

**USS MIDWAY VETERANS ASSOCIATION
BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 27, 2016**

President Oscar Granger called the 2016 business meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Oscar discussed the purpose of the meeting, which is required by our Bylaws, and gave a brief history of the organization. Officers were introduced. No elections are needed this year.

Dave Payson, Secretary-Treasurer, explained that the MVA's nonprofit status allows for deductibility by members of all money donated to the organization, including membership fees, or dues, which are due in January of each year. The membership fee drive begins in November. Dave asked members to submit original content for the newsletter. Members' submissions will be published in the newsletter and may also be posted on the website. He also urged members to sign up for electronic newsletter delivery. There are now more members taking the electronic newsletter than the hard copy, which helps reduce expenses. The question of posting members' names and email addresses online was discussed. It was suggested that there be an opt-out option for those who don't want their email addresses published on the Internet. Next, Mina Jo Payson presented the Fiscal 2015 Year End Financial Report. A member questioned a bank charge of \$3.00. The member felt that a nonprofit organization should be exempted from paying fees. It was explained that this is bank policy for a business account such as ours, and our nonprofit status didn't exempt us from paying the bank charge. The possibility of changing banks was brought up. It was pointed out that we need a bank that is national in scope, and that some banking organizations don't want to deal with nonprofit organizations. The possibility of an internal financial review was discussed. Members in Washington State indicated that they would be willing to help with a financial review.

Jim Hayter, VP-Reunions, gave a report about this year's reunion. He thanked all the volunteers for their help. The 2017 MVA reunion will most likely be in the fall, in San Diego. Jim discussed the various things that will affect the dates of the reunion including Jewish High Holidays and best hotel rates. Members were requested to fill out the reunion surveys either before they leave town or to send them to Jim when they get home. Winners of the silent auction were announced.

Oscar reported that some adjustments to the Bylaws are being worked on to clarify things like reunion dates and a reunion planning committee.

Turner Mann, Membership Chair, introduced the members of the Membership Committee who were present. They have a monthly conference call. This year there have been forty-five new members. The membership was asked to join the overall effort by passing names of potential members on to the committee. If anyone is interested in participating on the committee, please contact Turner or one of the members.

Comments and concerns from the members were brought up. A question was asked about competing organizations. We are reaching out to other organizations with ties to the Midway. Some of them are interested in joining us and some are not. We are trying to reach all organizations to explain that we have the interests of the Ship at heart and that they are welcome to join us. Members were asked to contact the membership committee if they know of Squadron or other organization members. Turner Mann again asked that everyone become involved in recruiting potential members. It was suggested that a scholarship-type fund be set up to help veterans with the cost of coming to reunions. Going to the VFW or American Legion might be an option. It was suggested that a fund could be set up outside the nonprofit umbrella. Another option would be for a member or group of members to sponsor an individual. It was asked whether the membership is restricted to only Midway Veterans. For right now, we would like to keep the membership held to those who served aboard the Ship. As time passes, it is hoped that those who served in later years will find the desire and time to join us.

President Oscar Granger adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Payson, Secretary/ Treasurer/USS Midway Veterans Association