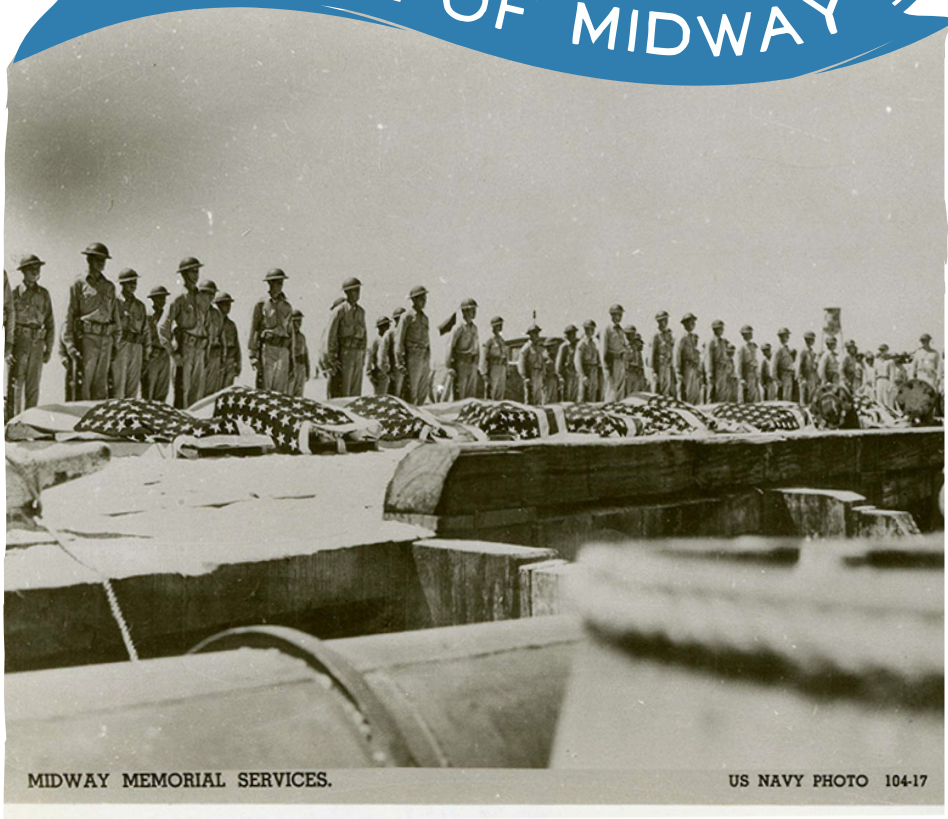
80TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY



NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, along with the co-trustee agencies of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, extends our deepest appreciation to the veterans who fought for our freedom, liberty and justice for all. We also extend a deep gratitude to the United States Navy, Texas Children's Choir, Department of Veterans Affairs, American Battle Monuments Commission, Friends of Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and along with the volunteers who offered their talents to make this ceremony possible.

Mahalo nui loa!

PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA
Marine National Monument

With unwavering respect, we salute all living Battle of Midway veterans seen and unseen whether here today or those who may be joining us from home.

Edgar R. Fox

U.S. Marine Corps Private First Class, Midway Atoll

When Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941, Sgt. Fox's U.S. Marine Corps unit was sent to the Pacific Theater, ultimately ending up at Midway Atoll. His duty station was in a pillbox on the southern end of Sand Island. Sgt. Fox also fought in the battle of Iwo Jima, surveyed the Greenland Ice Cap, engaged in the Korean War, and was stationed overseas in Germany.

Julian Hodges

U.S. Navy First Class Water Tender, USS Yorktown

Julian Hodges was assigned to the USS *Yorktown* and saw action in the Battle of Coral Sea and during the Battle of Midway. When the order was given to abandon ship on June 7th, 1942, Julian and his brother and fellow sailor, Bill, fled and were rescued after several hours in the ocean.

Eugene Domienik

U.S. Navy Machinist, USS Yorktown

Eugene Domienik was 17 when he enlisted in the Navy in March 1941, studied to be a machinist, and was later assigned to the USS *Yorktown*. He served in the Battle of the Coral Sea and the Battle of Midway and on the USS *West Virginia*. Domienik and has written the book, "I Remember the Yorktown".

Truxton K. "T.K." Ford

U.S. Navy Aviation Pilot 1st Class, USS Yorktown

T.K. Ford was assigned to the USS *Yorktown* on December 7th. After the aircraft carrier was torpedoed during the Battle of Midway, he abandoned ship and survived in the ocean without a life preserver until being rescued. The USS *Yorktown* sank on June 7th, 1942.

