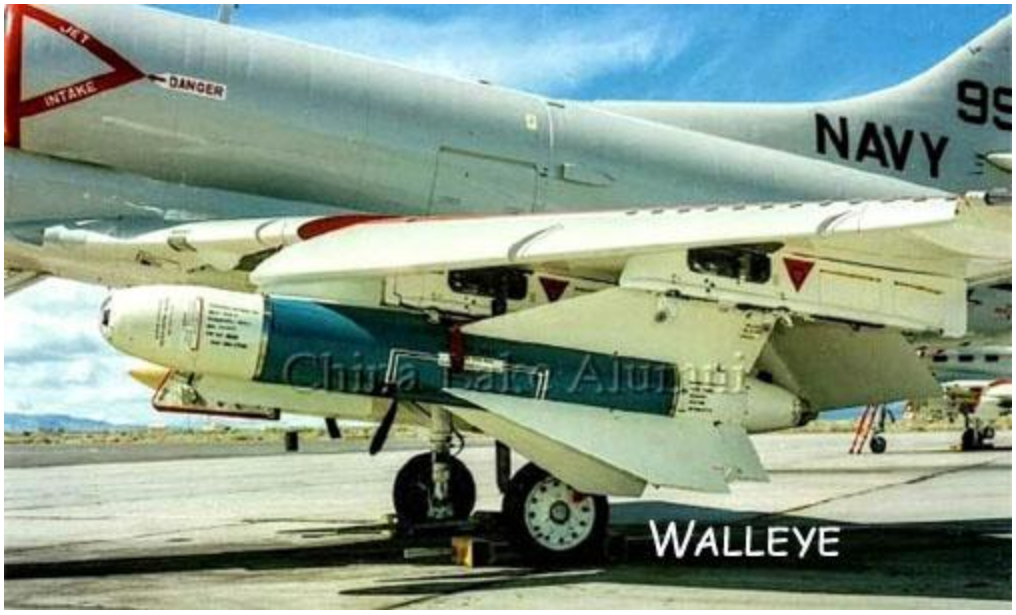
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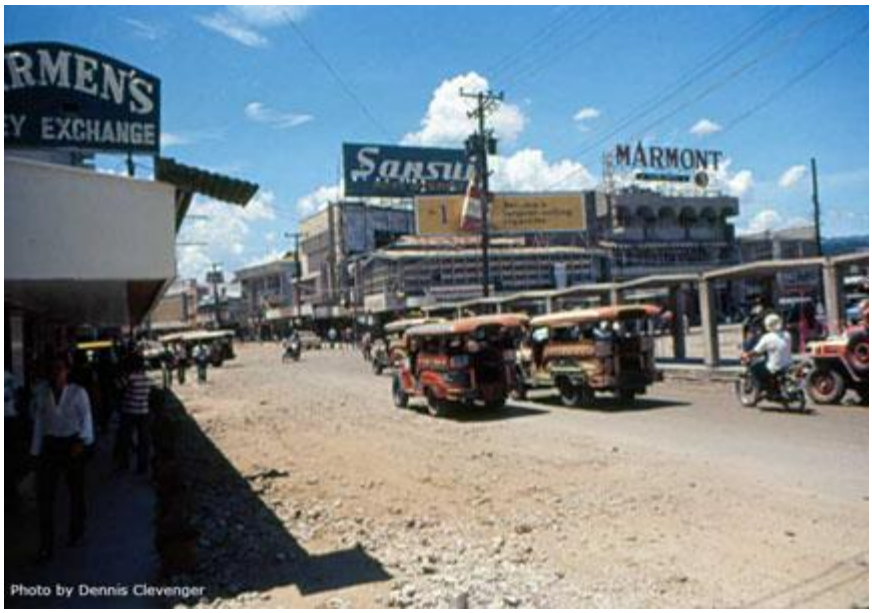
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Photo by Dennis Clevenger

