

San Diego 2010 Reunion—Last Call To Register

Calling all USS Midway reunion-mates—new and old—it's time to register for the 2010 reunion in San Diego!



That's right, reunion-mates, the reunion is fast approaching. **On September 23-25, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego, California**, the USS Midway Reunion Group will gather for its first reunion. From there we will be within hailing distance of our ship, the mightiest aircraft carrier that ever sailed the sea, the USS Midway. **Activities are planned for all three days, so plan to arrive on the 22nd and leave on the 26th.**

Since our last San Diego reunion in 2007 (when we were OI Division), the USS Midway Museum has undergone additional restoration and added more exhibits. An all-star attraction for the citizens and tourists in the San Diego area, she means even more to us, the veterans who served aboard her in time of war and peace and now honor her memory.

As a USS Midway reunion organization we have undergone a significant restoration of our own. For we are now (as described in the May 2010 newsletter) **recognized by the USS Midway Museum leadership, and they endorse and support our efforts to form one ship-wide reunion organization!** *Much of this support will be evident at the reunion.*

So let's live up to this support by the USS Midway Museum's leadership by turning out for the 2010 reunion in large numbers! We want to show them we know how to hold a reunion! Bring your family and friends and plan to have fun and be educated to the ways of life aboard a ship that ruled the seas for over four decades!

The Passkey web address at the top of the next page will allow you to book your room at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for the special \$99/day rate. The hotel's website <http://www.crowneplaza.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/sanpcp> doesn't automatically give you the special rate. So if you register by phone, be sure to tell the hotel you want the "USS Midway negotiated rate."

USS MIDWAY REUNION GROUP

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Register online: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ussmidwayreunion>

Here's how the reunion activities shape up so far:

THURSDAY (Sept. 23)—San Diego Trolley Tour. The trolley will pick us up at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and take us on a guided tour of San Diego with eight stops along the way, including lunch at Seaport Village at one of the eight restaurants there. (Lunch is on our own, but discount vouchers are available from the local merchants.) So for a very reasonable price (\$28 per person) we will get passage to and from the hotel, a guided trolley tour of one of the most beautiful and nautical cities on the West Coast, and lunch with our shipmates and mates.

FRIDAY (Sept. 24)—Early reveille will be the order of the day, because we've been called to muster at the ship by 0900, an hour before the USS Midway Museum's regular opening time. We will be welcomed aboard by the **President & CEO of the USS Midway Museum, RADM Mac McLaughlin, and Marketing and P.R. Director Scott McGaugh**. This "meet and greet" session will include a presentation by **Jim Eckel, Director of the Museum's Planned Giving program**. We expect opportunities for our reunion group to have a future role in Jim's program. After that we're free to tour the ship and take in the exhibits and rekindle our memories of our days as young "salts" aboard the ship. Possibly some of us could serve as volunteer docents for an hour or two.

SATURDAY (Sept. 25)—On the last day of the reunion, we will hold our biannual business meeting in the morning to review and amend our bylaws, if necessary, and conduct other business. At the reunion banquet in the evening, shipmates, friends and family will gather for pictures and to wine and dine (see registration form for dinner choices). The guest speaker will be **RADM Mac McLaughlin** to once again show the Museum's support for our reunion efforts. Helen Kruper will present the admiral with her handmade Navy quilt resplendent with pictures of the Midway and the men and their families from previous reunions. Other banquet activities are being planned.

We are looking for hosts and hostesses to help man the hospitality room during the reunion. Duties include keeping food and beverages in supply and the listening to and telling of sea stories, which undoubtedly will be flowing freely. This is guaranteed fun duty, and we can set up shifts. If you're interested please write it on the registration form (it's not a line item) before returning it to President Oscar Granger. Bill "Kroop" Kruper, our Vice President, will be running the Midway Memorabilia Corner. See him for hats, ship's emblems and patches, RD/OS dress blue "Crows" and other items. All memorabilia items are for sale at cost to members and their guests, and all funds go into our reunion account.

At some point during these 3 days, the women may plan an activity together to escape from the men (and who could blame them?).

So, everyone within the sound of this message, we look forward to seeing you in San Diego. It will be soon enough now, about two more months!! Included with this flier is another registration form, in case you misplaced (or never received) the first one that came with the last newsletter. In a couple more weeks, we will be mailing you a message from Oscar, catching us up on the latest news regarding our new position with the USS Midway Museum, and where, potentially, it may be leading us—and, of course, urging us to attend the reunion. It will be our final, final call to register for the reunion.

Please mail your registration form and check for the total amount to:

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See You in San Diego! Remember to pay your 2010 dues at the reunion (\$20) if you haven't done so. And . . . donations are always welcome to help us cover our operating costs.