

# Korea - 1954



Ch5

Kimpo AB, Korea.



Ch3

Barracks, Kimpo AB, Korea.





Ch6

Kimpo AB, Korea.



Ch7

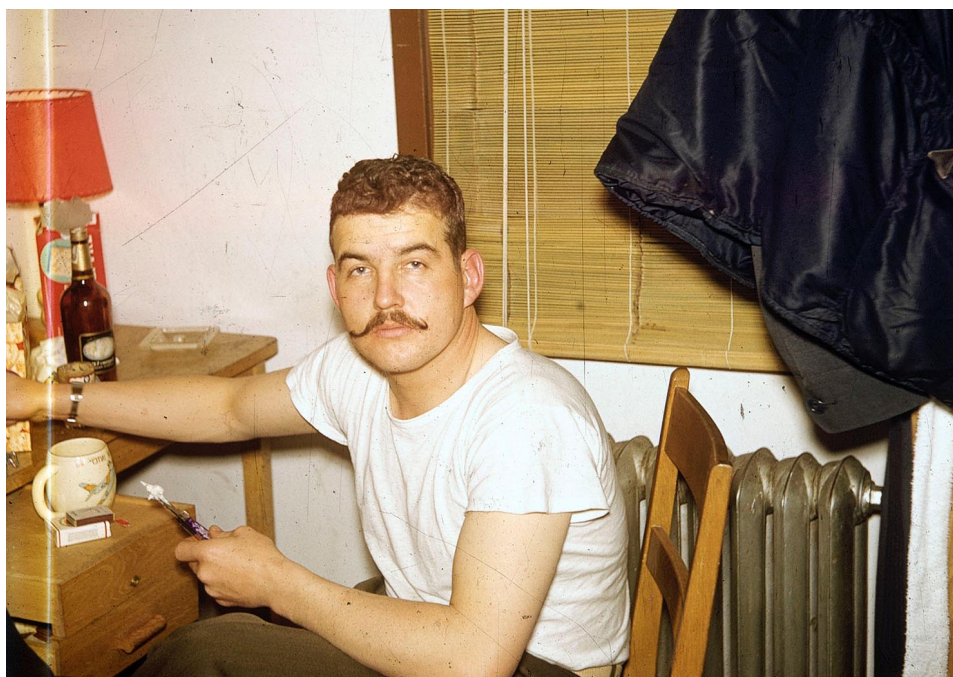
Joe, Pizzicaroli (Joe Pizza) flying an F-86 out of K-14, Kimpo, Korea.





Ch2

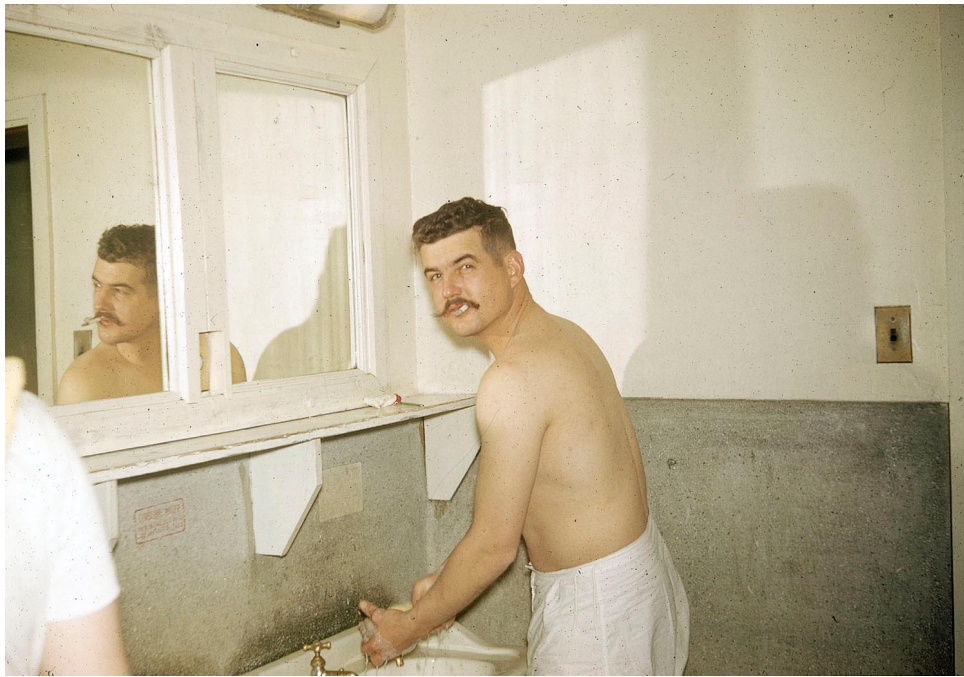
Rocketeers, Kimpo AB, Korea.