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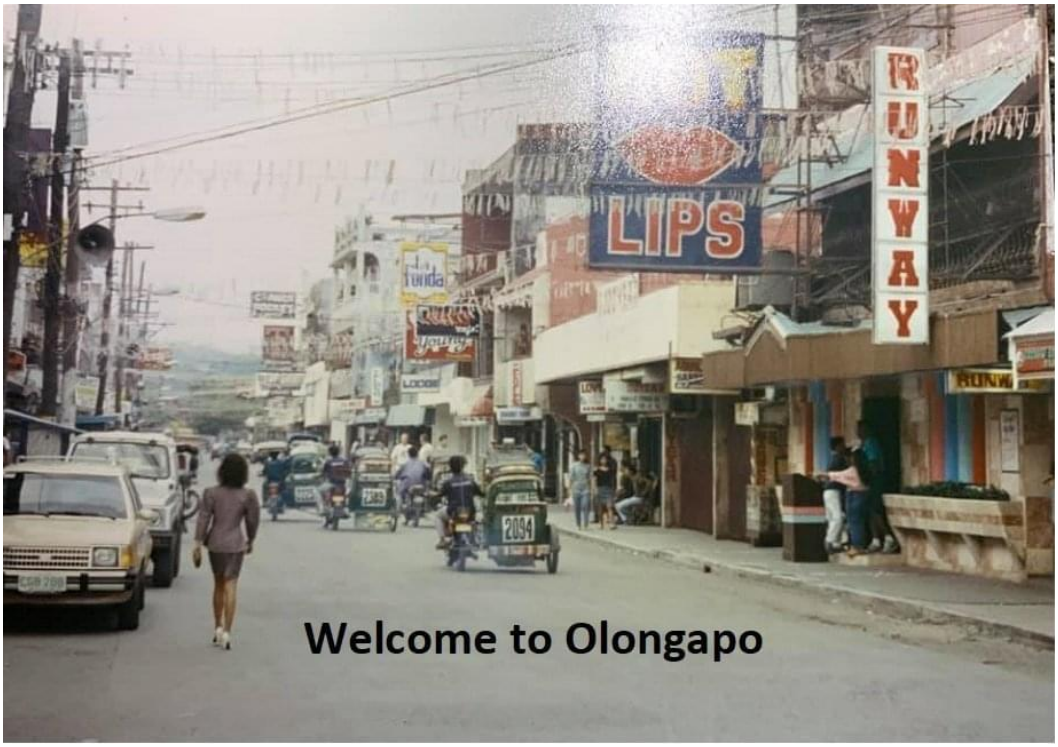
LIPS
RUNWAY
Welcome to Olongapo

U . S . NAVAL BASE
SUBIC BAY, R . P.
Photo by Dennis Clevenger

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STAR LIGHT
© YOKOSUKA SAILOR

DONUT GALS
FAR RIGHT BLONDE
FRIEND FROM
WACO, TX
Credit: Ellen Cadden Nagy

Joyce Denke

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WAR OF WORDS

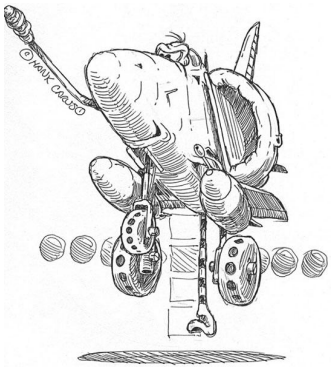
Today marks the 35th anniversary of the death of Sir Douglas Bader and I couldn't let it pass without this story about the RAF hero. He was giving a talk at an upmarket girl's school about his time as a pilot in the Second World War. "So there were two of the f***ers behind me, three f***ers to my right, another f***er on the left," he told the audience. The headmistress went pale and interjected: "Ladies, the Fokker was a German aircraft." Sir Douglas replied: "That may be, madam, but these f***ers were in Messerschmitts."

Submitted by Ed Chadwick

Join the "VA-163 Saints" Facebook group:

Please join the "**VA-163 Saints**" Facebook group. Updates on reunions etc. and other interesting Saints postings. You can post pictures and other info for others to enjoy. Just go to Facebook Groups and search for **VA-163 Saints**.

Ed Copher is the group administrator and will approve your joining.



The Skyhawk Association has 797 members, 14 Saints are members

Home page: *Click here:* **Home Page | The Skyhawk Association**

VA-163 page: VA-163 | The Skyhawk Association

YouTube page: Skyhawk Association - YouTube

*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

Navy Dreams: This is a cool retro WWII type video. Music is great too.

