

THE CORAL SEA BREEZE

Our "3 Sisters" Reunion Set for Sept. 23, 2024 in San Diego.

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Welcome Aboard!

Donald R. Harris
RM3, CR Div.
1970—1972

Douglas R. Heise
AQ2, VA-95
1976

Mark E. Jennings
Assoc. Member

Dick L. Standish
ABH3, V-1 Div.
1968—1970

If you missed out on this reunion adventure five years ago, you have one more chance!

Opening day for our 2024 "3 Sisters" Annual Reunion is tentatively set for Sept. 23, 2024, on the gorgeous San Diego waterfront. The host hotel again will be the Wyndham San

Diego Bayside. The hotel's waterfront location, with a view of USS Midway, makes it an ideal "home port" for our

rior sailors from the USS Coral Sea, USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, and USS Midway, which serves as our host carrier.



A number of events will be held on USS Midway, which has

group of "old salts" ready to relive our "glory years"...to the best of our recollection!

This reunion will again reconnect car-

operated as a museum at Navy Pier since 2004. Based on annual visits, it is the most popular naval warship museum in the U.S.

President's Corner

Greetings, Hope everyone is having a great new year. Everything is going great on my end.

The 3 Sisters Reunion is coming together and after the ship's meeting on 31 January, we have a better idea of what we will be doing. The hotel is the same one as in 2019, the Wyndham, just across from the Midway. Our tentative schedule at this

time:

9/23 Registration and check in. Snacks provided.

9/24 Registration; working on tour to baseball game. San Diego city tour.

9/25 Open so far; possible tours to Mt. Solidad and Old Town.

9/26 Open meeting aboard Midway; breakfast aboard each ship, general meeting. We will have raffle at that time (no auction this year). Possible addi-

tional tour and a banquet aboard Midway. Estimated costs at this time as follows: \$195.00 plus tax per night for hotel \$ 45.00 registration for this reunion only \$ 75.00 Midway Banquet

There will be a parking fee; just don't know how much yet. Also have not yet gotten tour prices. According to AFR, everything will be

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TAPS

James M. Amundson
QM2, N Div.
1965—1967

Joseph F. Frick
RADM,
Commanding
Officer
1975—1977

John F. Plude, Sr.
(No Further
Information)

Richard Quinlan
ABEAN, V-2
1960—1964

USS Midway Museum Highlights.

The USS Midway Museum is a historical naval aircraft carrier museum located in downtown San Diego, Calif., at Navy Pier.

The museum is centered around the aircraft carrier Midway, which houses an extensive collection of aircraft, many of which were built in Southern California.



Visitors to the USS Midway Museum can experience an unforgettable adventure as they walk in the footsteps of the 225,000 young men who served on the carrier. Here are some highlights of what you can explore:

Flight Deck... Step onto the massive flight deck and witness 29 restored aircraft that once soared through the skies during historic moments.

Flight Simulators... For those who dare, there are two flight simulators where you can virtually take to the sky.

Battle of Midway

Theater... Be inspired by the heroic stories of the Battle of Midway, which is included with your admission.

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Secretary's Corner

Greetings Shipmates, Hopefully all of you had a great Christmas season.

I don't have much new to talk about; however, I'll ask all of you again to let me know if anyone is interested in having a Spring Fling. Please let me know so that I

can get the ball rolling for 2025.

As I noted in the December 2023 issue of *Sea Breeze* we're purging the roster of those whose dues are more than three years past due. That's the case with this issue. Again, please check your mailing label to see if you're behind in paying your dues. We

use this income for the several things that the Association supports. Your help is deeply appreciated. Godspeed!

John

John H. Ranson
Association Secretary

The Wyndham San Diego Bayside Reunion Hotel.

Wyndham San Diego Bayside is a waterfront hotel located in downtown San Diego. It embodies Southern California's laid-back style, combining a refreshingly vintage vibe with modern-day essentials that San Diego visitors crave. Here are some key features of this delightful hotel:

Waterfront Location...Wyndham San Diego Bayside enjoys an unmatched waterfront location right on North San Diego Bay. Guests can savor balcony views from every room, taking in the scenic beauty of the bay.



