

May 2019 Midway Class “Three Sisters” Reunion



MIDWAY CLASS REUNION, A.K.A “THREE SISTERS” REUNION

THREE MIGHTY CARRIERS – ONE VERY SPECIAL REUNION!

Attention Midway Class Veterans and Guests: This reports provides a summary of the very latest planning activities currently underway for the 2019 Midway Class Reunion (MCR) “3 Sisters” reunion in San Diego, recapping what has been reported to date along with new information on the reunion.

As previously reported, on May 6-10, 2019, the veterans of the **USS Midway (CV-41)**, **USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CV-42)** and **USS Coral Sea (CV-43)** will gather in San Diego to take part in what is being billed as the "3 Sisters" Reunion or the Midway Class Reunion. These veterans will honor their ships and the time they spent serving their country aboard them. That's right, the former veterans of the three mightiest warships of their time will return to the one remaining ship of the class, the USS Midway Museum, nowadays arguably the most popular ship museum in the world. They and their families and guests will come from all across the country to attend this reunion.

Note: The actual dates for the reunion are Tuesday, May 7th; Wednesday, May 8th; and Thursday, May 9th. Check-in and early bird registration will take place on Monday, May 6th, usually after 12:00 noon. Then, check-out, for most, will be on Friday, May 10th at your convenience.

“Three Sisters” reunion patch is shown below. To order this patch for only \$7, call or email Wayne Addikson, USS Coral Sea Assn.’s president. His contact information is provided on the next page.

Although we won't know for certain how many veterans will be attending the reunion from each carrier until after the registration process has been completed, we think that plank owners of each major milestone of each ship will be well represented at the reunion. (By our definition, a “major milestone” of a ship would be marked by the date of her commissioning, recommissioning, and decommissioning.)

The MCR planning team selected the Wyndham San Diego Bayside as the reunion hotel because of its close proximity to the USS Midway Museum and downtown attractions, which will put reunion attendees in the “thick of the action,” which they will appreciate. The Wyndham was also selected because its negotiated room rate of **\$153/night (+ tax)** is competitive with other downtown hotels in San Diego, especially for the spring season. We ask that you book your room early because the more rooms we hold in reserve with the hotel, the better deals we can negotiate with them. It's no exaggeration to say these rooms are going fast. So do not delay!

This link <https://book.passkey.com/go/3SistersReunion2019> opens to the hotel's passkey web link where you can reserve your room. When the passkey web link opens, select the “Make Your Reservation” box to reserve your room and dates. **To reserve your room by phone, dial 619-232-3861 and then select "Zero" (or Ext. 6024) at the prompt to speak to a guest service agent. Be sure to tell the agent you're with the Midway Class Carrier, “3 Sisters,” reunion group.** The room rates are good for 3 days before and after the reunion, *if the hotel has rooms available during those periods.* And remember, you can cancel your room up to 72 hours before the reunion without penalty. If you've already made your hotel reservation, the next step will be to register for the



May 2019 Midway Class “Three Sisters” Reunion

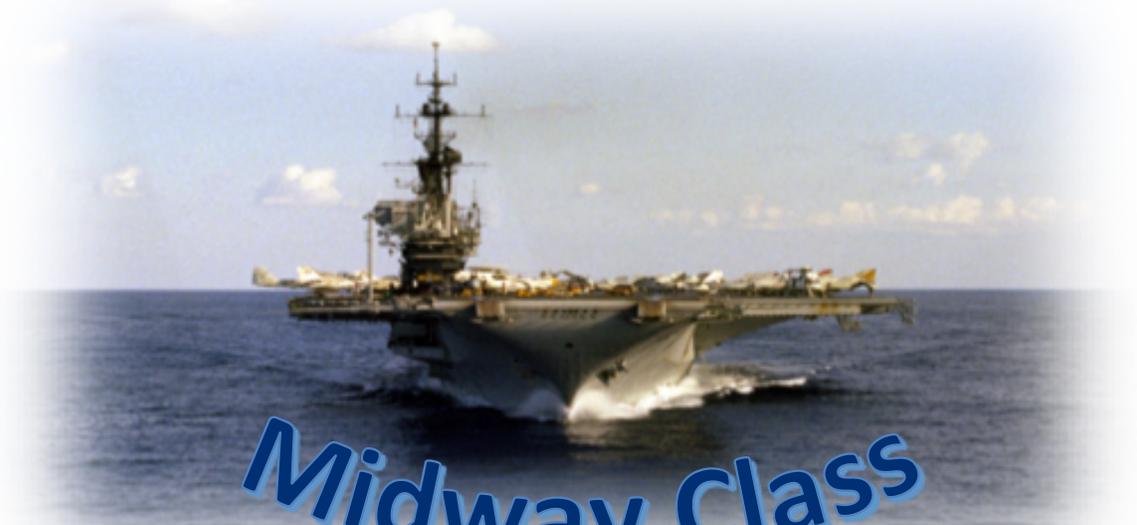
reunion. But that can't happen until the **Reunion Registration Form** and **Reunion Program** are ready. We are working closely with our reunion planning company, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFRI), to complete these documents, which will include prices, tour descriptions, times and dates, etc. We can't give you a definitive date yet on when these reunion documents will be ready, but it will probably be later in the fall of 2018. Once completed, we'll make them available to “all hands” in the Midway Class carrier associations (as well as to Midway Class veterans nationwide), **so that we can all start registering for the 2019 reunion and making final plans to attend!**

Reunion events and activities scheduled so far are (1) Welcome Reception at the hotel (Tuesday, May 7th); (2) Meet & Greet on the ship (Wednesday, May 8th); and (3) Grand Banquet on the flight deck (Thursday, May 9th). AFRI has the lead on identifying potential tours, and the MCR team is working closely with them on this. (Possibilities include a day trip to Tijuana, a dinner cruise, and a big-league baseball game [Padres vs. Dodgers.]) In the meantime, shipmates, keep spreading the news about this very special reunion to your fellow carrier mates who served aboard these three great ships. **And remember, you don't have to be a member of the reunion associations of these three carriers to attend – but you do need to have served on one or more of them during your time in the Navy.** Family members and guests are more than welcome to attend this reunion, of course.

In conclusion, what these ships and the men who served on them accomplished between 1945 and 1992 is nothing short of amazing. We believe that this reunion will truly be “one for the ages.” So let's come together to celebrate our and our ships' legacy! *Do not miss this reunion if you went “Down to the Sea” on one or more of these mighty warships of the 20th century.*

Note: The MCR team that is planning and coordinating the “3 Sisters” reunion is made up of the presidents of the three associations, plus key members of each organization. For information about this reunion, contact your association president or his delegate.

MVA President Oscar Granger	orgranger@gmail.com	(425) 831-6891
FDR President Robert Siefker	rsiefker@indybluc.com	(317) 289-8489
Coral Sea President Wayne Addkison	nijarm2@yahoo.com	(903) 288-4455



Midway Class