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By direction

# WORLD FAMOUS GOLDEN DRAGONS

ATKRON  
ONE NINE TWO



COMMAND

HISTORY

1969

ATTACK SQUADRON ONE NINE TWO  
"WORLD FAMOUS GOLDEN DRAGONS"  
Squadron History - 1969

Chronology:

1-3 January - The "World Famous Golden Dragons" began 1969 based ashore at NAS Lemoore, California. CDR J. K. STANLEY was Grand Dragon.

4-21 January - Weapons Deployment to NAAS Fallon, Nevada, where the WFGD's won the CAG Top-Gun Award.

22 January - 14 February - Practice at NAS Lemoore for carrier qualifications.

15-19 February - Carrier work aboard USS ORISKANY (CVA-34).

19 February - 12 March - More FMLP at Lemoore.

12-20 March - More carrier work on board the ORISKANY.

21 March - 14 April - Final preparation at NAS Lemoore for combat cruise.

15 April - 16 May - The Dragons transferred to the USS ORISKANY which steamed for the combat area, the Gulf of Tonkin, via NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines.

5-14 June - After three weeks of combat, the Dragons rested and replenished at NAS Cubi Point and departed again for Yankee Station.

15 June - 2 July - More combat action.

3-11 July - The USS ORISKANY moored at NAS Cubi Pt. once more for a short rest before returning to action.

12-31 July - Back at Yankee Station, the Dragons suffered their first aircraft losses in a midair collision of two Dragon Skyhawks during an air strike. Both pilots were recovered safely after ejecting and spending the night on the ground in enemy occupied territory.

1-14 August - Another rest for the Dragons at NAS Cubi Pt., and then Hong Kong.

15 August - 14 September - Back in action at Yankee Station, the Dragons suffered another aircraft loss when an A4F pilot was forced to eject after launch from the ship. Again the pilot was safely recovered.

15-28 September - The Dragons visited Buckner Bay, Okinawa, and Sasebo, Japan.

28 September - 3 November - The last combat operations for the Dragons on this cruise. CDR R. E. WOODBURY, assumed command as Grand Dragon on October 19.

3-17 November - After a short visit at NAS Cubi Pt., the "World Famous Golden Dragons" steamed for home, mooring at NAS Alameda, California on the 17th.

18 November - 31 December - The Dragons arrived home at NAS Lemoore and finished out the year preparing for the next cruise. On December 1, VA-192 was assigned to CVW-11.

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I. Command Organization and Relations.

A. Commanding Officers and Dates of Command

Commander J. K. STANLEY, USN reigned as Grand Dragon from December 13, 1968 until October 19, 1969 when Commander R. E. WOODBURY assumed command. The Change of Command took place at sea in the Gulf of Tonkin aboard the USS ORISKANY, CVA-34, while the Golden Dragons were on combat duty on Ynsakee Station.

B. Location Of Headquarters.

At the beginning of 1969, the Golden Dragons were temporarily based ashore at NAS Lemoore, and primarily were involved in training for the upcoming combat cruise. During a three-week weapons deployment at NAAS Fallon, Nevada, they earned the CVW-19 Top Gun Award. Upon the successful completion of two carrier practice periods in their A4F Skyhawks in February and March, the Golden Dragons departed NAS Alameda aboard the USS ORISKANY, CVA-34 assigned to CVW-19 steaming for combat duty in the Gulf of Tonkin. The cruise ended on November 17th where it began, at NAS Alameda. Once more the Dragons were temporarily attached to NAS Lemoore where they were assigned to CVW-11 on December 1st. For the remainder of the year, the Dragons were preparing for the changeover to the new A7E Corsair II aircraft.

C. Composition of Command.

1. At years end, VA-192 had on board 208 enlisted and 26 officer personnel, 22 of whom were flight personnel.

2. There was an inventory of ONE TA4F and 13 A4F Skyhawks remaining, most of which were scheduled for PAR and subsequent reassignment as the Dragons made ready to receive their new Corsairs.

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<sup>1</sup>Ref. Annex I - Photos and Biography of CDR STANLEY and CDR WOODBURY

<sup>2</sup>Ref. Manning Document, Annex II.

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## II. Special Topics.

