

LCDR Carl J Woods

This past July the remaining families of LCDR Carl Woods held a gathering in Bottineau. While I never knew LCDR Woods I did have the opportunity to meet several of his family members. At this gathering Mr. Ralph Shriner gave a presentation on the events leading up to and the subsequent death of LCDR Woods. (Mr. Shriner at the time was a member of an air search and rescue squadron based in Danang South Vietnam He pulled LCDR Woods from water. He apparently drowned.) On September 28, 1965, LCDR Woods was flying a Skyraider recon aircraft when it was hit by hostile fire near Qui Vinh North Vietnam. He was able to fly some 40 miles to the Tonkin Gulf where he ejected from his plane. He apparently drowned while awaiting rescue.

In 2013 The Bottineau AMVETS held a ceremony in which they named their Post the Carl J Woods AMVETS Post 25.

This coming July 4th AMVETS Post 25 along with VFW Post 8688 are planning to hold a sign dedication ceremony.

Carl Julius Woods

Lieutenant Commander

VA-196, CVW-19, USS BON HOMME RICHARD, TF 77, 7TH FLEET

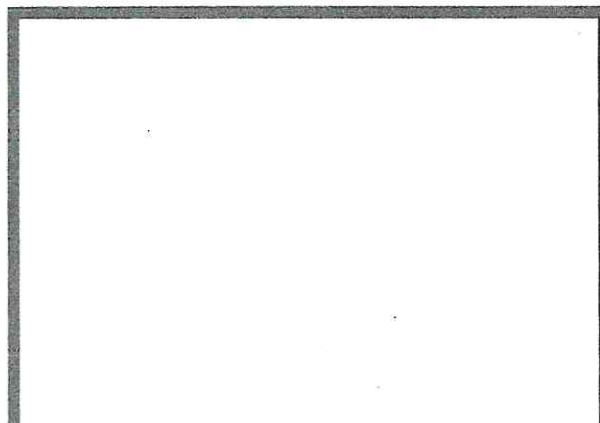
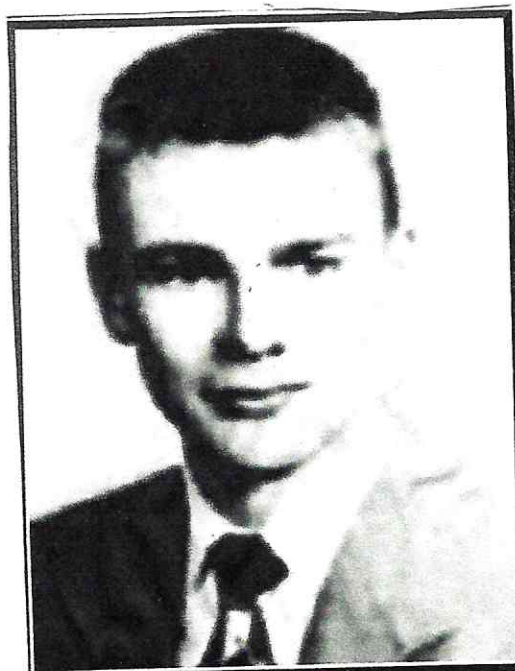
United States Navy

Bottineau, North Dakota

June 08, 1933 to September 28, 1965

CARL J WOODS is on the Wall at Panel 2E, Line 97

See the full profile or name rubbing for Carl Woods





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On September 28th, 32 year old Navy Lieutenant Commander Woods was a Navy pilot aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard Task Force 77 7th Fleet.

LCDR Woods was a decorated Unrestricted Line Officer. His Commendations and awards include the Purple Heart Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Medal Vietnam Campaign Medal Vietnam Service Medal Navy Presidential Unit Medal Vietnam Gallantry Medal and the Navy Expeditionary Medal

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In September of 1965 Carl Woods found himself in a difficult spot. On that day, Carl was literally in the fight for his life as he conducted a reconnaissance mission as a naval pilot over North Vietnam. As he entered into enemy territory the sky lit up with anti-aircraft fire which he attempted to fight through, but his plane was hit, and Woods lost his lift.

Carl was born on July 8, 1933 to Monte and Ann Woods. Although Monte attended school in Bottineau and was a member of the first class of Dakota College at Bottineau he also had an interest in the military. As a young man Monte attended Shattuck Military Academy at Faribault Minn, and the US Naval Academy at Annapolis. When World War 1 broke Monte served with the 97th infantry Division seeing heavy fighting in France.

Like his father, Carl attended the same schools as his father, before him before deciding to serve in the military where he became a pilot in the US Navy. He entered the Navy in 1953 and served his country for 12 years and 3 months before his death.

As a naval pilot, Carl trained in an A1H (AD6 Skyraider, a propeller driven aircraft. The AD6 version of the A1H was a single seat attack aircraft which was also utilized in reconnaissance.