

Leonard Maynard Nearman (son of [Frederick Leonard Nearman](#) and [Cloie Agnes Maynard](#)) was born May 16, 1923 in Elk Point, South Dakota, and died November 26, 1986 in Novato, California. He married [Mary Patricia Delaney](#) on February 16, 1946 in Kankakee, Ill, daughter of [Charles Martin Delaney](#) and [Ethel Bridget Herrity](#).

📖Notes for **Leonard Maynard Nearman**:

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Birth date: May 16, 1923

Death date: Nov 1986

Went into service February 1943, received his wings in June 1944 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Served aboard the USS Hancock during World War II. Was a fighter pilot and flew the Gruman F6F. Received the Navy Cross and three air medals. After the war he was stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas and was an instructor and aid to the executive officer to the base. Then on to San Diego, California and attached to the USS Princeton. Next duty station was Jacksonville, Florida from 1948 until 1949 with the same squadron from San Diego. Then on to Lincoln, Nebraska from January to July 1950 for school. Transferred to Point Magoo, California from July 1950 to July 1952. Went aboard the USS Tarawa as a Line Officer for 2 years. Then to VX3 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Leonard was the Sidewinder Officer. In 1956 went to Line School in Monterey, California. Stayed for 10 months when we moved to Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. In January of 1958 moved to Washington, D.C. at Main Navy on the Sidewinder project. Left after 2 years and went to Virginia Beach, Virginia. Leonard took command of VF76 aboard the USS Intrepid until December 1961. Next was on CARDIV Staff as Plans Officer aboard the USS Independence until December 1962. Then went through the RAG Program and took over the Air Wing in July 1963 at Oceana, Virginia. In July 1964 he went to Senior War College in Newport, Rhode Island for 10 months. Then the deep draft USS Muliphen out of Little Creek, Virginia. His command was for one year. In 1966 moved to Washington, D.C. to work at the Pentagon for two years. Left D.C. in November of 1968 for training in Long Beach, California before taking command of USS Kearsarge. Command was until February 1970 when he transferred as Chief of Staff to USS Oriskani for one year. Next orders were for Hawaii in August 1971 for two years. He was on CINCPAC Staff as Plans Officer. In July 1, 1973 he retired from military service and moved to San Francisco, California to live.

More About **Leonard Maynard Nearman**:

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Fact 1: Social Security #: 483-12-5393.^{Z Z}

Fact 2: Issued in: Iowa.^{Z Z}

Military service: February 1943, US Navy. Attained the rank of Captain. Retired on July 1, 1973. .