### A. Operations.

1. During their last combat cruise with the Skyhawks, the Dragons spent 6 months at sea, 102 days of which on Yankee Station flying air strike missions. They flew a total of 1614 day/768 night sorties and 3354 day/1592 night hours on combat missions.. There were 1553 day/927 night arrested landings, with a 94%/87% boarding rate. The vast majority of the operational flights involved interdiction of enemy supply routes. There were also some missions in direct support of Allied ground forces in the Republic of South Vietnam. The Golden Dragons worked long, hard hours carrying out their combat missions, often at night and in undesirable weather conditions.

### B. Casualties.

1. On the night of 21 July, 1969, two Skyhawks collided while attempting to locate a target being described by a USAF Forward Air Control in a C-130 Hercules. Both aircraft burst into flames immediately and spun out of control, forcing the pilots to eject in enemy territory. Both ejections were successful, and the pilots, LT K. T. SANGER and LTJG W. E. FRANSON spent the rest of the night awaiting rescue. They were located the following morning at daybreak and returned safely aboard the USS ORISKANY.

2. On August 15th an A4F piloted by LT W. B. LAWRENCE, experienced control failure immediately after launch from the carrier. The pilot was unable to regain control and was forced to eject from the aircraft. He, too was successfully recovered almost immediately.

### C. Personnel (Reference Annex 4)

### D. Awards and Commendations.

1. The Golden Dragons received notification in February 1970 that they had won the coveted COMNAVAIRPAC Battle Pennant "E" for Battle Efficiency for the 18-month period ending December 31, 1969. This was the second time the Dragons have won the "E", the previous one being for the period of 1965-66. The message from COMFAIRLMOORE, Message Number 132320Z FEB 1970, read:

"It is noted with pleasure that once again the "World Famous Golden Dragons" are in the winners' circle. It takes real Tigers to stand Number One continuously among the real professionals of the light attack community. Your squadron has compiled an enviable record over the past five years and the challenge is to remain unbeaten as you commence competition in your new aircraft.

Sierra Hotel. Tiger One sends."

2. For the fourth consecutive year the Dragons won the CNO Safety Award.<sup>3</sup> VADM SHINN, COMNAVAIRPAC, presented the plaque to CDR J. K. STANLEY on board the USS ORISKANY in the Gulf of Tonkin on October 13th. The four years included four combat tours in Vietnamese waters, and it represented

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<sup>3</sup> Annex III

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55 accident-free months, 30,477 flight hours and 11,580 carrier landings. Never before has a deploying jet attack squadron received this award four consecutive years.

3. In March, 1969, the Golden Dragons were awarded the CVW-19 Top Gun Award for their expertise in bombing and air-to-ground rocketry and strafing. CDR GURECK, CAQ-19, presented the award to CDR J. K. STANLEY at a ceremony in the NAS Lemoore Officers Club.

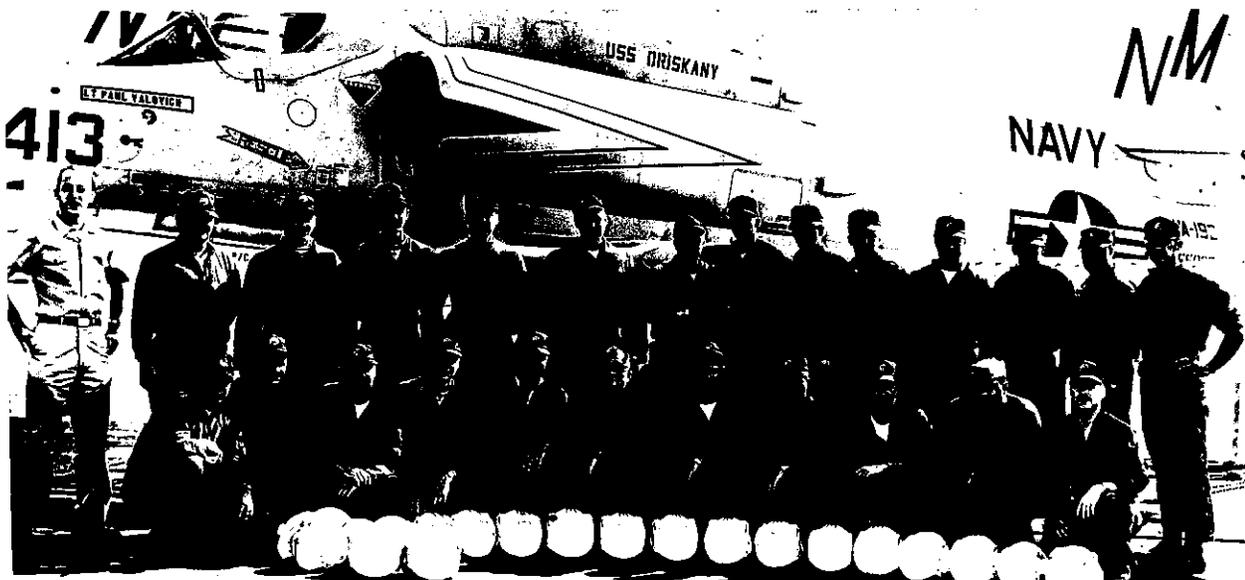
4. Awards for having made 1000-mark carrier landings aboard the ORISKANY were presented to:

