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## RADM J. L. BUTTS

After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree from California Western University, John L. Butts Jr. entered flight training at Naval Air Station, Miami and was commissioned as an Ensign on 16 October 1941. During World War II, Admiral Butts served nearly three years on combat duty in the Pacific. He flew in squadrons embarked on the USS LEXINGTON, USS BUNKER HILL, USS HORNE T, and USS ENTERPRISE.

At the close of the war, Admiral Butts became the navigator of USS DRUXBURY BAY. In 1947, he was ordered to Naval Air Station Alameda as Officer in Charge of Flight Test. It was here that he became one of the first Naval Aviators to qualify in jet aircraft. He served in Fighter Squadron 51, the Navy's first jet squadron. At the outbreak of the Korean War, he was assigned as Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron 112, which conducted combat operations from the USS PHILIPINE SEA.

Since that time he has served as Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron 51; Fleet Air Gunnery Unit, Pacific Advanced Training Unit 206, NAS PENSACOLA, USS PLATTE (AOE-24), and USS KITTYHAWK (CVA-63).

Since 1967, Admiral Butts has served on several notable Staffs, including; Commander in Chief Pacific, and Commander of Carrier Division One. He became Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier/Commander Fourteenth Naval District/Commander Fleet Air Hawaii in August 1972.

The Admiral holds many decorations and Citations, including the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.