

Toooo Weeet... Attention on Deck...“Saints...**SEPTEMBER** 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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**Standing the Watch**

Ed Copher, Editor, "Saints Everlasting 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 Sept 2019**

Total

**934,970** views



## **\*\*\*SAINTS WEB SITE\*\*\***

### **THE WEBSITE HAS THE LATEST NEWSLETTERS AND ROSTER**

Saints website [www.va163.org](http://www.va163.org) (password: *Saints4ever* (capital S))

**16,300** 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**

**Any donations are appreciated**

Ed Copher

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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

Dan Lestage

George Lundy

Roger Meyer

Pete Munro

Floyd Oakes

MA Petty

John Roosen

Bill Sargent

Russ Sticklely

James Thompson

Bill Tomko

Anthony Stable

James Marcely (VA-164)



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

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

Ken Adams

Raymond Baker

Russ Sticklely

Earl Groff

John Roosen

Thomas Harwood

Griff Sexton



**USS Oriskany Reunion:** 20-24 Oct 2019 Pensacola, FL

### Annual Reunion

The Oriskany Reunion Association meets once every autumn to catch up, attend to club business, and generally have a good time! Reunions typically alternate between the east and west coasts. This year's reunion is slated to be hosted **October 20-24, 2019 in Pensacola, FL**. Reservations must be made by September 21, 2019. Please check your latest newsletter for details.

<https://www.oriskanymuseum.com/uss-oriskany-reunion-association-ora.html>

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Bill Tomko's VA-163 Jeep ready for parade



**Hello Saints and Ghostriders: Lady Jessie Premier**

We would like to invite you to the premier screening of “Lady Jessie: A Vietnam Story” on Wednesday, October 30th, 2019 at the historic [Crest Theater](#) in Sacramento. The evening will include a social hour and conclude with a panel discussion and expression of gratitude to our veterans.

This enhanced version of “Lady Jessie” incorporates additional voices from **both VA-163 and VA-164**, and seeing it on “the big screen” should be a unique experience. We understand that with Ghostriders and Saints scattered across the country, the trip may not be possible for many of you, but are hoping that many Air Wing 16 friends, family, fans and former shipmates will join us.

Because Lady Jessie will be broadcast as part of the Viewfinder series, which is produced by PBS affiliate KVIE, the anticipated fundraising will not be necessary. However we believe the program will be well received and are working towards a 60 minute program for Memorial Day, 2020, which may necessitate some additional interviews. We are looking into finding an underwriter for the program, but will keep you posted if any fundraising is necessary.

We will send along a trailer and a sneak peek at the movie poster when they are finalized. Thank you for helping us spread word through the ranks, and letting us know if you think you might join us.

Happy Naval Aviation Day, and hope to hear from you soon!

**Suzanne Eckes-Wahl**

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**[Book written by Saint Skip Foulks sister:](#)** Skip was KIA while assigned to VA-163

Finding the Fallen: Outstanding Aircrew Mysteries from the First World War ... - Andy Saunders

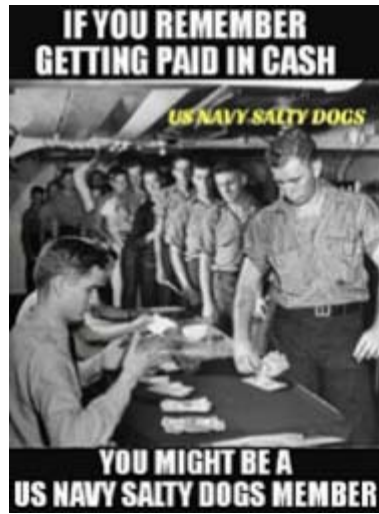
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Written by sister of LTJG Skip Foulkes, VA-163



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Monthly Archives: April 2013

**APR 04 2013**  
14 COMMENTS

DISCOVERING HISTORY AND RELATED ITEMS, SPECIAL, UNUSUAL & RARE ITEMS, VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT & AIRCRAFT PARTS, BOOKS & PRODUCTS

### HUGE 1:6 SCALE AIRCRAFT CARRIER DISCOVERED IN FL



Photo by Graham, "The USS Oriskany 1:6 Scale Aircraft Carrier" at the 2013 Air Gun Show, Photo: Mike Smith

#### The Making of the 1:6 Scale USS Oriskany (CV-34)

The author and artist, **Mike Smith**, writes in "The Joe Report" recently to let us know something exciting he has discovered in Pensacola, FL - a 1:6 scale aircraft carrier! He writes and talks about the 1980s U.S. Flag program by Graham, and he talks about a 1:6 scale, 1/4 inch long, currently "in progress" 1:6 scale model carrier. To better illustrate the ship's size, Smith placed one of the Oriskany (CV-34) in the photo and took the following photo (see below).



Photo by Graham, "The USS Oriskany" by continuing to use the website, you agree to our site



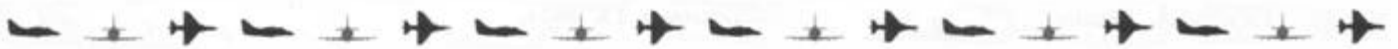
Oriskany model



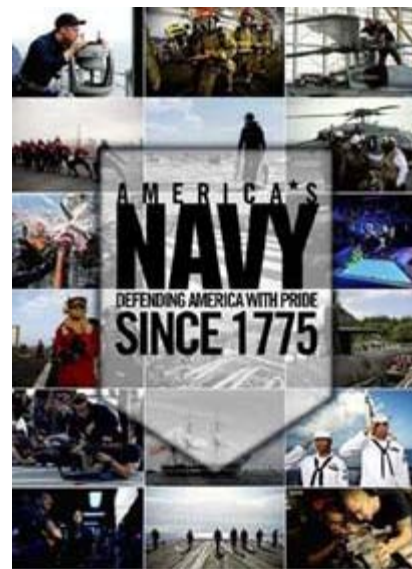
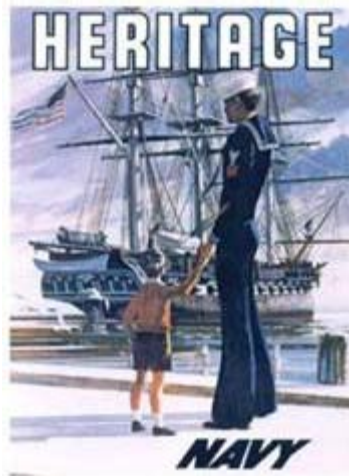
[Oriskany 1966](#)



Original Patch



Popeye is 90 years old today!!





[The Skyhawk Association has 797 members, 14 Saints are members](#)

[VA-163 page](http://a4skyhawk.info/article-unit/va163): <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.*



## [BLUE ANGELS COCKPIT...](#)

Another day in the life of a naval aviator.

Thought you might like a safe ride with the Blue Angels over the southern end of Lake Washington and Renton



Airport in Washington State.

Love the “**Blues**”, their home is here in Pensacola. Love the practices, sometimes they fly right over the house... way too cool!

The pilot is chewing gum and has some funny facial expressions!

Ever wonder what "Pure Awesome" looks like? Wonder No More.

This footage is of the "slot man" in the Diamond formation - toughest flying due to wingtip vortices, etc. When he "smiles", he is pulling some serious positive/negative "g" forces.

(The smile is actually the pilot grunting.)

WOW! What a ride! Notice the rest of the formation in the pilot's reflective goggles!

Sound up, open video link and click 'Play' arrow.

**[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 04 Sept 2019

New or changed address:

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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

