

A-6E Intruder Comes Home!



A-6E, BuNo 164384, known as “Puncher 505” in her last squadron, VA-75 *Sunday Punchers*, has come home. This is the last of 693 Intruders manufactured by Grumman, and one with composite wings, and is one of the last Intruders to be catapulted off *USS Enterprise*. After months of fund raising and planning, “Puncher 505” (her call sign) was brought back to Calverton from storage at Davis-Montham Air Force Base, Arizona. Under the care and supervision of Worldwide Aircraft Recovery, Ltd. (WWAR), a full service organization that disassembles, packages, transports and reassembles aircraft worldwide, our A-6 made the trip home via flatbed trailer and in several pieces.

A-6E in Storage...

“Puncher 505” was flown from Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia to the AMARC facility at Davis-Montham Air Force Base, Arizona in 1996. She languished in the desert for nine years until we rescued her for posterity.

Worldwide Aircraft Recovery, Ltd, a firm who specializes in the transportation and assembly of aircraft for most of the major aerospace museums in the country, was selected to bring home our Intruder.



Both names of the last aircrew members of this jet are still painted on it. Pilot LT. Bruce Miller, USN and Bombardier/Navigator, LT Marc Perot, USN, have been contacted by Grumman Memorial Park and are delighted to learn that we are caring for their aircraft. Another former Bombardier/Navigator, LT. Whitey Williams, USN has been notified as well, along with a former VA-75 Sunday Puncher’s squadron commander, CDR. Tom Hagen, USN, ret.

A-6E in Preparation...

“Puncher 505” being prepared for the long haul from Arizona to New York by Worldwide Aircraft Recovery, Ltd.



A-6E on Site...

In a matter of days the folks from WWAR not only had our A-6E reassembled, but positioned on her special mounts opposite the F-14. Pictured below is an overall image of Grumman Memorial Park illustrating the location of the Intruder in relationship to the Tomcat.



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But the job isn't over yet. Donations are still needed to complete the concrete work and landscaping surrounding the A-6. If you haven't purchased a brick for the Walk of Honor, now is the time, especially if you were affiliated in any way with the Intruder (having worked on it or flew it.) Your bird needs your support!



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