Joseph Norman "Jack" Holder

U.S. Navy Aviation Machinist Mate 1st Class

Stationed at Pearl Harbor Jack Holder survived the Imperial Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. Six months later, Jack and his airmen flying on a PBY airplane, were the second crew to spot the Japanese armada at the Battle of Midway.

Henry "Hank" Kudzik

U.S. Navy Chief Gunner's Mate, USS Nautilus (SS168)

At the age of 16, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hank Kudzik left high school to join the Navy. His first assignment was at Pearl Harbor where he took deceased sailors off the Battleship Oklahoma. He later volunteered for submarine service and got a berth aboard the USS *Nautilus*, which assisted in the attack on one of the Japanese aircraft carriers that attacked Pearl Harbor during the Battle of Midway.

John Miniclier

U.S. Marine Corps Marine Private, Midway Atoll

On June 4, 1942 John Miniclier climbed the wooden searchlight control tower at his battle station on Sand Island where he spotted the Japanese planes on their initial approach and looked as if he was right in the pathway of the bombers. One bomb hit a fuel tank nearby. The second hit the laundry building right next to them. He counted around 32 Japanese planes which flew by, their bombs aimed directly at the remaining half of the nearby seaplane hangar. Today retired Colonel John Miniclier resides in Florida with his former U.S. Marine Corp wife, Peggy Miniclier. John will celebrate his 101st birthday in July of 2022 alongside his wife who will be celebrating her 100th.

Charles "Chuck" E. Monroe

U.S. Navy Aviation Radioman 1st Class, Torpedo Squadron Eight

Charles Monroe joined the Navy in 1941 and flew as a turret gunner in a torpedo bomber in the Battle of Midway.

Ervin "Judge" Wendt

U.S. Navy Senior Chief Aviation Ordnanceman , USS Yorktown

Mr. Wendt joined Torpedo Squadron Eight (VT-8) in September 1941 as an Air Bomber Crewman. On the USS *Yorktown* he recalls, "The bombers came first and hit the stacks and knocked out our steering. When the Japanese torpedo planes showed up, we were doing about 13 knots, which was not enough speed to fight the Japanese torpedoes. I felt the second torpedo, and it was enough to have the crew abandon ship.." He was picked up days later by a destroyer. His military career spanned over four decades.

CEREMONY PROGRAM

Musical Prelude
The Texas Children's Choir
Director: Thomas G. Hardaway II

Oli (Hawaiian Chant)
Kahu Kordell Kekoa

Opening Remarks
Jared Underwood
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Superintendent of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

National Anthem and Hawai'i Pono'i
U.S. Pacific Fleet Band

Anniversary Remarks
Raymond D. Kemp, Sr.
Commissioner American Battle Monuments Commission

Cynthia Martinez
Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System

Admiral Samuel Paparo
Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Wreath Laying
Last Full Measure of Devotion
Texas Children's Choir Soloist: Dallyn Bayles

Taps

Benediction
Captain Michael Williams

Musical Postlude
U.S. Pacific Fleet Band and the Texas Children's Choir

Naval Air Station (NAS), Midway
MM2c Carson L. Roper
Patrol Squadron (VP) 44 (NAS Midway)
ACRM (AA) James W. Adams
ENS Jack H. Camp
ENS Walter H. Mosley
AMM3c Clarence J. Norby, Jr.
RM3c William H. O'Farrell
LT(jg) Robert S. Whitman

Scouting Squadron (VS) SIX, ENTERPRISE (CV-6)
AMM2c Milton H. Clark
RM3c David B. Craig
AMM1c Bruno P. Gaido
RM3c Louis D. Hansen
RM3c Frederick C. Jeck ENS John C. Lough
ENS Frank W. O'Flaherty
ENS Carl D. Peiffer
ENS John Q. Roberts
ENS James A. Shelton
ARM1c William H. Stambaugh
AOM1c Thurman R. Swindell
ENS Clarence E. Vammen, Jr.
LT Charles R. Ware

Scouting Squadron (VS) 8, HORNET (CV-8)
ARM1c Kenneth C. Bunch
ENS Don "T" Griswold

Torpedo Squadron (VT) THREE, YORKTOWN (CV-5)
AMM2c Fred A. Austin
ARM2c Troy C. Barkley
ARM2c Robert B. Brazier
ARM1c Johnnie R. Cole
ARM3c Raymond J. Darce
ARM3c Benjamin R. Dodson, Jr.
CWO (NAP) John W. Haas
ARM3c Richard M. Hansen
LT Patrick H. Hart
LT(jg) Curtis W. Howard
ARM1c Harold C. Lundy, Jr.
Sea2c Joseph E. Mandeville
LCDR Lance E. Massey
ARM3c Charles L. Moore
ENS Carl A. Osberg
ENS Wesley F. Osmus

