



R. L. Newman, CAG-10 in *Enterprise*, 1943-44

Roscoe Lee Newman, Captain, USN (Ret.)

Date of Designation: 8 February 1932 NA # 3883

Dates of Active Duty: July 1930 - June 1960

Total Flight Hours: 7,653

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 375± Rotary: 43

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 85 Prop: 7,653 Helo: 107 VF/VA: 1,500+
VR/VP: 1,200+ HS/HC/HU: 107

Combat Tours:

WW II: Pilot/CAG-10 in USS *Enterprise* (CV-6), Dec. 1943 - May 1944. 6 missions.
In *Enterprise* (CV-6), Mid-Pacific operations. 20 + missions

Aviation Commands:

CVG-10, Sep. 1943 - May 1944
CO, FAETUPAC, Apr. 1949 - Jun. 1950
CO, USS *Onslow*, Jan. 1952 - Mar. 1953
CO, USS *Shangri La* (CVA-38), Jan. 1955 - Jan. 1956
CO, NAS Memphis, Jan. 1957 - Jun. 1959

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross
Bronze Star

Summary of Significant Career Events

Foreword--my contributions to Naval Aviation would be solely in the arena of command and training, involving an aversion to any duties away from the Pacific basin.

- (1) After 2 years as Landing Signal Officer (LSO) in USS *Lexington* (CV-2), spent 17 months (Nov. 1940 -Apr. 1942) on Admiral Halsey's staff as carrier Operations Officer. His only instructions to me, orally-- "You



R. L. Newman retired in Coronado on 90th birthday

have free gangway -- I want great improvement in carrier deck operations and safety - also an expansion of the LSO/Safety Officer program, Navy and Marines."

- (2) One year (fiscal 1943)formalized the above programs in the Training Command-staff, CNAOT, Jacksonville.
- (3) CAG-10 in USS *Enterprise* late 1943 to mid-1944.Squadrons night qualified for all combat missions. Remained aboard for remainder WW II as staff Operations Officer.
- (4) Three years as Plans Officer on CNATRA staff, 1946-1949. Two years Training Officer, CNATRA staff, 1953 -1954.

Note 1. In 1943-44, CO, *Enterprise* served excellent fitness reports, BUT gagged at awarding combat citations. I was also "fortunate" enough to spend the rest of the war in *Enterprise* as his CarDiv Operations Officer!

Note 2. For Marine Aviators only ---- in 1939 was LSO in *Lexington* when it was decreed that ALL Marine aviators would quickly become carqualed. It was lots of fun!! In 1941 at Ewa my first two nominations for Marine LSO/Squadron-Ship Liaison Officer were: Bob Galer and John Smith. Two fair to middling airmen, verdad?

Note 3. One light point. In 1997, Newman is the Senior Naval Aviator of record in the active Golden Eagles organization. Roy Johnson may be a bit older (not much) but I am Naval Aviator # 3883 and he is #3884. Actually, I was in Class 52 and he is in Class 54, but I was enjoying my first year of freedom and light social activities so much that I gladly let a few snorter-types go by me in Squadron 3 at Chevalier Field. This is in 1931.