



THE LANDING STRIP

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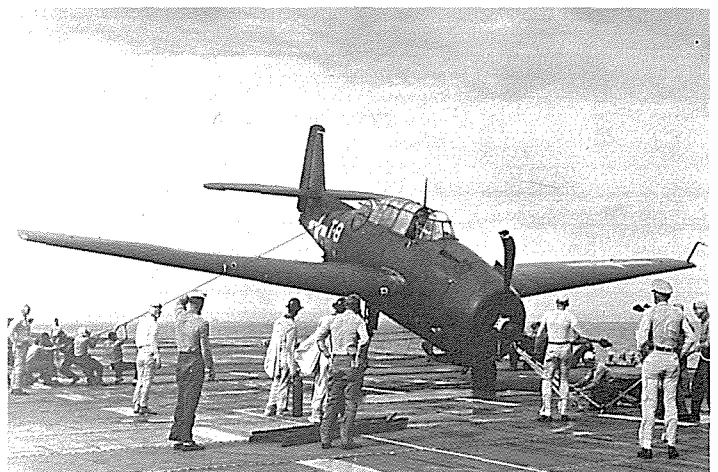
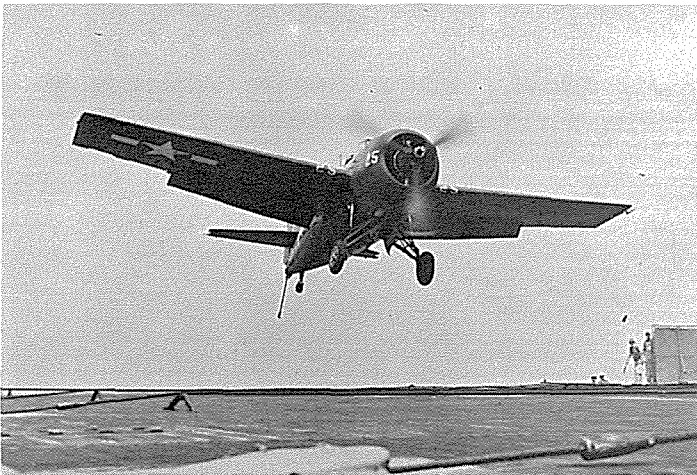
The LANDING STRIP is open to all Members for showing their best photographs of aircraft in landing or takeoff attitudes. Candidate photos should be submitted to Jim Sullivan, 912 Grove Lane, Roanoke, VA 24012.

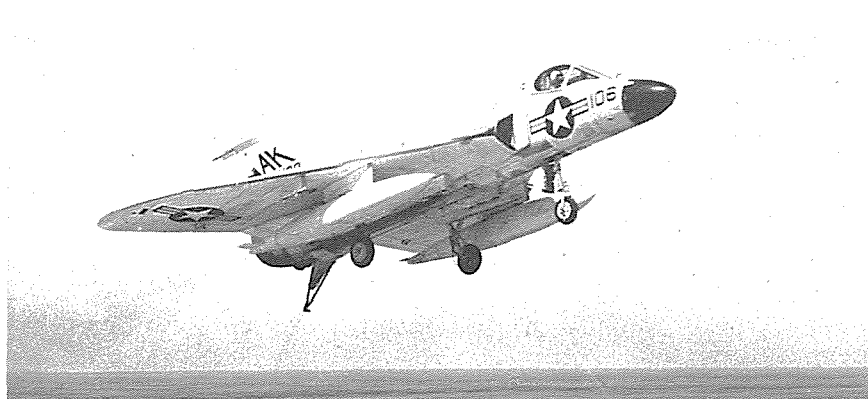
The date of the photographs should be considered a "must", along with complete identification of the aircraft, pilot and other crew names if possible. If military or naval, the unit identification should be included. The use of original negatives for this feature is desirable, but if not available and if prints must be returned, specify print owner's name and address and mark "Return to...". Proper credit to the original photographer must be given.



Above left, an F4U-1D Corsair of VMF-124 (or VMF-213) takes off USS ESSEX on 1 Jan. 1945. ESSEX was then steaming into the South China Sea for attacks on the coast of China. The pilot had firm right rudder to counteract torque of the Pratt & Whitney R-2800 engine. (Nat'l Archives

80-G-258963) At right, the successor to the famous WWII Corsair, the A-7A, BuNo 152550, is shown demonstrating ability to land with an asymmetrical bomb load. The Corsair landed on USS INDEPENDENCE with bombs and tank under right wing. (LTV courtesy Arthur L. Schoeni)





Above left, the F4D-1 Skyray of VF-13, BuNo 139120 takes a wave-off from the LSO aboard USS SHANGRI-LA, Jan., 1961. (US Navy, courtesy of Nicholas M. Williams)

Above right, the RA-5C Vigilante landing at Patuxent River, Md., 14 June 1971. (Dr. Joseph Handelman)

Left, a Marine F9F-2 Panther, BuNo 123605 of VMF-223 taxis forward after landing, c. 1952. The landing barrier is just going up as the pilot moves forward. (US Navy, courtesy of Ron Beerens)

Opposite page, below, four views of airplanes landing aboard USS SABLE, one of two freshwater training carriers, in mid-1945. At left are FM-2's. The squadron commander of nearby NAS Glenview landed aboard in the SNJ first to enable him to rate pilots personally as they landed. The

Avenger is TBF-1, BuNo 06146. (Courtesy of Fred C. Durant, III, National Air & Space Museum). Below, an F8U-1 Crusader of Navy squadron VX-3 is just engaging the arresting cable aboard USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, c. 1960, during flight operations. (LTV courtesy of Schoeni)

