



**John C. Aquilino, ADM, USN (Ret.)  
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Hometown: HUNTINGTON, NY

High School and College Career:  
WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL (79)  
BRIDGTON ACADEMY (80)  
US NAVAL ACADEMY (84)

Dates on Active Duty: 23 MAY 84 - 1 JULY 24

Date Commissioned/Source:  
23 MAY 1984, US NAVAL ACADEMY

Date of Designation: AUGUST 1986

Total Flight Hours: 5500

Carrier/Ship Landings: FIXED WING (1309) ROTARY (5)

Approximate Flight Hours:  
JET (5360), PROP (110), VF/VFA (5110), VT (250), VP (10),  
HELO (20)

Combat tours:  
DELIBERATE FORCE (VF-41, JUN-JUL 95, SERBIA, F-14)  
SOUTHERN WATCH (VF-11, MAY-AUG 00, IRAQ, F-14)  
ENDURING FREEDOM (VF-11, MAR-JULY 02, AFGHANISTAN,  
F-14)  
IRAQI FREEDOM/INHERENT RESOLVE (CVW-2, MAY-SEPT  
08, IRAQ,  
F/A-18C/E/F)

Combat missions: (38) F-14, (32) F/A-18



Commands:

VF-11, JUL01-AUG 02  
CAG-2, Feb 06-Aug 08  
CSG-2/BUSH Strike Group, Nov 12-Feb 14  
US FIFTH Fleet, Sept 17-Apr18  
US Pacific Fleet, Apr 18-May 21  
US INDO-PACOM, May 21-May 24

Awards:

Defense Distinguished Service Medal  
Distinguished Service Medal  
Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit  
Bronze Star  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Medal  
Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V  
Navy Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Navy Unit Commendation  
Meritorious Unit Commendation  
National Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal  
NATO Medal  
Navy Rifle Expert Medal  
Navy Pistol Expert Medal

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

03/85-08/85 VT-27, Student, Corpus Christi, TX, T-34C  
08/85-01/86 VT-26, Student, Beeville, TX, T-2C  
01/86-08/86 VT-24, Student, Beeville, TX, TA-4J  
08/86-03/87 VF-101, Student, Oceana, VA, F-14A

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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

03/87-06/90 VF-142, Branch/DivO, Oceana, VA, F-14A/B  
06/90-04/93 VF-43, Adversary Instructor, Oceana, VA,  
A-4E/F, F-5E/F, F-16N  
04/93-07/93 VF-101, Refresh, Oceana, VA, F-14A  
07/93-11/95 VF-41, Dept Head, Oceana, VA, F-14A  
11/95-05/97 SWATSLANT, OPS, Oceana, VA, F-14A/B  
05/97-04/99 OPNAV, VCNO Aide, Pentagon, VA  
04/99-03/99 VF-101, Refresh, Oceana, VA, F-14B  
03/99-08/02 VF-11, XO/CO, Oceana, VA, F-14B  
08/02-08/04 OSD LA, Congressional Liaison, Pentagon,  
VA  
08/04-02/05 VFA-106, Transition, Oceana, VA, F/A-18C/  
E/F  
02/06-08/08 CVW-2, DCAG/CAG, Lemoore, CA, F/A-  
18C/E/F  
08/08-08/10 Fleet Forces, EA, Norfolk, VA  
08/10-08/11 JFCOM, J5, Norfolk, VA  
08/11-10/12 Joint Staff, J31, Norfolk, VA  
10/12-11/12 VFA-106, Refresher, Oceana, VA, F/A-18E/F  
11/12-02/14 CSG-2/BUSH SG, Norfolk, VA, F/A-18E/F  
02/14-08/15 PACFLT, DMOC, Pearl Harbor, HI  
08/15-11/17 OPNAV N3/5, Pentagon, VA  
11/17-04/18 US FIFTH Fleet, C5F/CMF, Bahrain  
04/18-05/21 US Pacific Fleet, Commander, Pearl Harbor,  
HI  
05/21-05/25 US INDO-PACOM, Combatant Commander,  
Pearl Harbor, HI

### **Associations/Membership/Boards:**

- (1) Trustee, Naval Aviation Museum
- (2) Tailhook Life Member

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Initial Cadre of SFTI (Strike Fighter Tactics Instructors)
- (2) NFWS "Topgun" Graduate (Adversary Course)
- (3) Developed Air-to-Ground training program for the F-14
- (4) Delivered first LGB from an F-14 in combat (Buddy lased by F-18)
- (5) Immediate response team during the 9/11 attacks, deployed on JFK
- (6) Delivered the first JDAM from an F-14 in combat (Operation Anaconda)
- (7) As C5F, planned and executed multi-national/multi-theater strikes against chemical weapons facilities in Syria following attacks on civilians

### **Summary of Post Military Work**

- (1) Board of Directors, Lockheed Martin
- (2) Board of Advisor, LMI, Shield AI, Red Cell
- (3) Consultant, Boston Consulting Group

