



USS Hancock April 1967 GE Jeep Streeper
*To Lieutenant Commander Jude Lahr, United States Navy.
 An outstanding Strike leader and Fighting Hornet's
 first "200 mission" pilot.
 Continued success. H.P. Street
 Captain, US Navy*

John Jude Lahr, Captain USN (Ret.)
 "Jude"

Date of Designation: 15 July 1955 NA#V24655

Dates of Active Duty: 23 November 1953 - 30 June 1983

Total Flight Hours: 6,680

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 810

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,350 Prop: 2300 VF/VA: 4,900
 VT: 1,750 Helo: 30

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Dec. 1965 - June 1966, VA-93, USS *Enterprise*, (A-4C)

Vietnam: Jan. 1967 - July 1967, VA-93, USS *Hancock*, (A-4E)

Total Combat Missions - 230 (A-4C/E)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-81, June 1969 - June 1970 (A-4C, A-7E)
 CO, VA-174, June 1971 - June 1972 (A-7A/B/C/E)
 CO, Naval Weapons Evaluation Facility, Kirtland AFB
 Apr. 1977- June 1979 (A-4M, A-7E, OV-10, F-4B)
 Commander Training Wing 6, June 1979-June 1981 (TA-4F)
 Commander Naval Weapons Center June 1981 - June 1983
 (A-4M, A-7E)

Combat Awards:

4 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 23 Air Medals



Duty Assignment Chronology

- 11/53-7/55 NATC Various NAS, Student (SNJ, T-28, AD-2/4).
- 8/55-2/58 VA-15, NAS Cecil Field/USS *Forrestal*, Personnel Officer (AD-6).
- 3/58-10/59 Active Reserve, NAS Minneapolis (SNB).
- 11/59-7/6 VT-1, NAAS Saufley, Instructor Pilot (T-34, T-28, TT-1)
- 8/61-1/63 CNATRA Staff, NAS Pensacola, Enlisted Personnel Officer (T2V, T-33, F9F).
- 2/63-4/65 USS *Hornet*, Advanced Underseas Weapon Officer (C-1A).
- 5/65-9/65 VA-127, VA-125, NAS Lemoore, Student (F-9F, A-4C).
- 9/65-7/67 VA-93, NAS Lemoore, USS *Enterprise*, USS *Hancock*, Operations Off. (A-4C/E).
- 8/67-9/68 VA-44, NAS Cecil, Operations Off. (A-4C/E).
- 10/68-6/70 XO/CO, VA-81, NAS Cecil, USS *Kennedy*, (A-4C, A-7E).
- 7/70-6/71 NWEF, Kirtland AFB, Aircraft Project Officer (A-4M, A-7E)
- 7/71-7/72 CO, VA-174, NAS Cecil (A-7A/B/C/E).
- 8/72-6/73 National War College, Student.
- 7/73-6/75 OPNAV, Tactical Nuclear Weapons Plans.
- 7/75-6/77 Commander Carrier Group 3, Operations Off. (A-7B, TA-4F)
- 7/77-6/79 CO, NWEF, Kirtland AFB (A-4M, A-7E, OV-10, F-4B).
- 7/79-6/81 Commander, TRAWING-6 NAS Pensacola, (TA-4F°).
- 7/81-6/83 Commander, Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA (A-4M, A-7E).

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) One of very early Shrike Pilots in combat, developed various Iron Hand tactics.
- (2) First 200 mission combat pilot on USS *Hancock*.



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- (3) First pilot to record 200 traps on USS *Kennedy* (no bolters, no wave offs).
- (4) CO of last A-4 Squadron to win AIRLANT Battle "E."
- (5) Flew my favorite aircraft, the A-4M the day before I retired.
- (6) Flew various models of the following aircraft: SNJ, SNB, T-28, T-34, AD, OV-10, TT-1, T2V, T-33, F9F, A-4, A-6, A-7, F4, HUEY.