Ch8

Rocketeer, Lt. Larry Stephens, Kimpo AB, Korea.





Ch4

Rocketeer, Lt. Larry Stephens, Kimpo AB, Korea.



Ch1

Rocketeer, Lt. Larry Stephens, Kimpo AB, Korea.



EW4

Main gate, Kimpo AB, Korea.



EW5

Kimpo AB, Korea.





EW7

Base Operations Bldg., Kimpo AB, Korea.



EW1

Barracks for "B" flight, Kimpo AB, Korea.



EW2

Pilots of "B" flight.  
Left to right: Flight Commander Dick Holliday, Bill Britton, Larry Stephens, Pat Barry, Ken Ewing and Moose Liethen.



EW3

336th FIS flight board.





EW6

Officer's mess hall, Kimpo AB, Korea.



EW8

Residential area, Kimpo AB, Korea.

## **Lawrence B. Stephens**

Below is a short history of 336th FIS Rocketeer pilot Lt. Larry Stephens after he finished his 1954 tour with the U.S. Air Force in Kimpo, Korea and Misawa, Japan.

In 1955 Larry Stephens returned to the States and continued his career in the Navy flying TV-2s (T-33s) and F9Fs. In 1956 he became the Gunnery Co-Champion of the 7th fleet (picture on pg 18). He was stationed in Norfolk, VA for awhile but was later transferred to Olatha, KS, to begin work with the Jet Transitional Training Unit (JTTU). He served as an instructor/pilot during this tour. In 1958 he moved his family back to Norfolk, VA where he was stationed at Norfolk Naval Base. Later that year he was sent to CIC school in GA for training and then transferred to NYC for 6 months to help get the USS Independence (CV-62) ready for service. In 1959 he moved back to Norfolk, VA and continued to serve aboard the USS Independence. In 1960 he began flying F8s (picture on pg 21) and transferred to VF-33 flying out of Oceana Naval Base, Virginia Beach, VA. In 1962 he was transferred to the USS Enterprise (CVN-65) flying F8s. In the summer of 1963 he was transferred to Cecil Field, Fla. (near Jacksonville) flying with VF-174. In the summer of 1965 he retired from the Navy as a Cdr. after 22 years of service.

In 1965 he was divorced and moved to Richmond, VA where he began selling aircraft for Cessna. In 1968 he moved to Knoxville, TN and became the corporate pilot for a engineering and construction firm. In 1974 he left the engineering and construction firm and began attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He received a degree in horticulture and worked for the State of Tennessee as a mine inspector. He continued in this position until he retired in the early 80s. He passed away in March 1990 eleven days before his 64th birthday.





VF\_34

VF-34 aboard USS Leyte (CV-32), around 1952. Flying F2H Banchees.  
Larry Stephens on far right, back row.

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Pilots with the "Chiefs" squadron in Officer's Club, Kimpo AB, Korea.



Happy Hour with the "Chiefs". Notice pilot at left center displaying the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing motto "Fourth but First".





Chiefs3

Pilots with the "Chiefs" squadron in Officer's mess hall.



Dinner

336th FIS Officer's mess hall, Kimpo AB, Korea.



Rocket

Song time with the Rocketeers. Officer's Club, Kimpo AB, Korea.  
Larry Stephens just left of center in back row.



Snow

Larry Stephens in Kimpo, Korea, or Misawa, Japan.  
Note F-86 in background in picture on the right.



HEADQUARTERS  
4TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR WING



IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT YOU, Lieutenant Stephens, THIS  
SCROLL IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR GOOD WORK WHICH ENABLED THE 4TH FIGHTER  
INTERCEPTOR WING TO HAVE AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT FREE MONTH IN JUNE 1954.  
YOUR WING RECEIVED BOTH THE FAR EAST AIR FORCE AND 5TH AIR FORCE  
FLYING SAFETY AWARDS FOR THIS OUTSTANDING RECORD. WITHOUT YOUR  
TEAMWORK AND COOPERATION THIS RECORD COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.  
THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

*Alvin E. Hebert*  
ALVIN E. HEBERT  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander



Safety

**THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS  
FIFTH AIR FORCE  
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THAT**

Lieutenant Lawrence B. Stephens

of the

USN - 4th Fighter Interceptor Group

Having endured twenty four butt busting hours of lectures, eight hair pulling hours of verbal fisticuffs around a conference table, three sweat-producing flights under the hood, one sight seeing tourist tour of the JOC inner sanctum is hereby declared

standardized

and

indoctrinated



21 August 1954  
date



[Signature]  
signature





## Air Training Command

Be it known that

LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE B STEPHENS, 469994, USN

has satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of instruction of the Air Training Command specializing in Fighter, Jet F-86

In testimony whereof and by virtue of vested authority we do confer upon him this

### CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

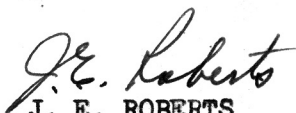
Given at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada

on this First day of June

in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

Attest:

  
W. J. BALLY JR  
Captain, USAF  
SECRETARY

  
J. E. ROBERTS  
Brigadier General, USAF  
COMMANDANT

F86C



Gunnery

Larry Stephens and unidentified pilot, 1956. Both are Gunnery Co-Champs of 1956 for the 7th Fleet. Pilot on right later killed in landing incident aboard carrier.



