



Photo: Wendell Hanson signs my drawing of his B-25H. When we meet, remind me to share the business advice he gave me.

## When an old man dies, a library burns.

Yeah, it makes me sad, too. All that knowledge, experience—*wisdom*—going up in smoke.

But, when I can truly get to know an old warrior and learn about their life, I can capture the volumes of their life experiences and share it with thousands of others around the world.

They learned, the rest of us *learn* and the world becomes a better place. And another library of life remains open.

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Drawing: The F-105 Thunderchief fighter/bomber as flown by Vietnam War ex-POW, "Gene" Smith. Gene spent nearly 6 years in the infamous North Vietnamese prison system. Today, he holds no malice towards his former captors but relishes his freedom, daily.



## ABOUT JOHN MOLLISON

Artwork displayed in galleries, museums and collections in at least 13 countries.  
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Writing is read (monthly) by thousands of history geeks, aviation enthusiasts and mostly people who believe that wisdom comes from experience.

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**"Yessir"**  
Chance Vought F4U-4B Corsair as flown by  
Joe McPhail, VMF-214, Korea

Drawing: Joe McPhail remains one of my favorite interviews because he represents the "every-day" humility and exceptional commitment to excellence that many of the 'old guys' embody. The title "Yessir" not only reflects Joe's Texan-sensibilities, it also illustrates his sense of duty.

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