

**USS MIDWAY VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
BUSINESS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2017**

MVA President Oscar Granger called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Oscar led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the Board members, and gave an overview on the purpose of MVA business meetings.

Oscar led a brief discussion on MVA's Bylaws. There are still some minor changes to be made to the Bylaws before they are put out for member review.

Two officers were up for reelection for 4-year terms: President Oscar Granger and Secretary-Treasurer David Payson. By a show of hands, both officers were reelected unanimously.

Mina Jo Payson presented the Fiscal 2017 Financial Report through August 31, 2017. There were no questions. Dave reported on collecting membership fees (dues). In accordance with MVA's Bylaws, members are to submit dues by the end of January of each year, or at least no later than February. Dave is working to set up dues payments by credit card, which should make dues collection easier and help in recruiting. The membership roster is current, and a summary version is published on MVA's website. If there are any questions, contact Dave by phone or email. We've added 25 new MVA members as a result of this reunion. The newsletter is published quarterly and Dave urged members to submit stories (or other content of interest) to him for publication. He is looking for volunteers to help him with the newsletter. Mina Jo reported on the MVA financial review held October 2016 in Renton, WA. The review committee members, Mick Hershey, Ken Radek and Marty FitzGerald, found MVA's financial books in order and the records properly maintained, with some recommendations to make information easier to understand. Their report was shown on the screen.

Jim Hayter, MVA Vice President of Reunions, announced a time change for the Hotel Del Coronado Tour and reminded members of the Beer Tour. There will be two trolley trips to the ship at 5:45 p.m. and two trips returning at 9:00 p.m. for the banquet. He expects about 310 people for dinner, which will be served buffet style with Continental Catering again providing the food. There will be a color guard made up of Midway veterans with some members in uniform and some not. Tim Miller will stand in for the Chaplain. Marnette Voeltz will take the couples pictures and other banquet pictures on the flight deck. Jim is also in charge of raffles and auctions and encouraged members to participate in the silent auction and raffles still underway to raise money for the Museum's charitable programs. He also introduced the members of the Reunion Planning Committee, Marty FitzGerald, Ron Pope, Ken Radek, Ken Zuorro and Bob Roberge.

The Board proposed that a Midway Class reunion be held in 2019. Discussion was held about holding a reunion in 2018. The Board requested that the organization forgo the 2018 reunion to give the officers and planners a break and time to plan the 2019 reunion. Discussion followed. It was moved, seconded and passed that the organization forgo the 2018 reunion in favor of a three ship reunion involving the USS Midway, the USS Franklin Roosevelt and the USS Coral Sea with the banquet to be held on the flight deck of the Midway. The presidents of the Coral Sea and FDR associations have indicated they think it's a great idea.

Tim Miller, Membership Committee Chairman, gave a video presentation on the committee's progress and introduced the members of the committee, Marty FitzGerald, Manny Voeltz and Phil Zuniga, inviting others to join and help recruit MVA members. Tim said his goal was to grow MVA's membership by 50 members.

A member asked if anyone had information on the cave-in Midway's starboard bow during the 57-58 cruise. There is no information on it in the museum library. Another member announced that San Francisco's Top of the Mark Restaurant has been giving veterans one free drink with their meal if they tell the hostess that they have not received this reward. Specials for veterans that are not generally publicized might make a good newsletter story. Pass such information on to Dave. A suggestion was made about including all Midway Museum docents as eligible to become members of the MVA. It would require a Bylaw change, and the affect on our nonprofit status would need to be studied. Please make suggestions to the Board on how to recruit new members or where to go to find new members. Recruit new members yourselves.

President Oscar Granger adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Payson, Secretary/ Treasurer