The 55th Reunion
Of the United States
Naval Academy
Class of 1963

Class Reception & Dinner
USS Midway Museum
San Diego, California
October 25, 2018
Midway Dinner Program

1800 - Board Midway
   Ship's Store opens
   Begin Flight Deck Reception

1910 (about) – First call to dinner

1920 (about) – Second call to dinner,
   Ship's Store closes

Welcome remarks (Ted Khrone)
Prayer (Charlie Minter)
Begin dinner buffet line by table numbers (Ted)
Host Remarks (Ted/Vern Von Sydow)
Introduce our special guest (Ted)
Superintendent's remarks (VADM Carter)
USO Show with Bob Hope and the Sweethearts of Swing
Wrap Up: Instructions for Friday (Ted)

2130 - Bars close, begin debarkation

2200 – Lights Out
THE USS MIDWAY

The USS Midway was the longest-serving aircraft carrier of the 20th century. Named after the June 1942 climactic Battle of Midway, the ship was built in only 17 months, but missed World War II by one week when commissioned on September 10, 1945.

Midway served with the Atlantic Fleet for ten years, making seven deployments to European waters, while providing a nuclear deterrent in Europe for NATO. A round-the-world cruise took Midway to the West Coast in 1955, where it was rebuilt with an angled deck to improve flight operations. Midway’s first combat deployment came in 1965 flying strikes against North Vietnam. Midway aircraft shot down the first two and the last two MIGs of the war. Over the chaotic period during the fall of Saigon in April 1975, Midway was a floating base for the helicopters that evacuated more than 3,000 desperate refugees during Operation Frequent Wind.

Increasing threats to the Arabian oil supply put a strain on the deployment cycles of U.S. based carriers. This resulted in the ship being transferred to Yokosuka, Japan, making Midway the first American carrier homeported overseas. In 1990 Midway deployed to the Persian Gulf in response to the Iraqi seizure of Kuwait. In the ensuing Operation Desert Storm, Midway served as the flagship for U.S. naval air forces in the Gulf and launched more than 3,000 combat missions with no losses. Its final major mission was the evacuation of civilian personnel from Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines after the 20th Century’s largest volcanic eruption of nearby Mount Pinatubo.

- Over -
55th Reunion Class Dinner Menu

-Preset Starter Course-
Empire Apple Salad (GF, VEG)
Mixed Greens, Empire Apples, Ginger & Cinnamon,
Spiced Walnuts, Aged White Cheddar,
Poppy Seed Dressing
Rolls & Butter

-Buffet Dinner-
Classic Steak House Flat Iron (GF)
With A Trio of Sauces:
Horseradish Cream, Garlic Mushroom Sauce,
Green Garlic Coriander Chimichurri &
Rosemary Butternut Crusted Salmon (GF)
Parsley Gremolata

White Cheddar Chive Gratin (GF, VEG)
Nutmeg
Market Seasonal Vegetables (GF, VEGAN)
Chef’s Selection

-Alternating Pre-Set Dessert-
Traditional Cheesecake
Fall Berry Compote
Raspberry Chocolate Decadence Cake
Many of our classmates have served on USS Midway over the years. One, RADM Rich Wilson USN (Ret), was one of her commanding officers.

On April 11, 1992 the Midway was decommissioned in San Diego and remained in storage in Bremerton, Washington until 2003. Subsequently, it was donated to the nonprofit San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum organization. It opened as the USS Midway Museum in June 2004. According to Trip Advisor, the USS Midway Museum has become the #1 attraction in California.

The Class of 1963 would like to especially thank the USS Midway Museum CEO, RADM "Mac" McLaughlin USN (Ret), a USNA 1972 graduate, for his help and support that made this wonderful evening possible.
VICE ADMIRAL WALTER E. "TED" CARTER JR.
Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy

Vice Adm. Walter E. "Ted" Carter became the 62nd superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy July 23, 2014. He is a native of Burrillville, Rhode Island. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981, was designated a naval flight officer in 1982, and graduated from the Navy Fighter Weapons School (NFWS) Top Gun in 1985. He completed the Air Command and Staff College course and the Armed Forces Staff College. In 2001, he completed the Navy’s Nuclear Power Program.

Carter's career as an aviator includes extensive time at sea, deploying around the globe in the F-4 Phantom II and the F-14 Tomcat. He has landed on 19 different aircraft carriers, to include all 10 of the Nimitz Class carriers. Carter commanded the Fighter Squadron (VF) 14 "Tophatters," served as executive officer of USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), and commanded both USS Camden (AOE 2) and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). His most recent fleet command assignment was commander, Enterprise Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 12 during Big E’s final combat deployment as a 51-year-old aircraft carrier in 2012.

Carter flew 125 combat missions in support of joint operations in Bosnia, Kosovo, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. He accumulated 6,150 flight hours in F-4, F-14, and F-18 aircraft during his career and safely completed 2,016 carrier-arrested landings, the record among all active and retired U.S. Naval Aviation designators.