



Station Ship News



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New MVA Logo Design Sets the "Gold Standard"

ATTENTION! IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT . . . MVA'S 2015 Reunion to be held April 23-25, 2015, at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside Hotel. Midway Veterans, Families and Friends Welcome!

1945 Midway Plankowner Receives WWII Victory Medal from Family

In a surprise ceremony on Saturday, April 5, 2014, Robert (Bob) Shedd, a member of Midway's commissioning crew (Seaman 1st Class), was presented a WWII Victory Medal by his son Steve at a family celebration in Boynton Beach, Florida.



Bob (left) was the last of twelve current 1945 plankowners who are members of the USS Midway Veterans Association (MVA) to receive this well-deserved medal commemorating military service during World War II. The medal is awarded to any member of the United States Military who served between Dec. 7, 1941 and Dec. 31, 1946.

Bob, who enlisted in the Navy in 1945 prior to the end of the war, was very thankful and appreciative of the effort made by the MVA, particularly Dave Payson and Oscar Granger, to help make this surprise medal ceremony happen for Bob and his family.

Oscar Granger, MVA president, said, "We are honored to help Bob and his family receive this medal at Bob's home. For those WWII plankowners who can't make it to our reunions in person, having the ceremony at the veteran's home with family and friends is a great option."

In addition to the WWII medal, Bob received a letter of appreciation for his service from RADM Mac McLaughlin (Ret.), president and CEO of the USS Midway Museum.

He also received a Midway CVB-41 cap, an MVA challenge coin, and an MVA lapel pin, courtesy of the MVA.

Originally from Boston, Bob lives in Boynton Beach, Florida, with wife Cindy. Steve, proud son, lives in Dunn Loring, Virginia.



Father (Bob Shedd with WWII Victory Medal) and son (Steve Shedd) share a proud moment, at Bob's home in Boynton Beach, FL

On the Occasion of My 87th Birthday . . .

By Arthur Weiss, 1945 Plankowner

I still have not figured out how I will get a wooden plank out of her steel deck . . . I fell in love with our Midway at 17, and that feeling is still there.



In a few days, G.D. willing, I will reach my 87th birthday (March 19th) and have to admit I'm no longer the 17-year-old who enlisted in my Uncle's Navy.

Art, upper right in above photo, celebrates his 19th birthday with his buddies (the "Wheeler & Dealers Gang") in Midway's post office, March 1946, during 'Operation Frostbite.'

I left my hometown of Phila. to Sansom, NY, for Boots. Then to the O.G.U. (out-going unit) where I was assigned to a new ship in Newport News, VA. She was a carrier. Off I went to Newport, RI, where the Navy had a fire-fighting school. (They knew a thing or two about Damage Control, too.)

After graduation, we boarded an A.K.A. and sailed down the coast for 3 or 4 days, to Norfolk Navy Base and into the barracks.

Soon after arriving, that different looking carrier, with all those guns, was given the name U.S.S. Midway. She was a new class called C.V.B. (carrier battleship). We were the first of only three built and had the first steel flight deck.

The ship was commissioned. Newport News Shipbuilding Co. hosted us, the first crew, to the best feast possible. Anything you could want including ice cream, cigarettes, or cigars. The cooks rated 5 stars!

We were told that we were the Midway's 'Plankowners'. Later, we each received a certificate naming us that. It is dated 10 Sept., 1945 - Captain J.F. Bolger, Commanding Officer. My framed certificate hangs in my den.

I still have not figured out how I will get a wooden plank out of her steel deck. Oh well, I fell in love with our Midway at 17, and that feeling is still there. This past September I saw, and boarded, our ship for the first time since being discharged way back in Aug., 1946. Mister, that was 67 years ago, and yes, I did cry and choke up.

I am lucky to be here and present my dues check. Perhaps I'll be given enough more years to write checks, and maybe get entry into my old compartment (home), which was #A-309-L. I tried at the reunion, but it wasn't accessible.

Hope to see you, and all the others, at our next reunion.