ENS William R. Evans, Jr.
ARM3c George A. Field
ARM2c Ronald J. Fisher
LT(jg) John P. Gray
ARM3c Robert K. Huntington
ENS Henry P. Kenyon, Jr.
ARM1c Amelio Maffei
ARM2c Hollis Martin
AP1c (NAP) Robert B. Miles
LT Raymond A. Moore
ENS Ulvert M. Moore
LT James C. Owens, Jr.
ARM2c Tom H. Pettry
ARM2c Bernerd P. Phelps
Sea2c Aswell L. Picou
Sea2c Francis S. Polston
ARM3c William F. Sawhill
ENS Grant W. Teats
LCDR John C. Waldron
LT(jg) Jeff D.Woodson

Torpedo Squadron (VT) EIGHT, Midway Detachment
ENS Charles E. Brannon
AM3c Nelson L. Carr
AOM3c Charles E. Fair LT Langdon K. Fieberling
ENS Oswald J. Gaynier
ENS Joseph M. Hissem
AM3c William C. Lawe
ENS Victor A. Lewis
AMM3c Jay D. Manning
EM3c John W. Mehltretter
PTR2c Arnold T. Meuers
AOM3c Lyonal J. Orgeron
RM2c Arthur R. Osborn
Sea1c Howard W. Pitt, Jr.
ENS Jack W. Wilke
AMM1c (NAP) Darrel "D" Woodside

MUS1c John G. Seymour
WT1c Benjamin R. Stephens
PHM2c Ralph W. Stewart, Jr.
GM3c Matthew L. Thomason
EM2c Benjamin Varjabedian
MM2c John A.W. Weber
Sea2c Charles R. Wert
Sea1c Melvin D. Williamson
MM1c Easton C. Winn
Sea2c Richard N. Worster
GM3c Edward W. Zimmerle

HORNET (CV-8) (friendly fire)
LT Royal R. Ingersoll

HORNET (CV-8) Marine Detachment (friendly fire)
PFC Fred W. Cummings, Jr.
PVT Lowell R. Humfleet
PLSGT William B. Ignatious

MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON (VMF) 221, NAS Midway
PFC Maurice A. Belanger
PVT William A. Burke
PFC Robert L. Holsbo
PFC Robert E. Mowrey
PFC Abraham Zuckerman

MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON (VMF) 221 Pilots
CAPT John R. Alvord 2ndLT Thomas W. Benson
2ndLT John M. Butler
CAPT Robert E. Curtin
CAPT Daniel J. Hennessy
2ndLT Ellwood Q. Lindsay
2ndLT John D. Lucas
2ndLT Eugene P. Madole

U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE (B-17 and B-26 pilots and aircrew)
2ndLT Gerald J. Balnicle
CPL Philip D. Barton
TSGT Salvatore Battaglia
2ndLT Robert Brown S
GT Richard C. Decker
SGT Freeborn E. Durrett
2ndLT William D. Hargis, Jr.
CPL Clifton C. Heath
SGT Benjamin F. Huffstickler
2ndLT Chester J. Kacmarcik
1stLT Herbert C. Mayes
2ndLT Garrett H. McCallister
CPL Floyd J. McCormick
2ndLT Joseph D. Nave
CPL Albert E. Owen
MSGT Fred Peoples
SGT Robert E. Pledger
1stLT Robert S. Porter
2ndLT John P. Schuman
CPL Bernard C. Seitz
SSGT Melvin C. Staerk
SGT James E. Via
SGT Roy W. Walters
2ndLT William S. Watson
2ndLT Leonard H. Whittington
CPL James E. Wood

U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE (MAJGEN Tinker's flight to Wake)
2ndLT Walter E. Gurley
CAPT Coleman Hinton
1stLT Gilmer W. Holton
MSGT Franz Moeller
SGT Thomas E. Ross
CAPT Raymond P. Salzarulo
MSGT George D. Scheid

ENS Edgar R. Bassett
ENS George A. Hopper, Jr.

