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NEWSLETTER

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Preserving the Past Providing for Today
Promoting the Future

WINTER EDITION

By: Jerry "Ricochet" Fritze

Way back in the fall of 1978 I was attending college at East L.A. City in the Theater Arts program. The play the director chose for the winter performance was Tennessee Williams Camino Real, and before we go further please note that it is not pronounced with a Spanish accent but rather as CAM-ino Reel. It is a foray in to the world of surrealism, almost a *fantastique*, and moving throughout the work are characters both real and fictional. It is considered one of the most difficult plays to stage. I can never forget the opening discourse between Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, the gist of which runs thusly:

"Blue is the color of distance! Blue is the color of nobility! Blue is the color of distance and nobility! And that is why a knight should always carry a bit of blue ribbon somewhere about his armor, or, on the tip of his lance; to remind him of how far he has come, and how far he has yet to go."

The opening night of the play was an unmitigated disaster; our primary special effect was a large wood and Styrofoam plane, with a wingspan about four feet across. It ran on a guide wire, from behind the proscenium arch, up to the projection booth, and underneath was covered in glitter. It was to represent the "El Fugitivo", which was the only way out of Camino Real. It launched, the guide wire snapped, and it landed in the third row, which, mercifully, was empty.

Flash forward to June of 1981. I was in the Rockies up on the Divide north of Wolf Creek Pass working as a surveyor. As the crew watched the chopper depart, I saw a brass marker at my feet, about 5" across. I bent down and saw that it read International Geophysical Year 1958. That in itself was note-worthy, that I was actually standing *on* the Continental Divide, but then as the sun continued to rise behind me and I stood looking out to the West I was struck deeply and profoundly. An epiphany. How far I had come in just a few short years! Somewhere over there out beyond the horizon, almost in a straight line west from where I was standing rested Lemoore, and to the East there seemed to be endless ranks of still snow-capped peaks, stretching away forever under a clear, cobalt sky. How far to go? I had no blue ribbon but in that moment I developed what became my core philosophy on life: Always look back. Because, *how do you know where you're going if you don't know where you've been?*

Rosario "Zip" Rausa didn't need to look back on his life in the same fashion. I found him to be a quiet, unassuming man, of slight build, reserved and dignified. He had an understated, serious yet bemused look to his face that spoke volumes. Zip knew things, things that are only learned by hard experience. Like many who served Zip never thought himself a Hero, others would bestow that moniker. He just knew when he was needed, and why, and the rules be damned. There are two combat maxims that have applied since the days when our species first began to throw rocks at one another: "If you're not prepared to go all the way, then don't engage." and "You must always win". Zip had a long, distinguished and accomplished life. However, in February of 1968, he was the consummate Warrior, and because of that, other men lived. Heroes are for mythology, Zip was a man. And for me, that's all you need to say.



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Mission Statement

Perpetuate the history of Naval Aviation Squadrons
VT-17, VA-6B, VA-65, VA-25 and VFA-25,
Remember deceased veterans and comfort their survivors,
Conduct charitable and educational programs,
Foster and participate in activities of patriotic nature,
Assist current active squadron members, and
Provide assistance to family members in times of
emergency.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've just returned from a great 75th Anniversary Celebration at VFA-25. Skipper Chris "Meat" Dentzer and the Fist members put on a terrific show. Members of our Association talked to the assembled squadron about their time in the Navy and in particular their memories as a 'Fist'. Matt Long, Clint Johnson, and Gary "Dome" Kerans had turns at the podium discussing squadron alumni camaraderie, MIG shoot downs, and peacetime 'cold war' cruises. Then the fun really started as a number of former pilots tried their hand in the F/A-18 simulator with some carrier landings, or attempted carrier landings. I personally saw Bob "Nut Nut" Nutwell make a solid approach to an 'Okay 3 wire', while at least one Spad driver received a crash course in using the HUD (Heads Up Display). You are never too old to bag a trap! The day came to an end with a great reception at the O Club where 'Fist' alumni and current squadron members got to know each other and swap a few stories over some beers. Among the attendees were former skippers Warner Butler, Jim Hamilton, and John Lockhard. The pilots are an impressive bunch of guys and the enlisted members are dedicated, hardworking folks doing their best to maintain aircraft in a tight budget environment. My hat's off to all of them!