Smooth sailing . . . Art



Art Weiss receiving his WWII Victory Medal from ex-Midway C.O. Riley D. Mixson, Sept. 14, 2013, Flight Deck, USS Midway Museum

The 2nd Div. Bench, USS Midway

By Walter M. Sheridan, SN/2nd Div., 1975-77

To my Fellow Shipmates, I was asked to write this article. I was stationed aboard the USS Midway from 1975 to 1977. The men I served with are my brothers. You know what I'm talking about since you served as well. We were all 18 to 19 years old, still wet behind the ears. We worked hard and played hard when we were in port. We hung out together and fought each other as brothers, as well as a couple of Jarheads who got in our way. We were Black Shoe Boatswain Mates of the 2nd Division, ship's company. We stood watches on the Bridge and the Fantail, piped on and off officers from the Quarterdeck, and rigged the canvas and did the mahogany deck cover. We also painted the hull between Elevators #1 and #2. That was our territory, as well as

the stack when we were in port. We also took on stores at sea as well as fuel, JP-5 and diesel, and on occasion, when we transferred people between ships in a Boatswain's Chair, we gave them a bath when they came aboard. There were other jobs that we did, but these were the major ones. Whenever crap hit the fan, we were called.

Well, this article is about Us, but not what you think. I visited our ship September, 2013, when we had the Midway veterans' reunion. I traveled with my fellow brother John Lavallee. He came in from Salem, NH, I from Cape May Court House, NJ. We saw our fellow shipmates, but not from the years we were on her. From previous years – what a bunch of characters! We enjoyed them all. As I toured the ship, I noticed some things were gone, this opening wasn't here and a lot of Dedication Benches. Mostly on the Flight Deck and in the Hangar Bay.

So I called the ship and inquired about getting a bench. A thousand bucks and none were available. So I left my name and email address, and if any became available I would be interested in one. Well, I got an email saying they found one. I filled out the application and gave them the wording on the plaque.

2nd Division Deck 75-77

Steven F. Black, David W. Caudill

John R. Lavallee, Vaughn E. Loomis

Peter G. Seaman, Walter M. Sheridan

Sent them a check before they changed their minds, now we have to pick a location; of course, the spot is our Sponson. Got the run-around, but we got our spot. We got a lot of support from our USS Midway Veterans Association, Dave Payson. We also got a lot of help from Dan Beitema and Robin Hatfield from the ship [Midway Museum]. There were several revisions to the plaque, but we settled on the wordage and arrangement. A special thanks to all my brothers. Their help and support makes this dedication bench doubly special. I tried to find more, but with common last names like Garcia, Smith, Young, Kim, and the other 45 members of our Division, only the ones on the plaque were the ones who responded to my snail mail letters. I wish I could have found more.

President's Report



Well, it's started again – the planning for the SD15 reunion at the ship in San Diego. Our esteemed Vice President, Jim Hayter, is already mired down in all the minutia that is a "reunion plan." I'm not going to try to upstage him, so I won't be talking about the next reunion.

Instead, I'm going to continue with the subject matter from prior messages – the ship, our shipmates, and most importantly, our obligations to each other. There's not a lot to say about the ship that hasn't been said before. We're in touch with our shipmates to the extent that we're able either through our membership in the Midway Museum and Midway Veterans Association or our participation in the reunions as they occur. But it's this last piece that can make all the difference in how we choose to be seen and remembered by the world.

We gather every year or so to reacquaint ourselves with ourselves. We step back into a life we lived in another era. We see the men who shared our adventures and our work. We recall the lives that created the magic that has become the USS Midway Museum. We become the sailors we once were and we're proud to be wearing the "uniform" of a United States Navy Veteran.

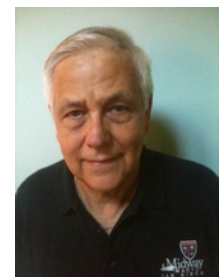
Wearing that "veterans uniform" carries with it a certain amount of baggage, however. That baggage includes the brotherhood we created when we became shipmates with sailors from all over the land. Not only did we swear an allegiance to our flag and country, we swore allegiance to our brothers in arms – the men and women now wearing that same veterans uniform.

