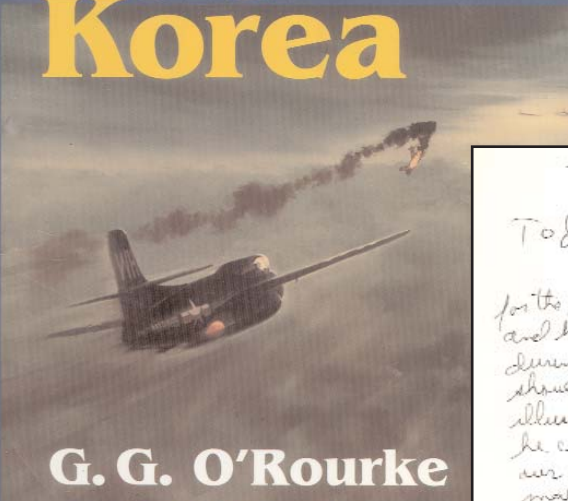


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Garden Grove Pilot First Flyer of New U.S. Jet Fighter to Bag MIG

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Flier in Marines 'Unique'

GARDEN GROVE, March 29. For a man unique even to a unique organization, the man couldn't be more modest and unassuming. Being the Marine Corps' first and only warrant officer pilot seems not at all out of the ordinary to Chief Warrant Officer Joseph A. Corvi, of 12332 Elmwood St.

While at flight school, the 32-year-old native of Jacksonville, Fla., finished first in his class. However, flying now is a secondary duty to the versatile Leatherneck. His primary duties involve those of electronics officer and it is in that capacity that he serves with an El Toro-based jet unit. Having "checked out" in the jet aircraft, Corvi takes his regular turn at flying.

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To Joe Corvi
With the utmost admiration for the heroic deeds of your father and his brave squadrons during the Korean War. Hollywood should pick up on your father's illustrious career, during which he contributed so much to our nation. His story would make a wonderful film.
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E. T. Wooldridge, a retired captain in the U.S. Navy and Naval Academy graduate, was designated a naval aviator in 1952. As a test pilot at the Patuxent test center, he flew every type of aircraft in the Navy in the late 1950s. Later he became commanding officer of a carrier-based fighter squadron and executive officer of the aircraft carrier USS *Forrestal*, and served on planning and policy staffs of the Navy Department and Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1976 he joined the National Air and Space Museum as curator of naval aviation and has served the museum in numerous capacities ever since.



A resident of Annapolis, Maryland, Captain Wooldridge is the author of several books on aviation subjects, including *The Golden Age Remembered: U.S. Naval Aviation, 1919-1941* and *Into the Jet Age: Conflict and Change in Naval Aviation, 1945-1975*, both available from the Naval Institute Press.

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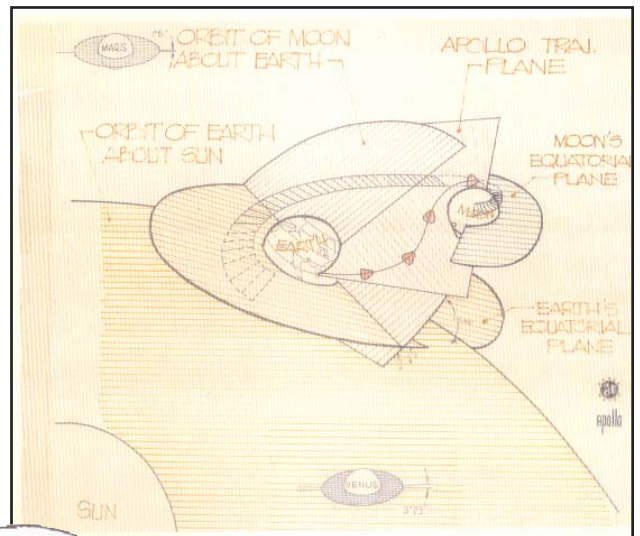
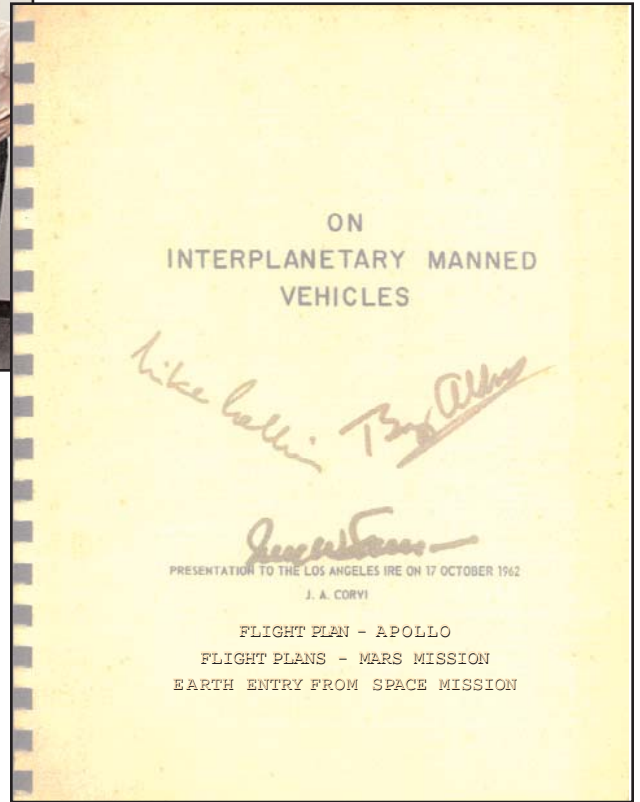
Aerial Victories for VMF(N)-513