While the Anniversary was a high point, we also had to cope with the sadness of losing fellow shipmates. In particular, my old skipper, Pete Ogle, passed away suddenly at his home near Portland, OR. He may have been a short fellow but he always stood tall in my eyes. Another legend, Rosario "Zip" Rausa, passed away near year end. "Zip" will always be remembered for his performance at the Battle of Lang Vei in 1968; an action we recounted at our 2011 reunion.

I'll end with a real sea story about an unmanned Hornet bagging a night trap on the *Nimitz*. It seems that a nugget was getting pretty low on his approach to the boat so 'Paddles' was on the radio shouting for "more power, power". But the kid was slow to respond and it looked like he was headed for the back end of the boat. At the last second the kid went into complete panic mode, putting the Hornet into afterburner and then smartly ejecting when he feared hitting the ramp. Well, the Hornet cleared the deck, snagged the three wire and just sat there on the deck in full afterburner until it ran out of fuel as no one had the courage to approach the fiery beast and shutdown the engines. They tell me the story is true, and it did appear in the *Pacific Flyer* newspaper edition of January, 2013.

It may be true but I recall someone asking me if I always believed what I read in the newspaper, or on the internet for that matter. We report, you be the judge.

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Blue Angels Tour Dates

Mar 10 NAF El Centro Airshow CA
Mar 17/18 OPEN
Mar 24/25 Wings Over South Texas Air Show NAS Kingsville TX

Apr 7/8 Heart of Texas Airshow Waco TX
Apr 14/15 Tuscaloosa Regional Airshow AL
Apr 21/22 Vero Beach Air Show Vero Beach FL
Apr 28/29 Wings Over Myrtle Beach SC

May 5/6 MCAS Cherry Point Airshow NC
May 12/13 MacDill AFB Air Fest FL
May 23/25 U.S. Naval Academy Air Show Annapolis MD
May 26/27 Bethpage Jones Beach Air Show Wantagh NY

SKIPPER'S CORNER

So the 75th anniversary of our prestigious organization has come and gone, and I will tell you it was a huge success. Our Sailors absolutely crushed it as they were able to get four aircraft fully mission capable for the missing man fly over, all the while getting the hangar spaces cleaned and prepped for the ceremony. Add to that their normal workload, and the Sailors of VFA-25 came through once again. I also want to thank all of our alumni that made it out. Having you there made it a truly special day and as I knew they would be, the stories were both plentiful and outrageous. Special thanks to CAPT Clint Johnson, USN retired, Matt Long, and the former president of the FOFA, Gary Kerans for speaking. It will be a day long remembered around here.

With workups right around the corner, the squadron is busy getting our personnel qualified and our aircraft through planned maintenance inspection, or PMI. We will get the chance to flex our muscle prior to workups officially beginning in April with a detachment to Tyndall AFB where we are scheduled to shoot two AIM-120 AMRAAM missiles and four AIM-9 Sidewinders. The fact that it will be spring break in the Florida panhandle is a nice bonus. Until the next edition...

Damn proud to be a Fist!
Skipper



FROM THE COCKPIT By: LT Gerald "Soul Patch" Anderson

On January 19th, 2018, VFA-25 celebrated 75 years of combat excellence. 75 years earlier, on January 1st, 1943, VT-17 was commissioned in Norfolk, VA, commanded by LCDR Frank M Whitaker. Flying the TBF-1 Avenger, VT-17 would participate in campaigns against the Japanese in the Caroline Islands, the Marshall Islands, and the Marianas Islands to include supporting the invasions of Okinawa and Iwo Jima during the Second World War. After the war, VT-17 would trade in the Avenger for the A-1 Skyraider becoming VA-65. In June 1949, VA-65 officially became Fist of the Fleet. From there, the squadron flew combat missions in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. No matter the time or the conflict, the Fists have stood ready to answer the call for the past 75 years. Congrats Team Fist!

Workups

VFA-25 will be deploying onboard the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN in the spring of 2019. Prior to the deployment, the squadron is scheduled to conduct workups starting in April of this year. Each phase of the workup cycle will increase in difficulty and intensity to ensure the squadron is at its most lethal prior to its departure overseas. First up: Air-to-Surface Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program known as A/S SFARP. While at NAS Fallon, the squadron will be called up to upload and expend all different types of ordnance the Super Hornet can carry and employ using the aircraft's lethal combat systems. Focused on unit level training, A/S SFARP is guaranteed to make the squadron better prepared for the challenges that lay ahead.