It is now up to all of us veterans to ensure the legacy we created will endure for our children and grandchildren – not just a ship, but the legacy that created the magic that only we, Midway veterans, know and can relate to. Don't stop the search for your brothers / shipmates. Midway has had only the very best that served aboard and she deserves only the very best to continue serving her. Reach out to those Midway veterans that haven't experienced one of our reunions and let them know they are among the finest group of sailors that ever "went down to the sea in ships"!

All ahead full – rudder amidships! Stay the course, men!
Oscar Granger, President USS Midway Veterans Association

VP-Reunions' Report

When the countdown clock to the SD15 reunion on our website started, as it did last month, it was my cue to start planning in earnest, and worrying, and signing contracts, and worrying still more. You see, in this reunion planning business, I never know whether to plan for 30 people, or 300. I start to get a clue when I see hotel reservations being made, but realistically firm numbers do not become apparent until 30 to 90 days before the reunion. My contractors all know this and they work with me as best they can as we work toward hard numbers. What I have found is that it is always easier to



add to the numbers, so I start conservatively, and plan on going up. While it's in no way a commitment, if you know you're going to attend SD15 from April 23-25, 2015, please shoot me an e-mail at www.mva41vpr@comcast.net. The earlier I start seeing numbers the better.

Before we look forward let's take a quick step back to SD13. Our friends in the Library Group aboard the USS Midway Museum filmed the important parts (especially former CO RADM Riley Mixson's talk) of our Grand Banquet to add to their collection. The video they produced and presented us with, really brings back the "Midway Magic" that was in full force that evening. Webmaster Craig Harper is working to get this video posted on our website for all to enjoy. Thank you Bonnie Brown and MM Library staff for capturing our event on tape. And speaking to Midway veterans and family members now, if you'd like your own copy of this video, I can reproduce and mail it to you for \$5 per copy. Keep in mind every copy I make enhances my resume skill of Master Video Technician and Producer. Use the e-mail address above to contact me if you're interested.

It's way too early to announce events and activities for SD15, but that doesn't mean nothing is being done. The **Wyndham San Diego Bayside** hotel contract has been signed, and the hotel has now provided us with a working dedicated reservation web link and an 877 number for phone reservations. **The hotel's special USS Midway reservation link and 877 phone number are provided on the last page!** You can get the negotiated \$139 nightly rate 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion, but I recommend you book any add-on days as early as possible. Our contract says it's a space-available offer, so claim your extra days before the hotel has a chance to fill-up. In fact, make your reservations now to get a jump on the pack! We enjoyed our stay at this property in downtown San Diego last reunion, and being close to the USS Midway makes it a prime location for MVA reunions. That said, your evaluation forms from SD13 told us their rooms needed updating, and to that end the hotel has completed a multi-million dollar property-wide room renovation project. You'll be pleased with the results. The flip-side of this news is that the reunion rate has increased to \$139 per night. Keep in mind that all hotel rates are increasing and spring is a more expensive time in San Diego than the fall. You can always cancel your reservation as long as you do so in accordance with their cancellation policy (24 hours prior to your check-in date). While I always prefer not to increase hotel rates, the combination of the close proximity to the ship and the prime downtown location made this hotel our best choice.

I have many people checking out activities for SD15, and I will keep you informed about what we've planned for our three days in San Diego as we firm things up. Please e-mail me, or call (703-264-0542), if you have ideas or suggestions about what you would like to see on our schedule of events. Don't forget, you can always volunteer

to be on the SD15 Planning Committee where we make the "magic" happen. While we won't be doing a Flight Deck dinner this time, I can assure you there will be plenty to see and do to keep you busy. No matter what we have scheduled, my best memories from previous get-togethers are spending time aboard the ship and talking with former Midway crew members during the reunion. Because of our shared experience aboard the ship, it doesn't make any difference whether you were aboard in 1945 or 1992 – we all lived the adventure! Chart your course for the Wyndham San Diego Bayside from April 23-25, 2015. SEE YOU THERE!