HAMMANN (DD-412)
MM1c Charles M. Albrecht
F3c Venoy M. Anderson
Sea1c Robert J. Ballard
RM3c Douglas E. Beasley
Sea2c Carl O. Beitz
CFC(AA) Harry V. Bieri
BM1c Kermit R. Belcher
F1c Jack B. Bolton
MM1c Warren C. Bouck
Sea1c Henry J. Bramstedt
WT2c Frank Busso
CMMP Daniel W. Carlson
ENS Charles E. Chapman
SM2c Harold Clark
FCM3c Arthur L. Cracraft
CK1C Jim Dailey
WO Marvin E. Davis
Sea2c Vincent J. Dibacco
Sea1c Albert J. Dobbins
Sea2c Paul P. Dozier, Jr.
LT Ralph W. Elden
ENS Clyde C. Elmes, Jr.
ENS Robert P. F. Enright
TM2c Willard C. Fenton
Sea1c Wlater A. Gesell
Sea1c Harold M. Harvey
F2c Sidney P. Hawkins
Sea2c Jesse I. Hendricks
Sea2c Walter P. Hendrix, Jr.
Sea2c Clarence A. Herrmann
F3c Joseph F. Herzey
ENS Ralph I. Holton
F1c Carl J. Hunstein

BM2c Albert S. Jason
RM2c David Jayson
WT1c Ernest R. Johnson
B2c Marshall W. Jones
Sea2c Albert H. Kaatz
COX George W. Kapp, Jr.
TM1c Berlyn M. Kimbrell
Sea1c Donald Knuth
FCM3c Frank Korman

HONORING THE LEGACY of the BATTLE OF MIDWAY

ACRM(AA) Leo E. Perry
ARM3c William A. Phillips, Jr.
ENS Oswald A. Powers
ENS David J. Roche
ENS Leonard L. Smith
LT(jg) Richard W. Suesens

Torpedo Squadron (VT) FIVE, YORKTOWN (CV-5)
Sea1c Earl T. Baird
Sea2c Harry G. M. Selle

Torpedo Squadron (VT) SIX, ENTERPRISE (CV-6)
RM3c John H. Bates
ARM3c John M. Blundell
ENS John W. Brock
ARM3c Gregory J. Durawa
LT Arthur V. Ely
LT(jg) John T. Eversole
ARM3c Wilburn F. Glenn
ARM1c Charles T. Grenat
ENS Flourenoy G. Hodges
LT(jg) Randolph M. Holder
RM2c John U. Lane
RM3c Arthur R. Lindgren
LCDR Eugene E. Lindsey
ARM2c Harold F. Littlefield
RM2c Edwin J. Mushinski
LT Paul J. Riley
LT(jg) Severin L. Rombach
LT(jg) Lloyd Thomas

Torpedo Squadron (VT) EIGHT, HORNET (CV-8)
ENS William M. Abercrombie
ARM3c Ross E. Bibb, Jr.
ARM3c Max A. Calkins
LT(jg) George M. Campbell
ARM2c Darwin L. Clark
ENS William M. Creamer
ARM3c Otway D. Creasy, Jr.
CRM(PA) Horace F. Dobbs
ENS Harold J. Ellison

YORKTOWN (CV-5)
AM2c Edward A. Beshore
F1c Charles R. Braun
Sea2c James M. Campbell
TM3c John F. Chapman, Jr.
Sea2c Franklin H. Croft
CMM (PA) Anderson B. Cromwell
WT1c Clark B. Cross
MM2c Andrew L. Culbreath
WT2c William B. Davis
F1c William S. Erwin
F1c Hilton H. Everett
Sea2c Lewis E. Freeman, Jr.
Sea1c Rupert G. Gibson
Sea2c Clarence E. Hill
BM2c Henry C. Johnson, Jr.
Sea2c Willie E. Jones
CWT (PA) Charles Kleinsmith
WT2c Jerome J. Klueh
PHM3c Stanley E. Kwapinski, Jr.
MM1c Allen J. Lorenz
Sea2c Garland Lott
STM2c Randolph J. Lyons, Jr.
GM3c Jack F. Magan
GM3c Walter H. Maurice
Sea1c Philip J. Mestichelli
Sea2c Thomas C. Mixon
CY (PA) Robert L. Moore
GM2c Harold L. Morgan, Jr.
FM2c John A. Newberry
Sea2c Harold L. Nutt
MM2c William S. Ogden
Sea2c Jack H. Phillips
Sea2c Norman M. Pichette
BM2c Robert T. Plybon
Sea2c Dorsel E. Plymale
Sea2c Pearl G. Prince
Sea1c Robert L. Randolph
Sea2c Galen B. Rankin
Sea2c James O. Reeves
EM3c James W. Rickel, Jr.
MUS1c Gordon L. Roop
CEM (PA) Horace T. Sears
Sea1c Albert J. Sestack