This poor sailor kid had a hell of a dream! And where it was made. Ready? In RUSSIA to American music!!! I would love to see that LSO on my platform……

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Cp-IQroPNIM

How Blue Water Navy Ships were exposed to Agent Orange - BLUE WATER NAVY ASSOCIATION

https://www.bwnvva.org/how-blue-water-navy-ships-were-exposed-to-agent-orange.html

Oriskany Websites: USS Oriskany (CVA 34) 25 Sep 1950 / 20 Sep 1979 Stricken from Navy List 1989. Sold 9 Sep 1995, but the contractor defaulted. Repossessed by the Navy and contract terminated 30 Jul 1997. Sunk off the coast of Florida 17 May 2006 for use as an 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

6.32 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-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

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=DJ5ykZjRalM

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

25. **Oriskany Dive video, to the Brig:** 6 Dec 2021

https://www.facebook.com/groups/28616026909/permalink/10157960059966910/

26. **Oriskany Dive video, to the XO’s stateroom and Officers Mess:** 31 Oct 2021

https://www.facebook.com/groups/28616026909/permalink/10157960065921910/

Oriskany Fire, Life Magazine

Life Magazine, November 25, 1966

“A Carrier’s Agony — Hell Afloat”

An approximate **15 page article with photos** detailing the tragedy at sea. Click below for complete article:

http://www.ussoriskany.us/Oriskany/LifeNR.pdf

Oriskany in Western Pacific

https://youtu.be/CuznRX9Pa9k

Oriskany Flight Ops and Unrep:

https://catalog.archives.gov/id/85461](https://catalog.archives.gov/id/85461)

Oriskany on YouTube video:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=6I8DIJA5DU0&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR210YA4tzW4VITm58zt0aerctBQCmhNBOrT9okW6Brb7V0Jmzlh9RNEP1g

From Ed Chadwick: Pilot Down

Interestingly in1967, we lost several men and aircraft in 1967 on an attempted rescue of one Navy pilot. Orders came down immediately that no more high threat rescues would be allowed. It's possible that the reactions of many of us may have eventually altered that "no rescue" policy.

http://www.pilotsofamerica.com/forum/showthread.php?t=42816

Oriskany Video from 1966:

https://catalog.archives.gov/id/85461?fbclid=IwAR3-cX6vMpSSO_o0yaSvozse5MfRLnf0VBaByznNGVWA3_U4WZ8OXNJjUGY

Blue Angels:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVxpCHqXQoI

TA-4 inflight video:

https://instagram.com/skyhawk518?utm_medium=copy_link

Ed Copher Oriskany Fire Interview: Done at Virginia Beach on 5 Nov, 30 min video
ED COPHER RAW INTERVIEW **https://f.io/oxWyqbJo**

Huggin the Deck video: 54 min video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSgDlS5l9s8

John Shore 1965-66 WestPac Video:

https://youtu.be/pWeBAyWIfP8

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%2262039648799040 8%22%3A32592078 0869208%7D&action_type_map=%7B%2262039648799040 8%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=IwAR0Onwxj0QPhQRFLCmZ6wzytP

b9D9YpRVSIB2Ea6cKhhUKm2gP0SECiqj-k

A-4 Skyhawk Wikipedia:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_A-4_Skyhawk?fbclid=IwAR0ICpJW03arF1pU2JU

3uv5vccB2Y4S9_UXVE_mmsKY7KuXYttPrc0oH2UM

Amazing Carrier Landing:

https://fb.watch/8szS_yQV97/

Website on the A-4 Skyhawk with much interest as I am very keen to commission and publish further books on this beautiful and iconic aircraft. More on us can be gleaned here: https://www.fonthill.media/products/phantom-pilot

If you are interested in possibly connecting and discussing a proposal on the A-4 Skyhawk or a pilot/ground crew memoir, please do not hesitate to contact me. j.slater@fonthillmedia.com via fonthill.onmicrosoft.com

Oriskany Amature flight deck videos: From Facebook

1. https://www.facebook.com/groups/28616026909/permalink/10157816002016910/
2. https://www.facebook.com/groups/28616026909/permalink/10157815770641910/
3. https://www.facebook.com/groups/28616026909/permalink/10157815786321910/

Landing on Oriskany Video:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gm2jT6Ftn3E&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR23MVLfw6

9KhDsQ9A5BFS3tAEGzT_dBFHtHXMHL-GsiBh7TUxnRSdL-1Cs

A-4 Inflight Crash video:

https://fb.watch/8jyVi92eJh/

Oriskany Sinking video:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=F2-Aew7SMO8&fbclid=IwAR2xrucXr7I2IaUx8SM98-IlDXp

Ai3

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

Petula Clark, Sailor 1961

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

Oriskany in Bridges of Toko-Ri:

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

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/1vthAlcaGIvADom4

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:

Saint 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 the 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 07 OCTOBER 2022

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, ***S****aints4ever capital S*

Happy trails to you....until we meet again**…….https://g.co/kgs/3FJhs4**