Jim Hayter, VP-Reunions, USS Midway Veterans Association

2014 Dues Reminder

Midway Veterans, we greatly appreciate your continued support of the USS Midway Veterans Association through the payment of your annual dues. This money is our lifeblood, offsetting the costs of publishing our quarterly newsletter, as well as helping cover the costs in planning our reunions, including fees for reunion planners and purchase of supplies. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues for this year, contact MVA Sec.-Treas. **Dave Payson** (<mailto:minandave@charter.net>). Remember, men, since we are a nonprofit organization, your dues, or contributions, are tax deductible. We donate 20% of our annual dues to the USS Midway Museum's charitable programs. **Make your check payable to Midway Veterans Assoc. and mail to Dave Payson, 410 Cottonwood Drive, Richland, WA 99352.** Standard dues are \$30/yr, but the new Lifetime membership option (one-time payment) at \$150.00 is becoming increasingly popular with members.



A Daughter's Lament

By Dave Payson, RDSN/OI Div., 1963-64 (Editor)

"How I regret not learning of Dad's Navy days before his illness. I would have loved to encourage him to attend a reunion. I know he would have loved it if I could have just made him see how much he would enjoy the old memories. It is a terrible feeling to learn something new at a too old and too late age." - Karen Youngs

Introduction - "A Worthy Hero." Karen Youngs of Newark, NY, saw our memorabilia ad on Facebook and purchased several items in memory of her late father, who passed away last summer. (See his "In Memoriam," page 7.) Karen's father, John Stahlnecker, served on Midway's 1945 commissioning crew. *My dad was on Midway's first outing, is the way she put it in the note she sent with her*

check, along with her e-mail address. Curious, I returned an e-mail and asked her to tell me a more about her dad. Her reply (*below, following this introduction*) is candid, poignant, heartfelt, bittersweet, and echoes the sadness and emptiness we often feel at the passing of a parent.

Karen learned from her mother that her father didn't feel worthy of attending our reunions because he didn't serve on Midway during wartime. It's sad, but maybe understandable, why he felt this way. War was imminent for Midway's commissioning crew as the Battle in the Pacific with Japan raged on. The Midway was built in record time for the very purpose of waging war. But shortly before she got a chance to flex her muscles in combat, the war ended, and young men like Karen's dad may have felt that they were cheated out of the chance to defend their country – and therefore “unworthy.”

If he could have put such feelings aside to attend one of our reunions, I think he would have felt differently about his service aboard Midway. For there, in a ceremony led by the ranking officer present (active or retired), we award our 1945 plankowners with the WWII Victory Medal that they so richly deserve, and earned. Certainly we would have applauded and honored John Daniel Stahlnecker for his service to his country. He would have been a worthy hero to his Midway shipmates, as it sounds like he was to his family back home.

Karen Youngs provided the following photos and testimony about her father. I applaud her for her courage in stepping up and paying tribute to her father, a member of Midway's 1945 commissioning crew.

Hello ~ My father was **John Daniel Stahlnecker** from Waterloo, New York. I don't know his rating but will try to find out. I think Mom [**Audrey Stahlnecker**] told me once when we discussed his Navy days after he passed.



Mom said dad never felt like he earned any recognition for any USS Midway activities because he was not serving during war.

John Daniel Stahlnecker, left, 1945, standing proud in his uniform outside family home in Waterloo, NY.

He would have loved the Midway gathering in September [2013] if we could have convinced him to attend.

Although last September he was too sick to go anyway, but Mom said he'd been invited other years and didn't feel worthy of attending. So sorry I didn't ask dad more questions when I was younger and he was

healthy. I wish I had found the Midway veterans page was on Facebook to show him. He would have enjoyed all the pictures and activity so much. My nephew has Dad's old Navy uniform encased in a display that he had made after Dad passed. I well remember Dad's old Navy picture and what a handsome young man he was.