• **On-Site Restaurants...**The hotel boasts three on-site restaurants, allowing guests to indulge in a variety of dining options. Whether you're exploring nearby attractions like the USS Midway or simply unwinding by the water, Wyndham San Diego Bayside offers a comfortable and memorable experience.

• **Airport Shuttle...**For added convenience, the hotel provides a complimentary airport shuttle service, making travel to and from San Diego Airport hassle-free.

• **Pet-Friendly...**With 600 pet-friendly rooms, Wyndham San Diego Bayside ensures that your furry companions are welcome during your stay.



Salty Humor

The one thing that unites all human beings is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.



Salty Humor

A duck is standing next to a busy road, cars zooming past while he waits for a break in traffic. A chicken walks up and says, "Don't do it, man. You'll never hear the end of it!"

3 Sisters Reunion Area Attractions.

Thinking about spending a few more days in the San Diego area before or after our 3 Sisters Annual Reunion?

The Wyndham San Diego Bayside is not only conveniently located near the USS Midway Museum, but also near a number of other area attractions.

Among the many nearby attractions, you may also enjoy these local favorites:

Maritime Museum of San Diego...is just a 3-minute walk away. This museum offers



fascinating exhibits related to maritime history and the ships that sailed.

Portside Pier...also about a 3-minute walk, this dining and entertainment complex provides beautiful views of the bay and delicious food options to enjoy.

HMS Surprise...located nearby, this historic ship is a must-see for maritime enthusiasts.

The Embarcadero

ro...adjacent to downtown San Diego along the Big Bay, it's a pleasant area for strolling and enjoying the waterfront views.

If you'd like
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Vice President's Corner

Hello Shipmates
Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It is just eight months until our annual reunion, which will be in San Diego this year along with Midway and FDR, (aka the second Three Sisters Reunion).

The reunion will be earlier than our usual Columbus Day weekend as well as during the

week; Monday through Thursday, 23 through 26 Sept. 2024. This change was made to minimize costs and at a time when the hotel could accommodate the anticipated large group. It is again time for the Cash Raffle. Enclosed you will find three books of six raffle tickets each and a return envelope addressed to our association Treasurer:

Bill Bomar
1040 Blue Mountain

Lane Antioch, TN 37013
The drawing will be held at the Business meeting on 26 Sept. 2024, after a meet-and-greet and breakfast. All three events are aboard Midway. See you all in San Diego,

Clarence

Clarence Neander
Association Vice President



simply soaking in the scenic beauty, there's something for everyone near Wyndham San Diego Bayside!



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to venture out a bit further, you'll discover other noteworthy attractions such as the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld, Balboa Park, and the lively Gaslamp Quarter in downtown San Diego. Whether you're interested in history, dining, or



Salty Humor

What of dogs fetch the ball only because they think we really enjoy throwing it?

Treasurer's Corner

Greetings Coral Sea shipmates!

Plans for the 3 Sisters Reunion in September are well underway. Included in this issue are the raffle tickets. You will notice on the return envelopes; the tickets and payments will be returned to me. Please fill out the tickets with your name, address, and a contact telephone number. Please try and be as legible as possible as the eyes just aren't as sharp as the used to

be! Payment by check would be greatly appreciated but, cash will be gladly accepted!

We are in good shape financially. Our annual \$1,000 contribution to the US Navy Sea Cadets was recently made.

As approved at the OKC reunion, Association Secretary John Ranson tells me that more than 200 association members have been removed from our active roster. These members were three or more years in arrears in their dues,

so it was the prudent action to take.

Please, if your dues aren't current, get those into John so you won't be dropped from membership.

Hope everyone is looking forward to getting passed these last few weeks of winter and getting on to warmer spring weather.

Fair winds and following seas to all!

