

John S. Anusewicz was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1943, at the age of 20 he joined the Armed Services where he served in the 9th Army Air Force, 492nd Fighter Squadron, 48th Fighter Group as a Sergeant (Airplane Armorer) on P-47 Thunderbolts

After initial airfields in England, he arrived in Longueville, Normandy, France on D-Day plus 5 to assist setting up one of the first airfields for the P-47 Thunderbolt fighter. The operations at S-4 Field in Longueville helped the Allied forces break through the German lines at St. Lo in July 1944. The 48th Fighter Group continued to move their airfield to Le Mans then to Paris, to Cambrai as they drove the Germans east in a matter of months. They continued airfields in Belgium and Germany until victory was accomplished.

John returned to Boston where he married Alice Kenney and raised three children. He worked with the State of Massachusetts, Department of Transportation as a Head Highway Traffic Inspector until his retirement in 1985. He retired in Florida until a relocation to Hawaii nearly 5 years ago to live with his son and daughter-in-law.