It has been such a pleasure to see the pictures and videos of the USS Midway. Mom and I decided to have the Military Ceremony at Dad's funeral and it was such a beautiful tribute to his service years. We had a small, immediate family only funeral as Dad requested. He would not have wanted the Military Service but Mom and I were deeply touched by it. Thank you so much for all this information. It is very much appreciated. Take care and be well. **Karen Youngs**



Dauntless Dive Bombers lined up on the flight deck of USS Midway, CVB-41. (Photo: John Stahlnecker, circa 1945 or 1946)

Sec.-Treas./Nwsltr Editor's Report

Designing a logo can be a time-consuming and sometimes frustrating endeavor. However, if you end up with an eye-pleasing design – like we feel we have with our new MVA logo – then it's well worth it. Our new logo, displayed in this newsletter, as well as on our website and Facebook page, has been playing well with Midway Nation. Several of you suggested that we make it into a decal or transparency suitable for car windshields. Good idea. We're on it!



The Countdown Clock is up and running on our website, methodically counting down the days until SD15. The official launch of SD15 took place on April 23, 2014, exactly one year before the next MVA reunion. Utilizing all of our social media tools, including website, Facebook, E-blast (broadcast e-mail), land-line teleconference, and – oh, wait, did I forget overnight mail and snail mail? – the launch was synchronized so precisely

that it could only have been achieved by a team of former Midway sailors, working in unison from their stations around the country. OK, maybe a team of NASA rocket scientists could have pulled it off as well.

Midway Memories are made of this. Donning my editor's cap now, I repeat my call for original material from members. E-mail or snail mail me your Midway stories and photos, and I'll publish them in the newsletter and/or in the Midway Memories section of our website. No one else can tell your Midway story like you can, for you were there and lived the adventure! Below, Ken Prater provides an excellent example of this as he recalls the historic day in 1973 when Midway made Yokosuka, Japan, her home port. What was it like steaming into Tokyo Bay that day? On our website/"Midway Memories," see other recent stories by Fred Lydic, Ken Prater, Marty FitzGerald and Dave Payson.

One final note. If you're a member of the USS Midway Museum, you should have received your latest *Midway Currents* magazine by now. In it you'll find an excellent article on our Sept. 2013 reunion in San Diego, by MVA President Oscar Granger. We thank the museum for this coverage, and hope it will help draw more Midway veterans into our ranks. If you're not a member of the museum, contact me and I'll help you get signed up for your complimentary one-year membership. I'm MVA's liaison with the museum's membership team, and when we sign up a new member I work with the museum's database manager to help make sure our new members receive the membership offer. Information on how you can sign up for this complimentary membership program from the museum is also posted on our website. It's just one more example of the USS Midway Museum and the MVA working together for the greater good of Midway veterans and the ship.

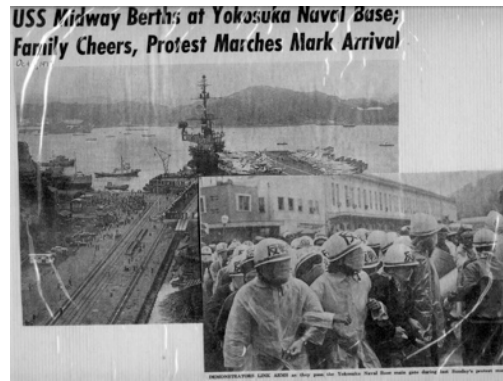
Dave Payson, Sec.-Treas., USS Midway Veterans Association

The Day Midway Made Japan Our Home

By Kenneth L. Prater, Ltjg/Air Dept., 1972-75

October 5, 1973 was a historic day for the USS Midway. Even though it was not Midway's first visit to Yokosuka, Japan, that was the day we made it our new home port. We traveled over 5,000 miles across the Pacific, pausing all-too-briefly in Hawaii to swap bays – San Francisco for Tokyo. For the crew the terms were questionable, but that was not up to us.