Date	Crew	Enemy	
		Aircraft	Aircraft
1951	1 July	Capt. E. B. Long/WO R.C. Buckingham	F7F-3N Po-2 ^a
	12 July	Capt D. L. Fenton	F4U-5NL Po-2
	23 Sept.	Maj. E. A. Van Gundy/M.Sgt. T. H. Ullom	F7F-3N Po-2
1952	7 June	1st Lt. J. W. Andre	F4U-5NL Yak-9
	3 Nov.	Maj. W. T. Stratton Jr./M.Sgt. H. C. Hogland	F3D-2 Yak-15 ^b
	8 Nov.	Capt. O. R. Davis/WO D. F. Fessler	F3D-2 MiG-15
	10 Dec.	1st Lt. J. A. Corvi/M.Sgt. D. R. George	F3D-2 Po-2 ^a
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1953	12 Jan.	Maj. J. P. Dunn/M.Sgt. L. J. Fortin	F3D-2 MiG-15
	28 Jan.	Capt. J. R. Weaver/M.Sgt. R. P. Becker	F3D-2 MiG-15
	31 Jan.	Lt. Col. R. F. Conley/M.Sgt. J. N. Scott	F3D-2 MiG-15
	2 July	Lt. (jg) R. S. Bick/ATC Linton Smith	F3D-2 MiG-15 ^c

The Nightmares enjoyed unprecedented success with the Whales in the night skies over North Korea. The squadron command diary for January 1953 summed it all up with great pride and enthusiasm: "Striking with unerring perfection, the Flying Nightmares chalked up their greatest score of enemy 'jet' kills since entering the Korean conflict by downing three Russian-built MiG-15s during the month. The establishment of this new record supersedes the old one that was set in November 1952 when two enemy jets were destroyed. It is significant to note here that the Nightmare Squadron is the only member of the United Nations forces that is credited with destroying enemy jet aircraft during the