LCDR R. D. PFEIFER	137,000th and 138,000th
LCDR D. K. TYLER	10,000th combat carrier landing
LT J. D. PALMER	145,000th
LTJG J. A. MUNN	141,000th

5. The following pilots were credited with over 100 arrested landings aboard the USS ORISKANY (CVA-34), thereby earning the Centurion Award:

CDR J. K. STANLEY	LT T. A. GILL
CDR R. E. WOODBURY	LT K. R. WETZEL
LCDR G. C. CREIGHTON	LTJG F. C. BLEDSOE
LCDR R. D. PFEIFER	LTJG J. A. MUNN
LT P. J. ROONEY	LTJG W. L. TAYLOR
LT K. T. SMNGER	LTJG W. C. RUTLEDGE
LT J. D. PALMER	LTJG W. E. FRANSON
LT W. B. LAWRENCE	LTJG O. A. WHITTEN
LT R. J. VALOVICH	LTJG J. W. SHONG
LT M. E. TAYLOR	

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## VA-192 Directory of Officers

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NAME Rank/File Number	Lineal Number Date of Rank	Billet	Rotation Date	Home Address Phone Number	Dependents
CDR Robert E. WOODBURY 504812/1310	04370-80 1 May 1966	Commanding Officer	Dec 70	112 Catalina NAS Lemoore Ph. 998-7298	Judy-W Steve/Jim Anne/Margart
CDR David C. PARKHURST 567927/1310	004427 1 AUG 1966	Executive Officer	Dec 71	123 Kitty Hawk NAS Lemoore Ph. 998-5135	Alta-W Pamela David
LCDR Robert D. PFEIFER "Bob" 632968/1310	16931-80 1 Oct 1967	Administrative Officer	Aug 71	10809 Antelope Lemoore, Calif. Ph. 998-4470	Anne-W Jennifer Ann Carol Lee Gwen/Bob
LCDR Robert E. ROTHSCHILD "Bob" 633928/6852	31436-20 1 Nov 1968	A/C Maintenance Control Officer	Apr 70	119 Crusader NAS Lemoore Ph. 998-7143	Patricia-W Katherine Theresa Mark/Susan
LCDR Donald K. TYLER "Don" 641504/1310	031789-30 1 Jul 1969	Asst Maintenance Officer/Maint Training Officer	Aug 71	226 Crusader NAS Lemoore Ph. 998-7143	Velma-W Michael Harold Carolyn
LT Philip J. ROONEY "Phil" 669494/1310	072325-00 1 Dec 1966	Safety/Natops Officer	Aug 71	200 Crusader NAS Lemoore Ph. 998-7402	Susan-W Susan Lisa
LT Kenneth T. SANGER "K.T." 669494/1310	072460-50 1 Dec 1966	Operations/ Training Officer	Dec 69	340 E. Spruce Lemoore, Calif. Ph. 924-3776	Pat-W Scotty

