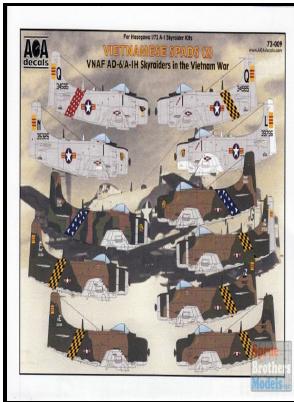


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As Rolling Thunder escalated in 1965, the A-1 squadrons on Yankee Station participated in Alpha strikes against enemy facilities and transportation in North Vietnam and Laos and provided close air support for U. In February 1962 a pair of mutinous VNAF Skyraider pilots bombed and strafed the presidential palace in Saigon. This fascinating volume is a must for aviation enthusiasts, history buffs, and modelers alike.

### Robert DeGroat

Skyraiders from and participated in the first U.

### Skyraider Squadrons

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### Douglas AD (BT2D, A

They landed at Pleiku with 19 holes in the Skyraider. Through its remarkable service during the war in Southeast Asia, the Skyraider became legendary. It was much faster than the frontline Curtiss SB2C Helldiver and carried nearly double its weapons load.

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His A-1E 132649 resides today in the U. Ex-US Navy Skyraiders in VNAF service had no tail hooks. DeGroat, story appeared in the Feb 1996 issue of EAA Warbirds magazine.

### Skyraider Squadrons

Air Force needed Spads to deliver the slow, accurate, close air support its fleeting jets could not provide. With this move, I both controlled the air over the capital and would be able to quash further hostile troop movements into the city.

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They were responsible for finding suitable ground targets, then relaying the location information to the command and control center. Jones III was commander of the 602nd SOS on 1 September 1968 when the call came in that an F-4 Phantom had been shot down. Besides flying day attack, night attack, countermeasures, and early-warning missions, it was the only aircraft in the theater capable of delivering 2,000-lb.

### **The Skyraider: More Than Just a Prop**

Today only about 50 Skyraiders survive. Naked Fanny Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Airbase, in the far east of the country on the Laotian border, from which Skyraiders could cover the entire theater of war.

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