Bill

Bill Bomar
Association Treasurer

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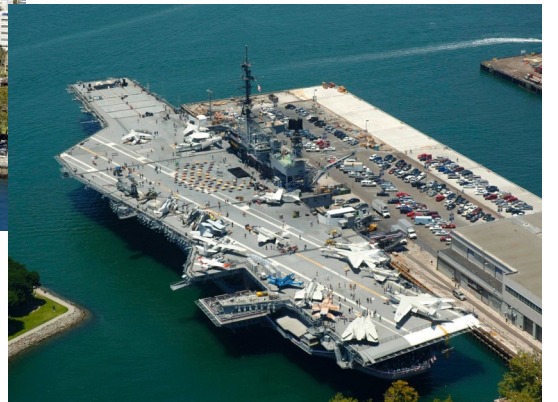
USS Midway Museum...

Self-Guided Audio Tour... Narrated by Midway sailors, this audio tour brings the carrier's history to life.

Whether you're a history enthusiast, an aviation buff, or a US Navy carrier sailor veteran, the USS Midway Museum offers an immersive experience for all who "request permission



you find yourself in San Diego, make sure to add this iconic attraction to your itinerary!



to come aboard." It's a chance to appreciate and reflect on the sacrifices made by our servicemen in times past for this great country. If



Salty Humor

My New Year's resolution was to read more. So I enabled closed captioning on my TV.

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Shipmates,
Like many of you, I have become a great fan of Facebook. Not the arguing that goes on or the endless adverts, but the postings that carry great substance.

There is one in particular which highlights historic Navy ships. And yes, our Coral Sea has been featured, both before and after the conversion in the 1950s. Plus a lot of battleship photos.

These really bring out the nostalgia in me.

Memories -- good memories! -- flood my mind, recalling not just the grand old ships but the grand old shipmates with whom I served.

That is one reason I hold our USS Coral Sea Association in very high regard. Many of our shipmates give many hours of time and effort to keep us informed and to keep the good name Coral Sea alive.

So, let's all go out and "beat the bushes" to find other Coral Sea shipmates who could join our great organi-

zation. And, when you get the chance, check out our monthly newsletter online. It's in color! Those of you who might not be computer literate can always get a four-year-old child to help you!

May God bless us all as we remember and honor our shipmates and our grand "Ageless Warrior", USS Coral Sea!

My best to you all,

Michael

Michael D. Halley
Association Chaplain

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

There have been seven scholarship packets requested so far this year. It is not too late to request a packet this year. You may request scholarship application packets for your seniors. At this late date I will email the requested packets out as soon as I get the request. Complete the application and get it in the mail NO LATER THAN April 1. I will also accept your applications by email if I receive them by the April 1 deadline. My email address is godunbar@outlook.com. When you send your application, please call me at 405-820-5302 to verify I have received it.

—Guy Dunbar, Scholarship Chairman
700 Harrier Hawk, Edmond, Okla. 73003-3180

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President's Corner....

available for the June issue of the *Sea Breeze*.

As I told everyone previously, this will be our most costly reunion, so prepare yourselves for sticker shock. I must say that despite the cost, there are a good deal of people wanting to attend. In 2019 total attendance was 613 of which 85 ship-mates were from the Coral Sea. The three ships have guaranteed 500 will attend to receive favorable pricing. Estimated attendance has gone as high as 1000 this year. Hopefully Coral Sea attendance will be higher this time, perhaps in the range of 110.

On a lighter note, Admiral Allen put the word out that his book is now ready for purchase on Amazon. He will autograph the book if you want. Healthwise, he cannot make the Three Sisters Reunion but plans on making our Corpus Christi gathering in 2025.

For next year's reunion, I have contacted two hotels in Corpus Christi. I will give you details of each hotel and you all can pick which one I should sign our contract with. Our first option is the Holiday Inn and other is Emerald Isle. Both are easy to get to and both have shuttle service.