Our move was strategically and boldly planned. The Vietnam War was in full swing with no indication that it would be over in just two more years. A reliable carrier was needed in a port where it could come and go without requiring a stateside crossing. Reliability was replete in Midway's resume – practically a middle name. And since Japan was not in a position to say no, the decision was



made. But that didn't mean that the Japanese liked it. The Japanese media forewarned the nation of

our impending arrival, heating public opinion to a rolling boil. The possibility that nuclear weapons might be on-board was ground zero for the press. Anything with the word "nuclear" in it set off a chain reaction of nerves in Japan, and understandably so. Just as Pearl Harbor was branded into U.S. history, so Hiroshima and Nagasaki were into Japan's.

In retrospect, coming into a foreign port for the first time I doubt that we had any nuclear weapons aboard. But that was not the point – the Japanese believed that we did and wanted no part of it. We anticipated that our welcome wouldn't include a cordial *konichiwa* and a cup of tea. We weren't disappointed.

The day was gray and overcast as Midway made its turn into Tokyo Bay. We were first greeted by a fleet of small boats that served as a floating Welcome Wagon. These ambassadors of public sentiment were armed with signs that collectively urged, "I'd turn back if I were you...". While these words broke no bones, close attention was paid to the armada's proximity to the ship. If any of them attempted to cross our path and came too close, they would be squashed like a Japanese beetle playing chicken with a Mack truck. Luckily this minefield of bad press kept their distance, but the helicopters were much more bothersome.

Swarming like bees, these tiny, brightly colored civilian helicopters carrying TV film crews brazenly buzzed the ship in the finest *kamikaze* tradition. Coming just short of crashing, they strafed the flight deck with their cameras, searching for radioactive bulges. All they found were alien sailors snapping pictures of them with Japanese-made cameras. Still, it was material for the six o'clock news. No U.S. warship this size had ever come this close to home with the intent of staying.

The shipyard at Yokosuka was a former Imperial Japanese naval base left largely intact and graying since the end of the Second World War. It offered a spectacular view of Mount Fujiyama, some vacated bomb shelters and several giant cranes, each large enough to lift an entire destroyer out of the water. While there was plenty of pier space to park an aircraft carrier, parking it was another matter.

The last few miles of our journey was commanded by a Japanese Harbor Master who arrived by helicopter. While

under his control even the Captain could only watch as he skillfully maneuvered the ship through the harbor's tricky and congested corridor. An aircraft carrier is not designed to start, stop or turn on a dime, but the Harbor Master seemed to be able to do just that. As we closed in on the pier, two tugboats waited nearby and pushed Midway sideways the last few feet until we were tucked into our berth. After the mooring lines were secured – all squared away – we were almost home.

Almost, I say, because just outside the base thousands of protesters were restrained by squads of no-nonsense riot police armed with crowd-flushing water cannons that resembled tanks. Eventually they were dismissed in an orderly fashion, but that didn't feel like home. And for those of us not living on base home consisted of a bunk, a locker and a thousand foot floating hunk of steel whose amenities included freezing cold showers in winter and steaming hot bunkrooms in summer. It was habitable but definitely not the Love Boat.

After the gangway was put in place, the sun seemed to break through the barrier of discontent. The wives and families of married crewmembers came aboard smiling, hugging and kissing – happy to be reunited with their husband, their daddy. Those who had no one to greet us felt a little left out, but were warmed to see friendly faces that were actually *glad* to see us. We were five thousand miles from our home country, but we were home at last.

