



USS Midway Museum Virtual Commemoration of Operation Frequent Wind

USS Midway was an important participant in the evacuation of Saigon in 1975

SAN DIEGO (April 30, 2020) – Forty five years ago, during the fall of Saigon, the USS Midway played a major role in the largest humanitarian effort in naval history when it helped evacuate more than 7,000 Americans, Vietnamese and others as part of Operation Frequent Wind. During this two-day operation (April 29-30, 1975), USS Midway helicopters alone lifted 3,073 refugees out of Vietnam.

The museum's closure due to COVID-19 has prevented a 45th anniversary commemorative event being held onboard the aircraft carrier, however, the Midway is still inviting the public to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who saved thousands of lives during Operation Frequent Wind through an online virtual experience.

Now included as part the USS Midway Museum's already engaging online experience introduced March 27, 2020 is the Operation Frequent Wind virtual commemoration - <https://www.midway.org/exhibits-activities/special-days/operation-frequent-wind/>

Visitors to the Operation Frequent Wind virtual experience can:

- Learn the history of this important humanitarian operation.
- Pay tribute to a Vietnam War hero.
- Hear the stories of Operation Frequent Wind and the Fall of Saigon from those who lived it.
- See featured videos from former Midway crew members and Stephanie Dinh, evacuated from Saigon as a child with her family.

The Operation Frequent Wind commemoration will remain on the USS Midway Museum's website for several weeks.

To visit the USS Midway Museum's complete virtual experience, click here – www.midway.org

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The USS Midway Museum opened to the public in June 2004 and today is one of San Diego's most popular visitor attractions with more than 1 million guests coming aboard each year. The naval aircraft carrier was commissioned in 1945 and served for 47 years supporting U.S. military and humanitarian efforts around the world. Nearly 250,000 sailors and officers served their country aboard the USS Midway before it was decommissioned (retired) in 1992.

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