



**John F. Manning Jr., Captain USN (Ret.)**  
 "Archie"

Date of Designation: 14 March 1967      NA#V-24655

Dates of Active Duty: July 1965 - 1 May 1993

Total Flight Hours: 5,278

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,032 (226 night)

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,093   Prop: 150   VF/VA: 4,780   VS: 50   VT: 300  
 Helo: 35   Other: 148

Combat Tours:

Grenada: 12 missions

Lebanon: 4 missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-32, June 1982 - Dec. 1983

CO, VF-101 (F-14 RAG), Oct. 1985 - Sep. 1986 (F-14)

Commander, Fighter Wing ONE, Sep. 1986 - Aug. 1988

COMCVW-8, Dec. 1988 - Mar. 1990

Combat Awards:

Air Medal

### Duty Assignment Chronology

7/65-10/65    AOCS Pensacola, FL.  
 12/65-2/66    VT-1, Pensacola, FL (T-34).  
 2/66-7/66    VT-9, Meridian, MS (T-2A).  
 7/66-9/66    VT-4, Pensacola, FL (T-2A).  
 9/66-3/67    VT-22, Kingsville, TX (AF-9, TF-9).  
 4/67-9/67    VF101, FRS Training, NAS Oceana & NAS  
 Key West (F-4A/B/J).  
 10/67-8/70    VF-41, Deployments: CAG-7 CVA-62, CAG-  
 6, CVA-42, (F-4J), Division officer, LSO.  
 8/70-7/71    VF-101, NAS Oceana, F-4 RAG Instructor/  
 LSO



8/71-12/73    NPS Monterey, CA, student, MSAeE.  
 1/74-9/74    VF-124, FRS Training (F-14).  
 10/74-11/76    VF-14, NAS Oceana, Deployments CVW-1 in  
 CV-67, F-14, Safety Officer, Maintenance  
 Officer.  
 12/76-12-77    USNTPS Class 72, student.  
 1/78-3/81    VX-4, Point Mugu, CA, Maintenance officer,  
 Chief Operational Test Director.  
 4/81-7/81    VF101, NAS Oceana, F-14 Training.  
 8/81-12/83    VF-32, XO/CO, Deployments, CVW-6 in CV-  
 62 (F-14).  
 1/84-3/84    Naval War College, Newport, RI, student  
 3/84-9/85    COMNAVAIRLANT Staff, Norfolk, VA,  
 Fighter Readiness Officer.  
 10/85-9/86    CO, VF-101, NAS Oceana, F-14 FRS.  
 9/86-8/88    Commander FITWING ONE, NAS Oceana  
 (F-14, F-5, F-21).  
 12/88-3/90    Commander CVW-8 embarked in CVN-71,  
 (F-14, FA-18, A-6, EA-6, SH-3).  
 4/90-2/93    OPNAV staff, Washington, DC.

### Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Top graduate of Navy Fighter Weapons School, "TopGun" class #3, 1969.
- (2) Qualified LSO, served as both squadron and RAG LSO.
- (3) Personally developed F-14 tactics for ACM, Outer Air Battle, Strike Escort and Interdiction missions for first Atlantic Fleet deployment of the F-14, embarked in USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67), 1975.
- (4) Graduate of U.S. Navy Test Pilot School Class 72, December 1977.
- (5) Chief Operational Test Director VX-4, Jan. 1979 in Mar. 1981. Tested virtually every new U.S. Navy air-to-air weapon and aircraft system. Tested and exploited four models of Soviet aircraft including

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

Countermeasures Systems (DECM) both active and passive and expendables.

- (6) As Commanding Officer, VF-32, planned and success fully integrated first F-14's to embark in a Forrestal Class aircraft carrier, USS *Independence* (CV-62), and led the squadron in successful Grenada and Lebanon combat operations. Squadron was winner of both the Battle Efficiency "E" and Safety "S" awards.
- (7) Winner of the Fighter Wing ONE Top Air Combat Maneuvering (ACM) pilot of the year award.
- (8) As Commander, Fighter Wing ONE, flew all wing aircraft, including adversary aircraft. Oversaw the development of ten fighter squadrons fully ready for combat operations. Was praised for innovative changes which improved Atlantic fleet fighter community personnel manning, training and material support.
- (9) As Commander, CVW-8, planned, trained and deployed a unique airwing composition (20 F-14's, 20 F/A-18's, 20 A-6's, plus E-2, EA-6, S-3, SH-3) for the maiden deployment of USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71). First airwing to have S-3B with Aerial Refueling Store (ARS) tanker capability, developed numerous tactics to employ unique striking power of the "TR AIRWING".
- (10) The Tailhook Association's "Tailhooker of the Year" for 1989.
- (11) Member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP)