



**Jackson D. Arnold, ADM, USN (Ret.)**  
 "Jack"

Date of Designation: 18 December 1937 NA # 5551

Dates of Active Duty: 1934 - 1971

Total Flight Hours: 4,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 400 Rotary: 3

Approximate Flight Hours:

Prop: 4,000 VF/VA: 300 VR/VP: 100 VS: 400

VT: 360 VU/VFP: 300

Cat Shots: 448

Combat Tours:

WW II: Nov. 1943 - Oct. 1944 (VT and VF); Palau, New Guinea, Guam, Iwo Jima, Saipan, Tinian, and attack on Jap fleet - June 20, 1944 Philippine Islands.

165 combat hours, 41 strikes and 190 carrier landings. Shot down four Jap aircraft in combat

Aviation Commands:

CO, Torpedo Squadron TWO, USS *Hornet*, 1942-1943

Commander, Air Group TWO, USS *Hornet*, Jun. 1944 - Nov. 1944

CO, Naval Air Material Center, Naval Base Philadelphia, 1958-1961

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross

Silver Star

Distinguished Service Medal

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses

7 Air Medals



### Duty Assignment Chronology

- 1930-1934 U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.
- 1934-1937 USS *Arizona*.
- 1937 Flight Training, NAS Pensacola, FL (N3N, NY-1, O2U-3, SU-3, TC-1, PM-1, F4B-2). Designated Naval Aviator Dec. 18, 1937.
- 1937-1938 Material Officer, Torpedo Squadron SIX (TBD-BM-1).
- 1938-1940 Senior Aviator, Cruiser Scouting Squadron EIGHT, USS *Savannah* (SOC-1).
- 1940-1941 Assistant Assembly & Repair Officer, Inspector and Survey Officer, Pearl Harbor (J2F-4, RD-3, F4F, SRD-2, GK-1).
- 1942-1943 CO, Torpedo Squadron TWO, USS *Hornet*.
- 1943-1944 Commander, Carrier Group TWO, USS *Hornet*. (TBF-1, TBM-1, F6F-3).
- 1944-1947 Aviation Plans Division, Office of DCNO (Air).
- 1946-1947 Head, Integrated Aeronautic Program Unit, and Secretary, Air Planning Group.
- 1948 Air Officer, USS *Boxer* (R4D, JRB-4, FM-2, SNB, R4D-6). Designated Aeronautical Engineering Duty Officer, NAS San Diego.
- 1949-1950 Overhaul and Repair Officer, NAS North Island.
- 1951-1952 Head, Technical Division, BUAER General Representative, Western District.
- 1952 Masters in Business Administration, Harvard University.
- 1953-1955 BUAER Representative, Burbank, CA. Lockheed Test (P2V-6, R7V-1, RC-121E, WV-2, JR-B-6).
- 1955-1958 Director, Contracts Division, BUAER.
- 1958-1961 CO, Naval Air Material Center, Naval Base, Philadelphia.
- 1961-1963 Assistant Chief, Production and Quality Control, BUWEPS.
- 1963-1966 Force Material Officer, Staff, COMNAVAIR-PAC.

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Duty Assignment Chronology - continued

1966-1967 Deputy Chief of Naval Material for Logistic Support, Naval Material Command.  
1967-1970 Vice Chief of Naval Material, Naval Material Command.  
1970-1971 Chief of Naval Material, Naval Material Command.  
1971 Retired from active duty  
Board of Directors, Cubic Corp, San Diego.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Probably the “hairiest experience” was the test flight in an SOC from USS *Savannah* to see if a plane could be catapulted with no lights on plane or ship at night - with recovery while ship streamed a sled and dropped float lights to show the wake. After recovery was made with no lights and the fending off crutch had punched a hole in the wing and I had almost been decapitated by the crane hook trying to hoist us aboard - the ship had turn on lights! January 7, 1941.
  
- (2) Married to Muriel McChesney, January 16, 1942.

**Affiliations**

American Jujitsu Guild (Black Belt)  
Quiet Birdmen  
Harvard Business School Club of San Diego  
Legion of Valor  
Rancho Sante Fe Country Club