2017 HARRY JONES AWARD WINNER

LT Steven "Scooby" Yoo Joined the Navy in 2011 Home of record Plano, TX, Wife Elizabeth

Served at VFA-122 (pilot under instruction), VFA-25 (aircraft division officer, assistant operations officer), VFA-106 (heading to his instructor tour)



SIR,
I WANTED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU AND THE FOFA FOR THE LTJG HARRY D. JONES MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE. I AM SO HONORED BY YOUR AWARD AND AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! IT HAS BEEN AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE SERVING IN THE FIST OF THE FLEET, AND I AM GLAD THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SERVE IN A SQUADRON WITH SUCH A RICH HERITAGE. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO, AND GOD BLESS!
VERY RESPECTFULLY,
STEVE "SCOOBY" YOO

FROM THE HANGAR DECK By: CMC J. Holler

Hello from the Hangar Deck. As this is the first time that I get to address this illustrious organization I will take this chance to introduce myself. My name is Jeremiah J. Holler and I reported on the 29th of November to be the Command Master Chief of the Fist of the Fleet. I cannot express how excited I am to be here and be a part of this legacy.

I would like to thank all of you who came and made our 75th Anniversary a great success. For those of you who could not make it due to various reasons your presence was missed. It was a great ceremony and reception. It was an amazing day marked with a fly over and various speeches which based on the Sailors at the command that I have talked to was enjoyed as much by the active duty as it was by those returning members of the Fist Family.

Our Sailors are some of the most resilient and hardworking individuals that I have ever had the pleasure of serving with. While we are missing the flash and flair of the previous quarters report the squadron did get to go to Hawaii on detachment which was a great chance for the Sailors to get a little rest and relaxation while working with our counterparts in Hawaii. Most of this quarter has been a maintenance challenge as our jets are given to and returned from I level maintenance. While it may seem boring to

some, I as someone who used to manage maintenance at a large level, can say it completely blows me away to see how much is accomplished daily by the Sailors of our squadron. They continue to get tasked with hard challenges such as supplying a jet to TOPGUN while four others are in PMI yet they meet the challenge head on and shock everyone with their ability to get the job done. I know that our Sailors will continue this resilience through the upcoming work up cycle.

As this is the first chance I have to talk to you I figure a brief history of myself is in order. I joined the Navy in 1998 and have been stationed at numerous commands and areas in my 19 years of service. My previous rating, while like the previous CMC, is a little different. I was an Aegis Fire Controlman. The most comparable rating in the aviation community would be that of an AT. My first fleet duty station was onboard the USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57), homeported in San Diego, CA as an AN/SPY-1A technician where I advanced to Second Class Petty Officer and earned my ESWS. After that, I served ashore working I Level Maintenance at the Southwest Regional Maintenance Center where I was advanced to First Class Petty Officer, and worked on water cooling systems, the vertical launch system, and the close in weapon system. Upon completion of shore duty, I once again returned to the fleet onboard the USS PREBLE (DDG 88), homeported in San Diego, CA where I served as a Leading Petty Officer and was advanced to Chief Petty Officer. After making Chief I was transferred to other parts of the waterfront, first the USS MILIUS (DDG 69) for nine months and then onto the USS HOWARD for the remaining two years of my five-year sea tour. Onboard HOWARD I served as Leading Chief Petty Officer and was selected for advancement to Senior Chief Petty Officer. After completing my tour onboard USS HOWARD, I chose to leave the California coast and took orders to be on the COMUSFIFTHFLT Staff stationed in Manama, Bahrain where I served as the Aegis Weapon System SME and Ballistic Missile Defense planner. After completion of my two-year tour in Bahrain I was transferred to the USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55) homeported in Norfolk, VA where I served as Combat Systems Maintenance Manager and was advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer. I once again transferred ashore where I helped to stand up the newly commissioned Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC) AMW Division, in Little Creek, VA. SMWDC is the Surface Navy equivalent to Top Gun to train surface WTI's. It was SMWDC that I was selected to the CMC program. I have always wanted to see other parts of the Navy that weren't Cruisers and Destroyers and I used my selection to CMC to get to a VFA which was my number one choice of duty assignment.



I would like to once again express how proud I am to be here and thank the Fist of the Fleet Association for the continued support of the Sailors of the Fist of the Fleet. I have attached a picture of the VFA-25 Sailors of the Year at the Lemoore, CA Chapter of the Knights of Columbus Sailor of the Year dinner. If you haven't had a chance to meet these fine young Americans they are, in order from right to left, Sailor of the Year LS1 Ogunlade, Fist of the Year AD1 Ramone, and Blue Jacket of the Year AO2 Rodriguez. They truly embody the saying "Damn Proud to be a Fist."