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LT Jerry D. PALMER "Jerry" 676964/1310	91341-00 1 Feb 1968	Material Control Officer	Aug 71	438 E. Spruce Lemoore, Calif. Ph. 924-4810	Janet-W Joelle
LT Walter B. LAWRENCE "Walt" 693959/1310	91623-80 1 Jul 1968	Weapons Training Officer	Jan 70	56A Powell St Lemoore, Calif. Ph. 924-3300	Jan-W Nicole
LT Paul J. VALOVICH "Vich" 693959/1310	91706-50 1 Jul 1968	Quality Assurance Officer	Jan 70	420B Brooks Dr. Lemoore, Calif. Ph. 924-4670	Patricia-W
LT Thomas "A" GILL "Tee" 698386/1315	91955-50 1 Nov 1968	Flight Officer	Nov 69	205 S. Lemoore Lemoore, Calif. Ph. 924-3387	Joy-W Kim Todd
LT Kenneth R. WETZEL "Ken" 703844/1310	92408-70 1 Jul 1969	Personnel/ Education Officer	Aug 71	10664 Spring Lane, Lemoore, Calif. Ph. 924-4235	Judy-W Kimberly
LTJG Frank C. BLEDSOE "Frank" 709089/1315	92580-20 8 Jan 1968	A/C Div/ Power Plants Br. Officer	Nov 70	543 E. Deodar Lane, Lemoore, Calif. Ph. 924-4696	Sandy-W
LTJG Joe A. MUNN "Joe" 704141/1310	92633-40 5 Feb 1968	ISO/Aviator's Equip/Athletic/ Welfare & Rec/ Reg Pub Cust. Officer	Aug 71	109 Crusader NAS Lemoore Ph. 998-7963	Ann-W Peggy Carrie

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LTJG William L. TAYLOR "Bill" 712070/1315	92768-50 7 Apr 1968	Communications/Dec 70 Navigation Officer			
LTJG George P. CHALKE, Jr. "George" 704229/1310	92849-90 25 May 1968	AVWEPS Officer	Aug 71	886 Holt Pl. Hanford, Calif. Ph. 582-2281	Lynda-W Lauri Melissa Darin/Steve
LTJG William C. RUTLEDGE "Bill" 712591/1315	92853-50 25 May 1968	Airframes Officer	Aug 71	101 Tiger NAS Lemoore Ph. 998-5562	Sharon-W Tara
LTJG William E. FRANSON "Bill" 705326/1310	17 Jun 1968	First Lt Mess Treasurer Fire Marshall	Sep 71	115 Tiger NAS Lemoore Ph. 998-7161	Shirlee-W David
LTJG Owen A. WHITTEN "OJ" 723022/1315	1 Jul 1968	Legal Officer/ Traffice Safety/ PAO Officer	Apr 70	10772 Spring La. Lemoore, Calif. Ph 924-5851	
LTJG John W. BOLWES "John" 727403/1355	24 Nov 1968	Air Intelligence Officer	Dec 70	101 Tiger NAS Lemoore Ph. 998-5562 (Until 13 Dec 69)	
LTJG Clyde E. BAKER "Clyde" 707391/6801	1 July 1969	Maintenance Control Officer	Dec 71	204 Crusader NAS Lemoore Ph. 998-7380	Barbara-W Arlene Micheal Paul/Gail Teresa/Roger
WO-1 Herman T. WILLSON, Jr. "Bo" 737586/7212	15 Jun 1968	Ordnance Officer	Oct 71	152 Tiger NAS Lemoore Ph.	Pat-W Tony

PROSPECTIVE GAINS

RANK/NAME  
FILE NUMBER

ARRIVAL DATE

LCDR Keith S. JONES  
641392/1310

FEB/MAR 70

LT Larry J. PICKETT  
665471/1310

FEB/MAR 70



BIOGRAPHY OF COMMANDER J. K.  
STANLEY

Commander Joseph K. STANLEY entered the U. S. Naval Academy in 1948 and was commissioned an Ensign, USN, upon graduation in June 1952.

After graduating from the Naval Academy, Commander STANLEY served aboard the USS HAMNER (DD-788) home ported in San Diego, California as First Lieutenant and Assistant Gunnery Officer.

In April 1953, Commander STANLEY reported to NAS Pensacola as a Flight student and received his wings in July 1954.

