



# United States Navy Biography

## **Rear Admiral Michael C. Manazir** **Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98)**

Manazir, the son of a United States Marine, 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 in July 1984.

Manazir commanded the Tomcatters of Fighter Squadron 31 (Jun97-Sep98), USS Sacramento (AOE1) (Jan03-Jul04), USS Nimitz (CVN68) (Mar07-Aug09) and Carrier Strike Group 8 embarked in USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (Sep11-Jun13).

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) (Jul01-Dec02).



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 Aug09-Sep11.

Manazir qualified in the F-14A/D and F/A-18E/F aircraft and has flown more than 3750 hours and 1200 arrested landings during 15 deployments aboard aircraft carriers on both coasts.

He is the recipient of various personal and campaign awards including the Legion of Merit (6), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2), and the Strike/Flight Air Medal (2). In 2007, Manazir was recognized as the Tailhooker of the Year by the Tailhook Association. Manazir has been married for 31 years and has two grown children.

Rear Adm. Manazir currently serves as the Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). In this capacity, Manazir is responsible for the development, programming, and budgeting of all U.S. Naval aviation warfighting requirements, resourcing and manpower.

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