2ndLT Martin E. Mahannah
CAPT Francis P. McCarthy MAJ Floyd B. Parks
2ndLT David W. Pinkerton, Jr.
2ndLT William B. Sandoval
2ndLT Walter W. Swansberger

MARINE SCOUT-BOMBING SQUADRON (VMSB) 241, NAS Midway
PVT George E. Reed

MARINE SCOUT-BOMBING SQUADRON (VMSB) 241 Pilots/Radio-Gunners
PFC Raymond R. Brown
2ndLT Kenneth O. Campion
PFC Edby M. Colvin
2ndLT Bruce Ek CAPT Richard E. Fleming
2ndLT Thomas J. Gratzek
2ndLT Bruno P. Hagedorn
MAJ Lofton R. Henderson
PVT Anthony Maday
2ndLT James H. Marmande
MAJ Benjamin W. Norris
PFC Joseph T. Piraneo
PFC Harry M. Radford
SGT Elza L. Raymond
SGT Charles W. Recke
PFC Lee W. Reininger
PFC Edward O. Smith
PVT Henry I. Starks
PFC George A. Toms
2ndLT Albert W. Tweedy, Jr.
2ndLT Maurice A. Ward
PFC Arthur B. Whittington

SIXTH DEFENSE BATTALION, FLEET MARINE FORCE
MAJ William W. Benson
CPL Osa Currie
CPL Frank L. Dupes
PFC Chauncey L. Lowe

SGT Aaron D. Shank
MAJGEN Clarence L. Tinker
TSGT James M. Turk, Jr.
CPL William J. Wagner
BENHAM (DD-397)
ENS Walter E. Pierce
Bombing Squadron (VB) THREE, YORKTOWN (CV-5)
ARM3c David D. Berg
ENS John C. Butler
RM3c Grant U. Dawn
LT(jg) Osborne B. Wiseman

Bombing Squadron (VB) FIVE
Lt Samuel Adams
RM2c Joseph J. Karrol

Bombing Squadron (VB) SIX, ENTERPRISE (CV-6)
ENS Eugene A. Greene
ENS Delbert W. Halsey
AOM3c Ernest L. Hilbert
RM3c Jay W. Jenkins
Sea1c Lee E. J. Keaney
RM3c Samuel A. Muntean
ARM1c Harry M. Nelson, Jr.
LT(jg) John J. Van Buren
LT(jg) Norman E. Vandivier
ENS Bertram S. Varian, Jr.
LT(jg) Frederick T. Weber
ARM3c Charles R. Young

HORNET (CV-8) friendly fire)
Sea2c Elmer A. Meyer

Fighting Squadron (VF) EIGHT, HORNET (CV-8)
ENS Stephen W. Groves
ENS George R. Hill, Jr.
ENS Charles M. Kelly, Jr.

Fighting Squadron (VF) FORTY-TWO (amalgamated with Fighting Squadron THREE)

AS Harold C. Land
Sea2c Charles C. LeGrant
ENS William B. Lovering
F3c Thomas F. Lyon
Sea2c Kenneth E. McMahon
F2c Harold Mitchell
Sea2c Henry M. Morgan
Sea2c Seldon E. Morgan
F3c James J. Mulhair
Sea2c Leonar F. Natzke
FCM2c Thomas F. O'Brien
CSK (AA) William D. O'Connor
Sea2c Victor W. Oehler
FCM2c William Ondencamp
Sea2c Victor W. Oehler
FCM2c Willam Opdencamp
Sea2c Gleen F. Owens
F3c Robert T. Parramore
Sea1c John F. Ploff
ENS Roy W. Purvis
STM1c Edward W. Raby
LT Martin H. Ray, Jr.
Sea2c Kenneth M. Reccius
Sea2c Bermice M. Rench
Sea2c Robert C. Richardson
Sea2c Warren J. Richardson
Sea2c Julius Ritchie
F2c Edward E. Rollins
Mm1c Paul R. Rose
Sea2c Francis Scanlon
Sea2c George L. Self
F1c William L. Sikes Jr.
F3c Jack Smith
SC3c Roy J. Stagg
Sea2c John V. Storm
Sea2c Bertie McC. Stukey
F3c George W. Swan
F1c Henry E. Tilghman
WT2c Neal J. Trotter
CBM(PA) Ole C. Vollum
Sea1c George W. West
GM2c Edward G. Willett
ENS James G. Woodruff
CMM(PA) Malcolm C. Wright