

# Rear Admiral Michael Manazir



Rear Admiral Mike Manazir entered the U.S. Naval Academy from Mission Viejo, California, and graduated in 1981. He earned his naval aviation wings in April 1983 and deployed in the F-14A *Tomcat* in July 1984.

Manazir commanded the “Tomcatters” of Fighter Squadron (VF) 31 from June 1997 to September 1998, USS *Sacramento* (AOE 1) from January 2003 to July 2004, USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68) from March 2007 to August 2009 and Carrier Strike Group 8 embarked in USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) from September 2011 to June 2013.

Prior to squadron command, his afloat tours included service as a fighter pilot and landing signal officer aboard various aircraft carriers on the west coast. Following Navy Nuclear Power Training, Manazir served as the executive officer of the USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) from July 2001 to December 2002.

Ashore, Manazir served as an action officer in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, on the Chief of Naval Operations staff as F-14 requirements officer and for the commander, Naval Air Forces as the assistant chief of staff for readiness.

As a flag officer, Manazir served as director, strike aircraft, weapons and carrier programs on the Chief of Naval Operations staff (N880) from August 2009 to September 2011 and on the Chief of Naval Op-

erations staff as the Director, Air Warfare, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N98) from July 2013 to May 2016.

Manazir qualified in the F-14A/D and F/A-18E/F *Super Hornet* aircraft and has flown more than 3,750 hours and 1,200 arrested landings during 15 deployments aboard aircraft carriers on both coasts.

Manazir served as the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems, OPNAV N9, on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. In this capacity, he was responsible for the integration of manpower, training, sustainment, modernization, research and development and procurement of the Navy's warfare systems.

Manazir is the recipient of various personal and campaign awards including the Legion of Merit (six awards), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards) and the Strike/Flight Air Medal (two awards).

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