The price for Holiday Inn is \$119.00 plus tax and Emerald Isle is \$105.00 plus tax. Both offer free parking. We

stated at the Emerald Isle for our last reunion in Corpus Christi. I will say they have done a complete make over and the manager and I discussed the problem we had the last time there. He assured me that that would not happen again, and I hope we don't have another hurricane a week before the reunion!

I am going back down after ship's company picks a hotel. As mentioned previously, the board members have decided not to use AFR going forward. The tourist manager for Corpus Christi is doing a marvelous job for us currently, making sure we have all we need for that reunion.

The Lexington is putting their best foot forward for us in 2025. Our compartment aboard the Lexington is coming together spectacularly. And everyone aboard is very helpful and looking forward to our reunion. The City of Corpus is going all out to make our visit a good one.

So, until our next issue, that's about all the news for now. We expect to have all the '24 reunion details ready for the June issue. In the meantime, stay safe and if any questions come up, don't hesitate to call.

Wayne

Wayne Addkison
Association President



Salty Humor

When RSVPing to a wedding invitation, apparently "maybe next time" is not an acceptable response.

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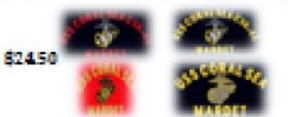
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- TEE'S ITEM #070 - \$15.50



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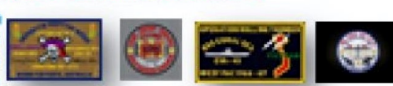
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A Brief History of USS Midway (CV-41)



Salty Humor

Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9 p.m. is the new midnight!

USS Midway (CV-41), the lead ship of her class, has a rich history in the United States Navy. Here are some key points about this remarkable aircraft carrier:

- Midway was commissioned eight days after the end of World War II in September 1945.
- She was the largest warship in the world until 1955.
- Notably, Midway was the first U.S. aircraft carrier too big to transit the Panama Canal.
- Her initial homeport was Norfolk, and she served in the Atlantic Fleet for her first eight years of service.

In 1946, Midway participated in Operation Frostbite, testing cold-water operations in the Arctic. A year later, she made history as the launch pad for a V-2 ballistic missile.

Service Highlights:

- Over her 47-year operational lifespan, Midway saw action in the Vietnam War.
- She served as the Persian Gulf flagship during Operation Desert Storm in 1991.
- Decommissioned in 1992, Midway found a new role as a museum ship at the USS Midway Museum in San Diego, California.

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USS Coral Sea Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

Membership in the USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 ASSOCIATION is open to all Navy, Marine Corp and Air Force personnel who served aboard the ship (CV/CVB/CVA-43) for a period of at least 90 days. Also, any person who was assigned to the original commissioning crew (plank owner), even if they spent fewer than 90 days aboard, shall be eligible for membership. **DUES:** Association membership is \$20 per year. Dues for membership are not limited to one year when submitted for renewal or first-time application. Any amount submitted over the annual dues will be automatically earmarked for the Association's Scholarship program.



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History of USS Midway...

Remarkably, Midway is the only remaining inactive U.S. aircraft carrier that is not an Essex-class carrier.

Technical Details:

Displacement: 45,000 tons at commissioning, 64,000 tons at decommissioning.

Length: 1,001 feet (305 meters).

Beam: 121 feet (37 meters) initially, expanded to 136 feet (41 meters) at the flight deck after modernization.

Draft: 34.5 feet (10.5 meters).

Propulsion: 12 boilers, four Westinghouse geared steam turbines.

Speed: 33 knots (61 km/h; 38 mph).

Armament: Initially included 18 × 5"/54 caliber Mark 16 guns, 84 × Bofors 40 mm guns, and 56 × Oerlikon 20 mm cannons. After refit, she had 2 8-cell Sea Sparrow launchers and 2 Phalanx CIWS systems.

Aircraft Carried: Theoretical capacity of 137, but carried 100 (1940s–50s) and 70 (Vietnam–retirement) aircraft.

Midway's legacy lives on as a testament to naval history, innovation and US Navy sea and air superiority.

