

Rear Admiral John Ring



Rear Admiral John Ring is a native of San Diego and was commissioned in 1988 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, University of Arizona after receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science. He holds Master's degrees in Strategic Studies from the Air Command and Staff College and in Public Administration from Auburn University. He was designated as a naval flight officer (NFO) in May 1990.

Ring's command tours include USS [*Nimitz*](#) (CVN 68), USS [*Comstock*](#) (LSD 45) and the "Black Eagles" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 113. Ring served at sea with VAW-123 "Screwtops" aboard USS [*America*](#) (CV 66) during Operation *Iraqi Freedom*. He was selected to serve as the Air Defense officer on board USS [*Chancellorsville*](#) (CG 62) and USS [*Port Royal*](#) (CG 73) where he qualified in surface warfare. Additional sea duty assignments include VAW-112 "Golden Hawks," Carrier Strike Force Training Pacific and as executive officer of *Nimitz*.

Ashore, his assignments included Carrier Airborne Early Warning Weapons School (CAEWWS), Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Office (JTAMDO), Joint Staff, J8 Directorate where he worked ballistic missile defense issues, was Aircraft Carrier Requirements officer for Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic; and as commander, Guantanamo Bay Task Force. Ring also served as the special assistant to Commander, Naval Air Forces as of June 2019.

Ring's awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike Flight Air Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and other various

personal and campaign medals. Ring was recognized as Hawkeye NFO of the Year and awarded the Navy and Marine Association peer-selected leadership award.

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