New Men

The following USS Midway Veterans have joined the proud ranks of the Midway Veterans Association since our last newsletter. *Welcome aboard, Men, for our own special brand of Midway Magic!*

- Keith Bryant (78-80) - Austin, TX
- Richard “Frenchy” Renaud (62-65) - Gurnee, IL
- James Reily (89-91) - San Diego, CA
- Vince Curto (59-60) - Gainesville, FL
- Bert Gordon (71-75) - Wasilla, AK
- Riley Mixson (85-87) - San Diego, CA
- Kenneth Prater (72-75) - West Palm Beach, FL
- Leonard Viccaro (62-64) - Green Valley, AZ
- George Martin (76-78) - Parma, OH
- Gregory Stewart (82-84) - Bremerton, WA

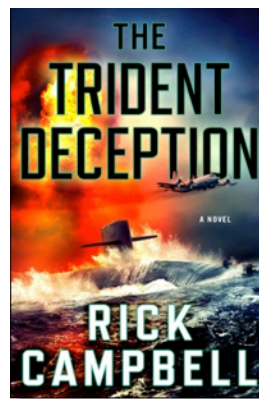
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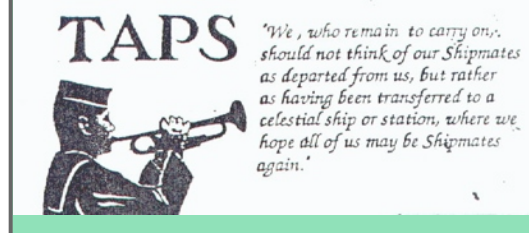
Men, if you're looking for a great read, then look no further, for we have it for you – high drama under the sea on a U.S. nuclear sub primed to launch its arsenal of ICBMs against a well-known Middle East foe. Rick Campbell, author of *The Trident Deception*, brings it together in this novel, which is guaranteed to keep you turning its pages long into the night to find out if the world will survive nuclear annihilation before dawn. To show his appreciation for us plugging his novel, Rick sent us a couple of autographed copies, which we will offer up as raffle prizes at our next reunion and raise some money to donate to the USS Midway Museum's charitable programs.

RICK CAMPBELL, a retired Navy Commander, spent more than twenty-five years in the Navy on multiple submarine tours, finishing his career with tours with the Naval Operations staff in the Pentagon and in the Washington Navy Yard. On his last tour, he was one of the two men whose permission is required to launch the submarine's nuclear warhead-tipped missiles. Rick lives with his wife and three children in the greater Washington, D.C., area, and is finishing the sequel to this novel, *Empire Rising*, coming out this summer. Learn more about Rick and his novels at rickcampbellauthor.com.



In Memoriam

Shipmate John D. Stahlnecker, 85, passed away August 11, 2013. He was born February 12, 1928, in Waterloo, NY. He served on the Midway's 1945 commissioning crew as a Seaman 1st Class and was discharged from the Navy in 1946. He retired from the American Can Co. after a long career as a customer service rep in 1987. He was a part-time Waterloo police officer and active in several hunting, fishing clubs and service organizations. He left behind his wife of 66 years, Audrey R. Stahlnecker, two daughters, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. John D. Stahlnecker was laid to rest August 15, 2013, in Waterloo, NY. He was honored with a full military service conducted by the local American Legion and VFW Posts. May he rest in peace.



SD15 Hotel Reservations Open For Business!

All Systems Go!!

Book your room now at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside Hotel using either their USS Midway custom web link or their toll-free phone number, both listed below. If you phone, be sure to tell them you want your reservation for the USS Midway block of rooms. Negotiated room rate is \$139/night. Bay View rooms also available at a good price.

- ◆ **Web:** <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2015USSMidway>
- ◆ **Phone:** (877) 999-3223
- ◆ **Book** early to secure your room at the \$139/n price 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion!
- ◆ **Reunion** events/activities will take place April 23, 24, 25, 2015. So get there a day early if you can.

Notice: We post our organization's roster on our website only with the permission of our members. If you don't want your contact information published, let us know and we'll remove it.

**The Masthead
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MVA Coins, Pins and Caps

Act Fast - Supply is Running Low!!

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MVA challenge coins - \$8.50/coin, includes shipping



MVA lapel pins - \$4.50 a pin, includes shipping



Midway caps (CVB & CVA) - \$12.00, includes shipping



New! COMING SOON: ORIGINAL MVA EMBROIDERED VESTS. (SEE OUR AD IN UPCOMING E-BLAST)

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