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John Lewis Murphy, Captain USN

John Lewis Murphy was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 4, 1896, the son of Charles and Martha Miller Lewis. He attended the Lowell Technical Institute, Boston Massachusetts in 1916, studying Mechanical Engineering for three years.

John Lewis enrolled in the Navy as a Quartermaster First Class at Boston, MA on May 9, 1917. He was assigned to Ground School at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from July to September 1917 and then went on to flight training at Hampton Roads and Pensacola. He was designated Naval Aviator #369 (heavier-than-air) and commissioned Ensign on February 25, 1918. After a period of hospitalization from March-July 1918, he was an aviation instructor at Pensacola from August 1918 to February 1919. He was then assigned to the Atlantic Fleet Aviation Detachment, USS *Shawmut*, until November 1921 when he returned to Pensacola as an instructor from December 1921 until January 1923. He was then transferred to Aircraft Squadrons Asiatic Fleet and served on the USS *Ajax* and USS *Jason* from March 1925 until February 1928. He was then assigned to the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia from March 1928 until June 1930. Between July 1930 and September 1937 he served consecutive assignments in USS *Texas*, NAS Norfolk, USS *Saratoga* and NAS Coco Solo, CZ.

He then became Commanding Officer of VJ-1 at NAS San Diego, Commanding Officer of the Utility Wing, Honolulu, Commanding Officer USS *Casablanca* (CVE-55), and Unit Commanding Officer, TENTH Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia. He retired from active duty on January 1, 1947 as a Captain, USN with a designator of 1103.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal during World War II for operations against the enemy as Commanding Officer of USS *Casablanca* (CVE-55). He also is entitled to wear the World War II Victory Medal and the Haitian Campaign Ribbon (1919-1920).

He married Marion M. Holland of Boston, Massachusetts on November 24, 1921. They had one son, John L. Murphy Jr.