

COME JOIN OUR CELEBRATION!
Monday, October 19, 2009 – 6:30 – 8:30 PM
2009 SAFE Awardees Reception
USS Midway – San Diego, CA

As part of our 2009 SAFE Symposium being held October 19-21 at the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego, California, the SAFE Association is pleased to announce that we will hold our Awardees Reception on the flight deck of the USS Midway in San Diego. Attendees will have full access, not only to the flight deck, but select below-deck locations as well and docents will be on board to answer questions and conduct tours. This promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime event and we hope you are able to join us!

Your 2009 Symposium registration will include this gala event including food, beverage, and bus transportation to/from the Midway. Hotel pick-up location is the Atlas Ballroom Foyer at the Town & Country Hotel. When you pick-up your registration materials and badge, a boarding bracelet will also be provided. These will be checked when you board the bus as well as prior to boarding the Midway. Those who do not have their boarding bracelet will be turned away – no exceptions.

Access will be strictly controlled, both by the SAFE Association and the USS Midway, so it's important that you familiarize yourself with all information we provide.

If your spouse or significant other plans to attend this event, registration will be necessary in order to obtain the boarding bracelet as well.



**USS Midway in the heart of San Diego
Bay**



Answering the Call for 47 Years

“Midway Magic” is a historical fact. It was a term known throughout the Navy as the USS Midway steamed through a 47-year career of service to country. Imagine a carrier that was commissioned in 1945 and served as a flagship in Desert Storm in 1991. No other carrier served as long as the USS Midway.

Time and again Midway remained on station when other carriers broke down and headed for port. It was almost magical how the crew and carrier responded to every call—both military and humanitarian. . (continues)

The USS Midway set new standards of naval aviation in the latter half of the 20th century. A captured German V-2 rocket was launched off the USS Midway in 1947—the dawn of naval missile warfare. The USS Midway blazed new trails of sub-Arctic air operations off the coast of Greenland. It was the first carrier homeported in a foreign country, calling Yokosuka, Japan home for 18 years. When others came home, the USS Midway remained at the “tip of the sword” on an odyssey shared by 225,000 Americans that spanned the surrender of Japan in WWII, the Cold War, Vietnam, the era of détente and Desert Storm.

No other carrier carries such a proud—many say “magical”—tradition of diligence, vigilance and mission completion. Midway Magic was real. And it continues today on her final mission as an interactive museum, tribute and education center.

As you can imagine, this *grand old girl* has much to offer as a site for our reception. However, there are a few rules we all need to follow in order to insure a successful event. Please take a few moments to read this information.

1. Shoes should have non-skid soles. No high-heels, spike heels, or any form of heel that would damage the flight deck. No bare feet at any time.
2. Clothes should be comfortable but “presentable.” Due to stairs, no short skirts are permitted. While this is certainly not a black tie/fancy event, please be respectful.
3. Smoking is permitted only in areas clearly designated for same. The fine to SAFE for violation of this policy is significant so please adhere to same.
4. Receptacles for trash will be provided. Please keep the ship clean. The violation fine to SAFE on this policy is also significant.

Handicap Accessibility: Please note that Midway is a WWII-era warship. Handicapped elevator access is available from Navy Pier to the Hangar Deck and from the Hangar Deck to the Flight Deck. Handicap access is also available from the Hangar Deck to portions of the Mess Deck. For all other guests, access from Navy Pier to the Hangar Deck includes approximately two flights of stairs and one large flight of stairs between the Hangar Deck and Flight Deck.

Midway’s Code of Conduct: All guests, invited entertainment and personnel associated with any special event must adhere to the following decorum and behavior standards:

- No drugs are allowed.
- Individual guests may not bring alcohol aboard. Only Midway Bar Service may deliver, serve, and/or sell any alcoholic beverage, and only upon advance approval by Midway.
- Violent behavior of any type is not allowed.
- Museum defacement, excessive littering or any other activity that may pose a threat to the safety and security of the museum or its patrons will not be permitted.
- Abusive or offensive language or behavior will not be permitted.
- The Midway, as an Alcoholic Beverage Licensee of the State of California, is therefore obligated to discharge the distribution of product in accordance State Law. With this in mind, the Midway therefore, as its sole discretion, reserves the right to refuse service to any individual or individuals.

SAFE will provide round-trip, continuous, bus transportation from 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM. Buses will pick-up at the entrance to the Atlas Foyer in the Town & Country Convention Center and drop-off will be at the Midway ticket office.

You can check out lots of great USS Midway photos, diagrams, etc. at www.Midway.org