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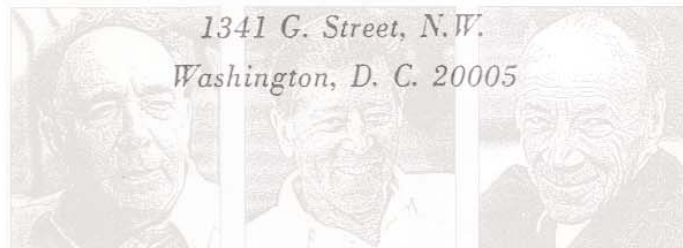
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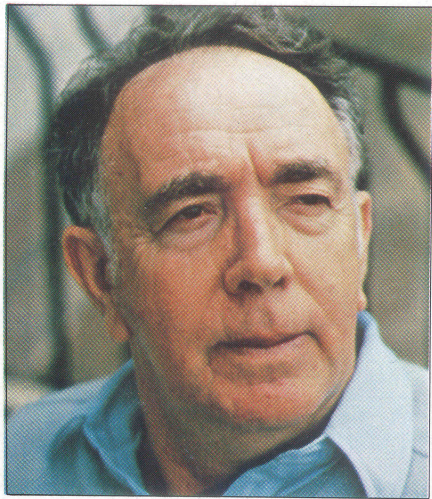
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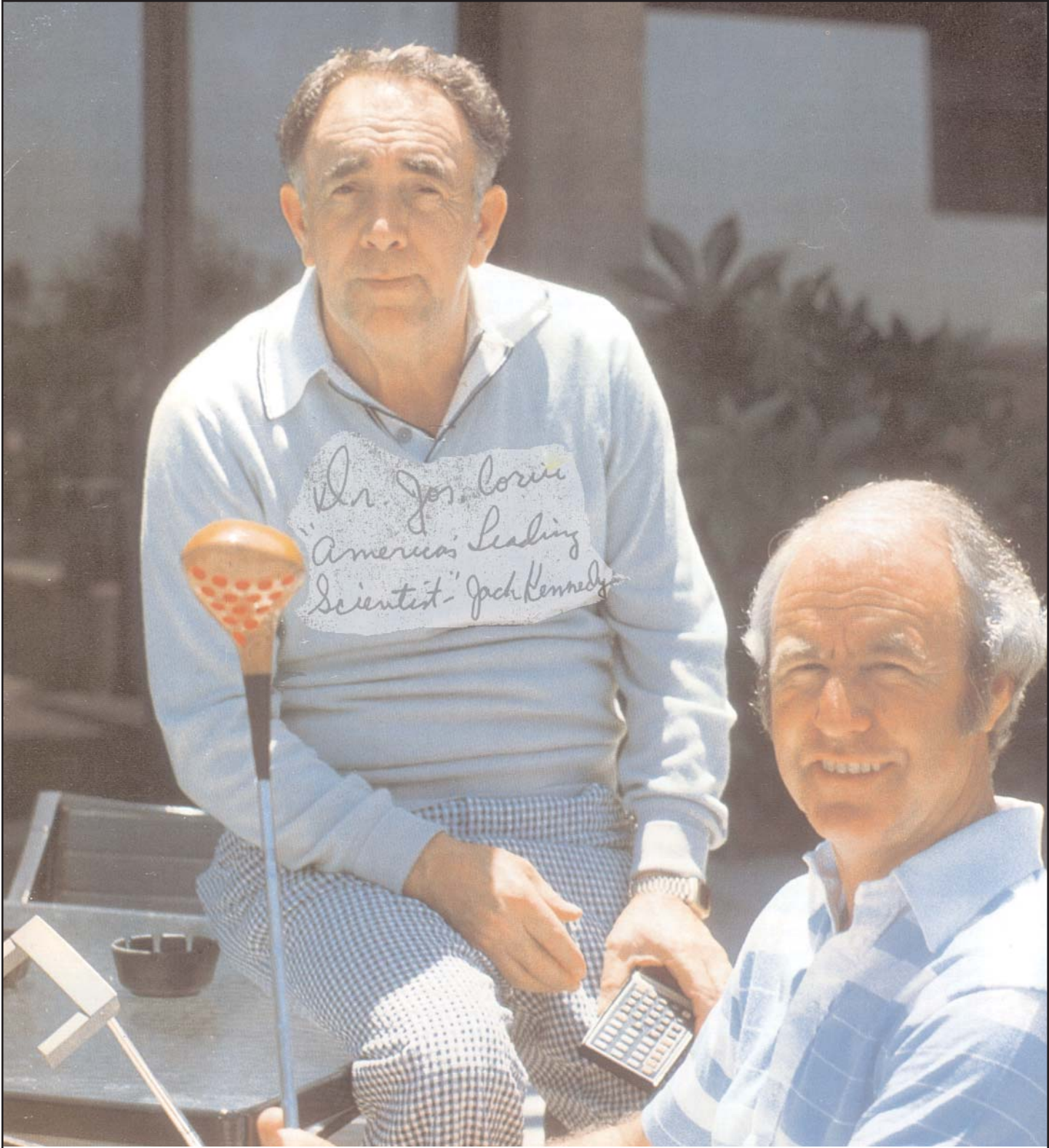
Dr. Joe Corvi. (1919-1982) Dir. R&D and Asst. Engineer Apollo. Father Eagle missile. Jet night fighter pilot; first to shoot down enemy plane with computer controlled guns of own design.



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