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Annual Dues: \$25/YR

Life Time Dues \$200

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FIST OF THE FLEET 2017 RECOGNITION AWARDS



Sailor of the Year

LS1 Oluwadamilare Ogunlade Joined the Navy in 2004

Served at NAS Sigonella, HSC-15, Guantanamo Bay, NRD New York, VFA-25

Home of record Brooklyn, NY

Wife Agnieszka, son Hakeem, daughter Aaliyah



Fist of the Year

AD1 Shari Ramone Joined the Navy in 2012

Served at FRC West, VFA-25

Home of record Shreveport, LA

Wife Jodi, daughter Jaedyn Serenity



Blue Jacket of the Year

AO2 Alexander Rodriguez
Joined the Navy in 2013

Served at VFA-25

Home of record Levelland, TX

Plane Captain of the Year

ADAN Orion Cooper

Joined the Navy in 2016

Served at VFA-25

(Not Shown)

FIST OF THE FLEET ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT By: Chuck "Pooh" Webster

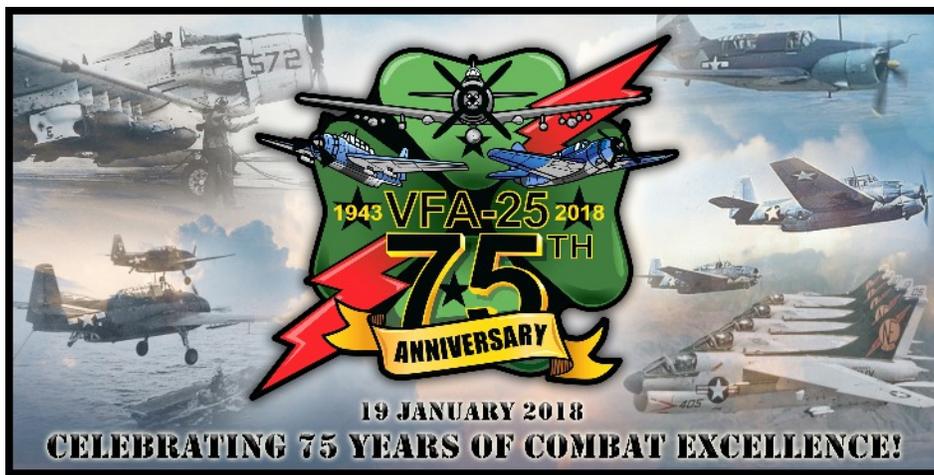
The financial health of the Association is on solid ground. As of 31 December 2017, the Association has a balance of \$12,176.23 in savings and \$12,067.89 in checking with the Navy Federal Credit Union.

One of the main indicators of the Association's financial health and stability is the continued growth of its dues paying and new life members. This number increased during the months of 2017 with a new paying life member, Eric Vanderpoel II and two award winners, Stephen Yoo for the 2017 Ltjg Harry Jones Award and Oluwadamilare Ogunlade for Salior of the Year Award. Four annual members paid their dues Laurence Woodbury, Dale Mills, Craig Bechtel, and Bruce Marcus.

Registration and attendance for Fist '17 was much lower than in years in past. The preplanning for a reunion of our size needs to be done early to ensure there are rooms and meals scheduled at larger hotels. However, due to the lower attendance, there were fees that needed to be paid above the prepaid registration payments. This caused us to take funds from our unrestricted accounts to make up the difference. I will add that there were several members attending Fist '17 that stepped forward and made gifts totaling \$3500 to help offset those extra uncovered charges. The other major expenses this year were printing and mailing of several pre-Fist '17 items needed for the reunion and the cost covering expenses of our web page. A total of \$274.21 was spent for the mailing and printing. Website development expense was \$275.00.

In addition to gifts made by members of FOFA, the Association received a very generous donation from a company in California. One of our members, Matt Long, knowing his employer supports Veteran's service groups, applied for a grant from his employer, Walters and Wolf. A check was accepted for \$2500 from the Wolf Family Foundation to our general operating account. A thank you and tax letter was sent to the Wolf Family Foundation.

During 2017 the educational fund had not received any requests for an Educational Grant from the squadron, which had been very busy with workups. While attending the squadron's 75th Anniversary in Lemoore, I met with division LCPO's and the squadron Master Chief of the Command to discuss educational grants that are available and to see if there is a way to increase use of these funds by the Sailors in the squadron. I am pleased to announce that we were able to fulfill two educational grants that had just been completed during our squadron visit. It would be the Association's pleasure to provide grants to squadron members in the future for their educational endeavors.



