## "Welcome Home" to All USS Midway Veterans!

The Midway Sailor Program is proud to offer assistance to all who served aboard the USS Midway. Our volunteers can help you:

- Sign up for the complementary Midway Veteran Lifetime Membership
- Be listed in our onboard Research Library database of all who served aboard
- Plan an individual or reunion visit to your ship
- Answer your questions about the museum or its history

**CONTACT US:** Our email address is <a href="midwaysailor@midway.org">midwaysailor@midway.org</a> or you may leave a voice mail message at (619) 398-8272. We will call you back typically within a day.

**MIDWAY VETERAN RESOURCES:** Visit our website for the most current Midway Veteran information: <a href="https://www.midway.org/contact/midway-veteran-resources-services/">https://www.midway.org/contact/midway-veteran-resources-services/</a>

MEMBERSHIP: To sign up for your FREE Midway Veterans Lifetime Membership, contact us by emailing <a href="midwaysailor@midway.org">midwaysailor@midway.org</a> or calling (619) 398-8272. We will then send you a membership form, or an email with the information we need. To allow verification of your service history, we do not offer the complimentary Lifetime Midway Veteran Membership online. You must sign up for your membership in advance of your visit. Membership may take up to 3 weeks to process. Once your membership card is sent to your home, simply show your card at the entrance for complimentary admission for you and one (1) guest. For immediate help M, W, or F from 8:30–4 pm you may call Membership Volunteer, Karen Garst at (619) 398-8204.

**REUNION VISITS:** The USS Midway Museum welcomes visits of Squadron or Division reunion groups. Please have your group organizer contact Carol Eakin at <a href="mailto:ceakin@midway.org">ceakin@midway.org</a> to obtain special pricing for reunion admission, and/or to plan a military ceremony onboard.

## BERTHING & WORKSPACE VISITS: No visits are allowed at this time due to Covid-19 restrictions, please inquire before your visit to see if this has changed.

Our Safety Team will make every effort to provide to a returning Midway Veteran and one guest a visit to the veteran's berthing space and shipboard work center, provided these areas still exist and are safe to access. In advance of your visit please contact Safety Supervisor, Dan Woodward at <a href="mailto:DWoodward@midway.org">DWoodward@midway.org</a> with your expected visit date, department work center and berthing space locations. He will determine whether you can access these spaces and assign a safety escort.

MIDWAY RESEARCH LIBRARY & DATABASE: Our onboard Research Library has an ever-growing database of all who served on board from Sept 10, 1945 to April 1992. This includes Midway's Air Wing, Marines, Admiral's Staff as well as Ship's company. To confirm that your information is entered, please email <a href="mailto:allaboard@midway.org">allaboard@midway.org</a> and include your full name and approximate years on board.

During your visit, ask the Library Staff to look up crewmembers in their records and find pictures for you to see. For reunion groups, they may provide a table with cruise books and other memorabilia. The library is usually open 7 days a week, but it is best to contact them at <a href="mailto:library@midway.org">library@midway.org</a> or (619) 398-8275 prior to your visit to confirm.

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- The Library also sells books about the military through the <u>Battle of Midway Bookstore</u>: [https://www.midway.org/education/education-resources/battle-of-midway-bookstore/]. If you find the bookstore is closed during your visit, please contact a librarian in the main library next door to the bookstore.
- For more interesting library projects, click here: <a href="https://www.midway.org/education/education-resources/uss-midway-research-library/">https://www.midway.org/education/education-resources/uss-midway-research-library/</a>

**SHIP HISTORIAN:** Our onboard Historian, Karl Zingheim, publishes a monthly blog entitled "Karl's Korner" that you may enjoy reading! Topics range from naval history, USS Midway CV-41 History stories and much more. Click here to read: <a href="https://www.midway.org/blog/category/karls-korner/">https://www.midway.org/blog/category/karls-korner/</a> Karl can be contacted at kzingheim@midway.org or (619) 544-9600 x 301 with further questions.

**CURATORIAL DONATIONS:** For a detailed list of the items we are actively seeking please visit our website here: <a href="https://www.midway.org/give-join/support-us/artifact-donations/">https://www.midway.org/give-join/support-us/artifact-donations/</a>

You may bring your donations to our Visitor's Information Center during your visit or mail them to our Curator by sending to:

ATTN: David Hanson, Curator USS Midway Museum 910 N. Harbor Drive San Diego, CA 92101

David can be contacted at <a href="mailto:dhanson@midway.org">dhanson@midway.org</a> or (619) 398-8240 for further questions.

## CDROM of MIDWAY CRUISE BOOKS:

High-quality scanned versions of all the Midway cruise books are available from Buzz Nau's USS Midway site here: http://www.cv41.org/sales/cd-store.html

For additional links of interest to Midway veterans visit our links section at: <a href="https://www.midway.org/about-us/links/">https://www.midway.org/about-us/links/</a>

**YOUR MILITARY RECORD:** If you would like information about your service, you may request your information from the National Archives here: <a href="https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel">https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel</a>. It makes their job easier if you can provide full name, service number and at least one ship/duty station at which you served. Visit the link above to learn how to file your request. You may also file the request for yourself or if you are next-of-kin online here: <a href="https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records">https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records</a>

The Midway Museum does not have access to official records.

**FINDING YOUR SHIPMATES:** For privacy purposes, we do not search or release contact information from our records. However, there are other groups whose mission is to connect veterans with their buddies. Below are some of the places you might look. They are not affiliated or endorsed by the USS Midway Museum.

■ Buzz Nau's Website: http://www.cv41.org/

■ (USS) Midway Sailor: <a href="https://www.midwaysailor.com/midway/index.html">https://www.midwaysailor.com/midway/index.html</a>

■ DavesWarbirds.com: http://www.daveswarbirds.com/navalwar/veterans.htm

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