Panthers

Larry Stephens flying F9F Panthers around 1957-58.

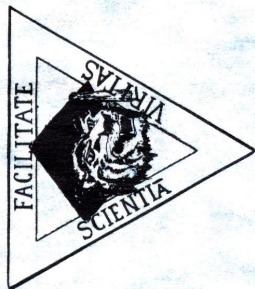


OlathaKS

Larry Stephens with Capt. Emrick, in Olatha, Kansas, around 1956.  
Larry Stephens is an Instructor-pilot with the Jet Transitional Training Unit (JTTU).



# CARRIER AIR GROUP FOUR



Naval Air Force Atlantic Fleet

BE IT KNOWN THAT

LCDR L. B. STEPHENS

HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED REPLACEMENT PILOT TRAINING

AT VF-174 SPECIALIZING IN THE F8U CRUSADER.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, WE DO CONFER UPON HIM THIS

17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY NINETEEN HUNDRED AND 61.

THIS

## Certificate of Completion

*W.A. Shuyrook*

COMMANDER CARRIER  
AIR GROUP FOUR

*R. H. Hagan*

COMMANDING OFFICER



F8s

Flying F8s in early 60s with VF-33, based at Oceana Navy Base, Virginia Beach, VA.



VF\_33

VF-33 aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65) around 1962-3. Larry Stephens is in front row, right of lion mascot. His wingman, Richard Truly, is left of lion. Richard Truly later became Adm. Truly, shuttle pilot, and head of NASA.





VF\_33\_C

Larry Stephens aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65) around 1962. This photo is partially colored using computer photo editing program.



VF\_33b

Larry Stephens with VF-33 "Astronauts" around 1962-3.





VF\_33E

VF-33 aboard USS Enterprise, 1963.



VF33S

VF-33 aboard USS Enterprise receiving 1962 Safety Award.



Retiring from Navy at Cecil Field, FL  
in 1965 after 22 years in the Navy.

ST2



ST3



Dad

Above: Larry Stephens, home in Knoxville, TN.

Left: Sturdley

Below: Larry Stephens and Sturdley

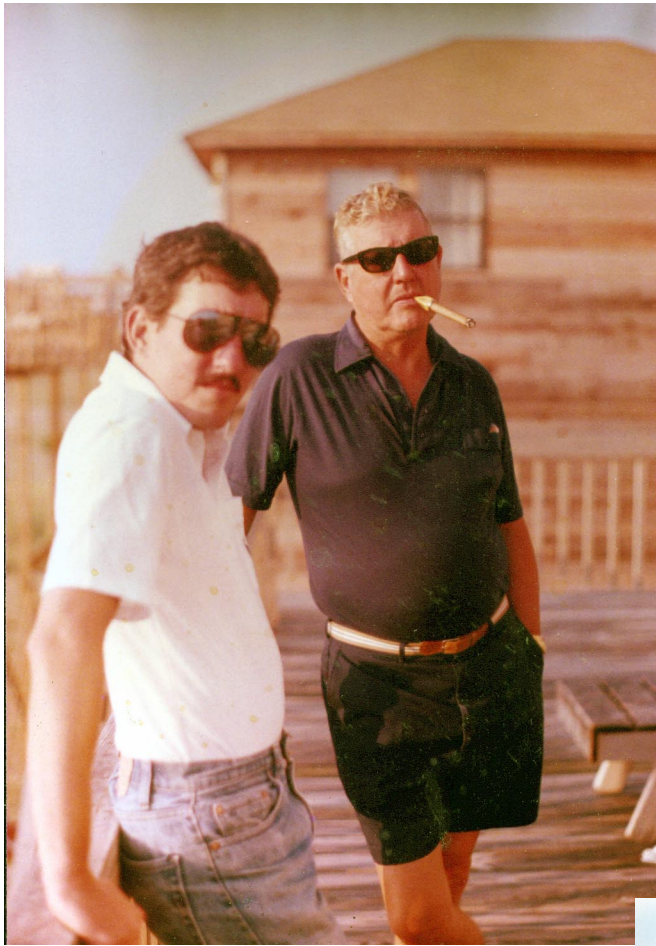


Sturdley



Sturd3





Larry Stephens w/Larry Stephens at  
Outer Banks, NC around 1986.

OBNC

Larry Stephens at Vero Beach, FL  
around 1987.



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