Fist of the Fleet Association Presentations



Clint Johnson



Gary Kerans



Matt Long

DID YOU KNOW: NAVY, MILITARY AND OTHER INFORMATION

French Rafale Fighters to Deploy on Carrier USS George H.W. Bush This Spring

By: Ben Werner Jan 10 '18 USNI

ARLINGTON, Va. – France is sending 350 sailors and naval aviators to deploy with a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier this spring as their nuclear-powered carrier finishes scheduled maintenance, French officials told USNI News. The April to May deployment will occur just before France's aircraft carrier FS Charles de Gaulle (R91) is expected to complete a major maintenance period which started in 2015. The aircrews will do carrier qualifications aboard USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77), but the intent is to accomplish more than qualifications or cross-deck operations, Capt. Jean-Emmanuel Rouz de Luze, French Naval Attaché to the U.S. told USNI News. "We want to demonstrate our ability to integrate with U.S. military services," Rouz de Luze said. "We want to show we do maintenance, demonstrate we can load weapons."



French Navy Dassault Rafale M fighters and Northrop Grumman E-2C Hawkeye aircraft will at first fly with U.S. airwings out of Naval Air Station Oceana, in Virginia Beach. French sailors will work with their U.S. counterparts maintaining the aircraft, Rouz de Luze said. The unspecified French forces will then board Bush and operate as part of the air wing. The agreement to send French aircraft, crews, and sailors to the U.S. was first announced in December, when U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson met in Paris with his French counterpart French Navy Chief of Staff Adm. Christophe Prazuck, first reported by website Navy Recognition.

While speaking at the Surface Navy Association's International Navies Luncheon Wednesday, Rouz de Luze, said joint operations build trust among navies by demonstrating each can work with the other. With the U.S. Navy, he said the technology used, procedures, communications equipment are all basically the same. "Today we are 95 percent interoperable," Rouz de Luze said. "Our concerns in our navy is in 10 years, in 15 years will we be able to work like that." The U.S. Navy, though, in its push to ensure it is always technologically ahead of any near-peers, is the leader in developing new systems. Rouz de Luze said militarily, the U.S. Navy can go alone. "Due to its size and power, the US Navy does not really need us and not really need help of other navies," Rouz de Luze said.

But politically, Rouz de Luze said the U.S. needs to be part of a coalition or NATO operation because doing so give legitimacy to an action. For everyone else, Rouz de Luze said coalitions are necessary for both political and military. "The French Navy, we know in the future we will work with other navies, so you need to know how to operate with other navies," Rouz de Luze said. The French have been an active contributor to the anti-ISIS coalition air strikes via the French military's Opération Chammal since 2014.

In 2015, the French deployed de Gaulle shortly following the deadly ISIS attacks on the offices of the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo in Paris. The carrier deployed on two other occasions to the Middle East in support of the anti-ISIS mission.



DEPARTURE NOTIFICATION

Rosario "Zip" Rausa (USN), 81 years, passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2018, at Walter Reed Military Hospital in Bethesda after being diagnosed with Leukemia on December 19, 2017. He was the husband of Neta Irene Rausa. They shared 50 years of marriage. Zip was born in Utica, New York. He was the son of Rosario "Zing" and Mary Rausa. He attended Hamilton High School and went on to attend Middlebury College in Vermont. He was a Navy Attack Pilot and went on to write several military books and an autobiography of his military life, "Gold Wings, Blue Sea." He has had many accomplishments with his military career and in his personal life. He was editor of Wings of Gold preserving the history, legends, and stories of Naval Aviation.

One accomplishment that he spoke of most recently was the following: Dad saved the lives of 7 Green Beret at the battle of Lang Vei during the Vietnam War. He provided Close Air Support to these men while they were trapped in a Special Operations Command Center. The North Vietnamese were detonating explosives around and setting fires alongside the Command Center to kill all inside. Flying just 100 feet above the ground in dense fog, Dad employed all available ordnance and called in other fully loaded squadron mates until the men could escape. A North Vietnamese soldier recounted the deafening noise of dad's AD-1 Skyraider during his attacks in the book "Red Plateau". In the book he describes not being able to see the aircraft, only a line of disruption in the fog. Given the mountainous terrain at that location, it's clear Zip displayed enormous courage with spectacular life-saving results that day. Dad was reprimanded upon his return to the ship for busting the theater minimum altitude of 3000 feet. He states he would do it again. Dad did not know the fate of those he saved until 40 years later, where he was thanked face-to-face at a reunion.

