

USS *Midway* Museum Flag Day

The annual Midway Museum Flag Day celebration is the most colorful of event the San Diego SAR chapter participates in. For SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members the day begins with a 9:00 am breakfast on elevator #3 overlooking Embarcadero Marina Park South and the “Kiss” statute in Tuna Harbor Park.

The Revolutionary War flag display and SAR, DAR, C.A.R., and Freedom Foundation display tables set up in Hanger Bay #1 attracts a large number of visitors. Flag Day is one of the Museum’s most visited days because admission is free for persons with clothing that incorporates red, white and blue.



The formal program festivities begin in Hanger Bay #1 with a musical program by the Mountain Fife and Drum Corps. At the end of the program they lead the visitors to the flight deck. The 2014 Flag Day event will possibly be the most notable of all the Flag Day events because it honored the 100th anniversary of the writing of the Star Spangled Banner. Compatriot Dick Barck contacted Fort Historian and Ranger Scott Sheeds at Fort McHenry National Monument and obtained a 15-star garrison flag that flew over the fort. The 15’x27’ flag was flown from the ship’s yardarm.



The finale of the program is a musket salute fired by the Chapter Color Guard. As seen in the accompanying photograph, guardsmen from other Southern California Chapters participated in the 2014 program.

The USS *Midway* was the lead ship of her class. Commissioned a week after the end of World War II, *Midway* was the largest ship in the world until 1955, as well as the first U.S. warship too big to transit the Panama Canal. She served for an unprecedented 47 years. In 2014, she celebrated ten successful years as a museum ship.

[Click here](#) to see details of this year's celebration aboard the USS Midway Museum where the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Color Guard will be performing! [Click here](#) to see the highlights of 2015 aboard the USS Midway Museum.