In July 1954, Commander STANLEY was ordered to Antisubmarine Squadron 24 at NAS Quonset Point, Rhode Island where he served as Line Officer and Ordnance Officer.

Commander STANLEY has served with VS-31, VS-881 (Royal Canadian Navy), VA-46 and VA-42. Commander STANLEY has been to the Naval War College and was RCVW-4 Staff Attack Training Officer. Before joining the West Coast A-4 community he was Commanding Officer of NAF Cam Ranh Bay.

On 13 December 1968, Commander STANLEY relieved Commander L. F. EGGERT as Commanding Officer of the "Golden Dragons".

Commander STANLEY's awards include numerous Air Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, Korean and Vietnamese Campaign Ribbons.

Commander STANLEY was ordered to COMNAVAIRPAC Staff in November 1969.

BIOGRAPHY OF COMMANDER R. E.  
WOODBURY

Commander Robert E. WOODBURY was commissioned an Ensign, USN, upon graduation from OCS Newport, Rhode Island in May 1952.

Commander WOODBURY reported to the USS L. F. MASON (DD-852) as Assistant Navigator where he served until April 1953 when he reported to NAS Pensacola for flight Training. Upon receiving his wings in September 1954 he was ordered to Attack Squadron 172 fly F2H Banshee. This tour included cruises to the Mediterranean and North Atlantic.

In January 1958, Commander WOODBURY reported for instructor duty at Jet Transition Training Unit (JTTU), NAS Olathe, Kansas, flying the F9F and the F11F.

Commander WOODBURY reported to Attack Squadron 44 as an instructor in October 1959 where he transitioned to the A4 skyhawk. Upon completion of his shore duty he was ordered to Attack Squadron 12 in March 1961 as Maintenance Officer.

In May 1963, Commander WOODBURY reported to the USS SARATOGA as V-6 Division Officer.

Reporting to Attack Squadron 44 for instructor duty in April 1965 he served as Maintenance Officer until May 1967.

Commander WOODBURY reported to Naval Plant Representative Office, McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, St. Louis, Mo. where he served as Flight Test Director and Production Test Pilot for F-4J, F-4D/E, RF-4C and the United Kingdom F-4K and M aircraft until July 1968.

In July 1968, Commander WOODBURY was ordered to Attack Squadron 192, the "World Famous Golden Dragons" as Executive Officer, via Attack Squadron 125. He reported to Attack Squadron 192 in January 1969 and served as Executive Officer.

On October 19, 1969, Commander WOODBURY took over as Commanding Officer, or "Grand Dragon", for VA-192, the position which he presently holds.



Commander WOODBURY is entitled to wear the Korean Campaign Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Air Medal with the numeral 10 for over 100 combat missions.

Commander WOODBURY, his wife Judy and children, reside at Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California

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ANNEX II

<u>RATE</u>	<u>EPDO ALLOW</u>	<u>BUFERS ALLOW</u>	<u>ONED</u>
YN	4	4	7
PN	3	3	5
CS	1	11	2
SN	5	5	3
AF	Ø	1	Ø
AV	Ø	1	Ø
AD	25	27	29
AT	21	22	24
AO	21	24	18
AQ	4	4	16
AB	1	1	1
AE	16	16	21
AM	29	32	30
FR	4	4	5
AK	3	3	4
AZ	5	5	6
AS	2	2	Ø
AN	19	19	29
HM	1	1	1
SD	4	4	5
DK	Ø	Ø	Ø
AZ (6313)	Ø	1	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>208</b>

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Officer Authorization

<u>CDR</u>	<u>LCDR</u>	<u>LT</u>	<u>LTJG</u>	<u>CWO3</u>
2	2	3	17	2

Total: 26  
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**ANNEX III**

VADM SHINN, COMNAVAIRPAC, presents CDR J. K. STANLEY, "Grand Dragon", the "Golden Dragon's" fourth consecutive CNO Safety award, as LT T. A. GILL, AT1 L. T. KEENAN and ADJC J. E. MAYES stand by displaying the 3 previous safety awards. Captain John A. GILLCRIST, Commanding Officer, Commanding Officer of the USS ORISKANY (CVA-34).