Zip is survived by Neta, his wife; Anna and David Gregory (daughter and son in law), Zeno Rausa (Son), Emily and Tom Galat (daughter and son-in-law), Rachel and Mike Tracy (daughter and son-in-law), and Michael and Laura Rausa (son and daughter-in-law), Adelle Hamilton; grandchildren: Madeleine, Jaqueline, Zeke, Braxton, Tabatha, Jordan, Ella, and Zoe. Tom and Sandy Rausa (brother and sister-in-law), Marie and Steve Wickwire (sister and brother-in-law), Tina Rausa and Marvin Bjurlin (sister and brother-in-law). Other family members he is survived by: Timmothy Benton and Colleen Frederick, Julie and Bob Sickle, Megan and Justin Rollins and Samantha Sickle, Nicole and Jerry Rice, Jordan and Joely Rice; Phyllis Ray and Family. Dad enjoyed reading, going to mass, working out, playing basketball, feeding deer, foxes, birds and neighbors dogs and spending time with family.



Books Authored and Co-Authored by Rosario Rausa

Skyraider: The Douglas A-1 Flying Dump Truck 1982

Gold Wings, Blue Sea: A Naval Aviator's Story 1981

Ed Heinemann, Combat Aircraft Designer 1980

Aircraft Design Rausa/Heinemann 1985

Tempting Fate, an experimental test pilot's story 1997 Rausa/Bob Rahn

Tennessee Patriot, the naval career of vice admiral William P Lawrence 2006 Rausa/Lawrence

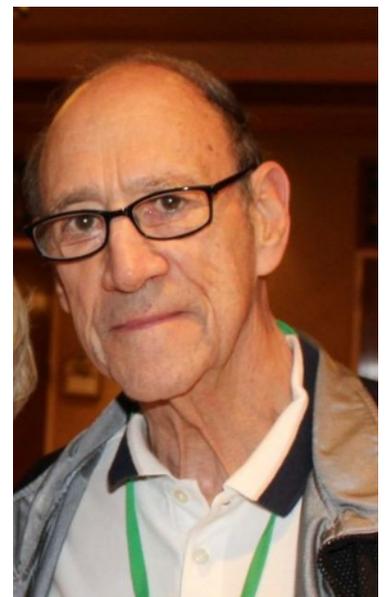
Yangtze Patrol: the Us Navy in China Rausa/Heinemann 1974

Blue Angels: an Illustrated History. Rausa 1979

A Tribute to Zip By: Bear Taylor

<http://www.rollingthunderremembered.com/?p=7885>

RIPPLE SALVO... #670... Humanity lost a great human being, the Navy lost a skilled coxswain, and a cadre of rough writers lost their rock polisher last week when Zip Rausa "went west." Paul Mersky's Wings of Gold Tribute to Zip as he stepped aside from "30 years at the helm" of the journal of Naval Aviation, and the trumpet of The Association of Naval Aviation since 1975, provides a brief bio worthy of Zip. Google has a page full of sources that fill-in a few other details on the extraordinary Naval and professional career and contributions of Zip Rausa. And for the full story, you can buy Zip's biography— Gold Wings, Blue Seas —on abebooks.com (more than 30 used copies available starting at \$13). While you are ordering a copy, add Tennessee Patriot, the life and times of VADM Bill Lawrence, co-author Zip Rausa. I will always remember Zip as one of the steadiest proponents of every element of Naval Aviation, and especially big deck carriers. As such he was the dedicated coxswain who took the orders from the bridge and held the ordered course for decades of hazardous maneuvering in the perilous waters of Washington. He was also an expert rock polisher. Zip stood in the front rank of editors. He was an expert at taking ragged rocks and turning them into polished stones that were "works of art."... Ragged writers became published essayists as Zip tumbled their raw material into widely read articles and essays. He was a professional with a ruthless red pen. And fifty years ago he was right there with the first team carrying the fight to the enemies in Southeast Asia... But, most of all, Zip was a true and loyal friend, full of care and share, who gave his life to the cause of freedom and his beloved United States... God bless a great one, Zip Rausa, "glory gained, duty done" as he rests in peace...



NEXT TIME IN FISTORY: GREEN TAILS OVER 'NAM: THE LTV A-7E CORSAIR II