



# River Currents



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## Message From the Radio Shack



Happy New Year!!

This is a **SPECIAL EDITION** of the River Currents. Our mission here in this edition is to make sure everyone has an opportunity to attend the upcoming important events in 2025. This includes the Premiere of the documentary “Mobile Riverine Force” in San Diego on the USS Midway and our September 2025 biennial reunion in St. Louis. Your responses are timely, so please act right away!

With respect to the Documentary Premiere, we have many people staying at the LOEWS hotel in Coronado and taking the bus to the USS Midway for the March 25th Premiere. There are a limited number of rooms left under the MFRA code MFR 324 \$291each. When the rooms are gone, they are gone. I have exhausted all efforts to obtain more rooms.

The exact timing of events is still not nailed down, but will look something like this:

**March 24th - arrival** at LOEWS Coronado for **“Gathering of the Troops”**

**March 24th – 3:00 PM** Bayfront Room opens at LOEWS to obtain your badge and information for events and meeting up with friends.

**March 25th** – Buses board late afternoon from LOEWS Coronado for USS Midway (you must be staying at LOEWS hotel and have an MRFA ID badge to board bus). Check in for timing as it is subject to change, so get updated agenda in Bayfront Room.

**March 25th – 6:00 PM** arrive at USS Midway for event

**March 25th – 9:30 PM** busses return from USS Midway to LOEWS Coronado for LOEWS hotel guests only

**March 26th – 10:30 AM** board buses from LOEWS Coronado for US Navy Amphibious Base Coronado Vietnam Unit Memorial.

**March 26th - 11:00 AM** Memorial Service at the Vietnam Unit Memorial Coronado wall. Buses will depart back to LOEWS Hotel at 1 PM.

(Most people will either depart for home late on the 26th or on the 27th. More details of events and timing to follow.)

We will have finger food in the Bayfront Room on the 24th and 26th around 5 PM. There is a concession on the USS Midway to obtain free food and drink for MRFA members and guests prior to the documentary. The MRFA will provide chits for you to obtain food and drink with your badge.

If you are going to the USS Midway directly and not staying at the LOEWS, you are on your own for transportation. However, if you send a registration to attend the documentary, and you note that you are attending and going directly to the Midway, we will give you a badge at the Midway for all MRFA members completing the form. This badge is NOT good for transportation. IF anyone of your friends or relatives wish to obtain a ticket to attend directly, they can go to the **Eventbrite website for a free ticket at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-premiere-of-the-mobile-riverine-force-documentary-tickets-1227153672669?utm\\_experiment=test\\_share\\_listing&aff=ebdsshios](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-premiere-of-the-mobile-riverine-force-documentary-tickets-1227153672669?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios)**

**With respect to the September reunion in St. Louis.** You must have your form into us for **FREE** MRFA member reunion attendance by April 1st. The reason for this is to make sure we have the necessary information for shirt sizes and other necessary info to make this a successful event.

OK..... You have your homework to do now! Let’s make this great attendance at all the events.

Harry Hahn, President,  
[SparksRivRon13@aol.com](mailto:SparksRivRon13@aol.com)

**Your membership expiration date is printed on your River Currents just above your name and address.**



**The Mobile Riverine Force and 9th Infantry Division Vietnam Page. After you send a request to join the group, Bob Pries will approve your request to join the group.**

**Contact Changes**

Please send Frank Jones any changes in address, phone number or e-mail addresses so that he can keep our database updated.

**His address is:**  
 9 San Marino Parkway,  
 Fenton, MO 63026

Frank's e-mail address is  
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**Contact the Editor**

If you have questions, stories, or comments for "River Currents," please e-mail Terry Sater, at [terry.s8er@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.s8er@yahoo.com) Not all stories can be published. All must be family friendly. We want a good balance of Army and Navy stories, so please participate!



**2025 MRFA & 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division  
 Coronado Gathering and  
 Documentary Premier  
 Registration Form**  
*This is NOT your Hotel form. make Hotel Reservation separately*



**March 24th, 25th, 26th 2025 - Loews, Coronado, CA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit in Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ or Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Send my registration confirmation to me by email Yes  No

No guests  First reunion

Name(s): Spouse/Guest(s)	City	State
_____	_____	_____
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Registration fee: NO CHARGE

Number of people for bus to USS Midway on March 25th \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people for bus ride to Vietnam Memorial on March 26th \_\_\_\_\_

You must make your hotel reservation separately.

LOEWS Coronado is now **\$269 per night plus a \$22 per day resort fee.**

Parking is extra.

Address: **4000 Coronado Bay Rd, Coronado, CA 92118**

Phone: **(619) 424-4000**

MRFA room block code is **MFR 324**

**Please send this form to:**

**Frank Jones**  
**9 San Marino Parkway**  
**Fenton, MO 63026**  
 314-303-2730  
[mrfatango48@gmail.com](mailto:mrfatango48@gmail.com)  
 by March 1st, 2025

**Note:** You need to check in at the **MRFA Bayside gathering room** to receive your name tag. **Your name tag is your admittance to bus rides and USS Midway!**



**MRFA Recipient Information - all fields are required except county and nickname**

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address Line 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, ST, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**County (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discharge Status:**  Honorable Conditions  Dis-Honorable Conditions

Army  Navy  
 Coast Guard  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Service (year to year):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discharge Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_

*E.g.: E1-E10, WO1-WO5, and O1-O10*

*Our Mission Statement: To cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.*

Please use space below signature to provide information about locations of service (e.g., stateside, deployments, countries). Example: France, Germany, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Beirut, Granada, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, Somalia, the Middle East, anti-terrorism operations and terrorism attacks against Armed Forces personnel. You may also provide comments about the nominee regarding unit or ship assignment, duties or responsibilities while serving, experiences, or other information that will help personalize and make the ceremony meaningful for the recipient. Please add service location, duties, medals/ribbons or any other information you would like to share to help make the award ceremony more personal for all involved. **Add extra sheet if necessary for all information.**

*I certify that I have read the QOVF Mission Statement, and affirm the information I provided is accurate.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL THIS FORM TO**

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**Email:** ginger.fondren@QOVF.org

# THE USS MIDWAY CVB-41



Named for the U.S. Navy’s landmark victory at the Battle of Midway, USS Midway (CVB-41) was commissioned 10 September 1945 with Captain Joseph F. Bolger in command. She began her service with the Navy just eight days after the instrument of surrender was signed by representatives of the Allied and Japanese governments onboard USS Missouri (BB-63) in Tokyo Bay. Midway, first in her class, was at the time the largest ship in the world, and the first U.S. aircraft carrier that was too big to transit the Panama Canal. The “supercarrier” was equipped with an armored flight deck, weighed in at 45,000 tons at commissioning, housed more than 100 aircraft, and was complimented by a crew of more than 4,000 Sailors and Marines.

In June 1951, Midway was conducting suitability tests off the Virginia Capes. On 23 June, Commander George Duncan, who was the recipient of the Navy Cross and the Silver Star during World War II, attempted to land his F9F Panther on Midway when a downdraft just aft of the stern caused him to crash. The aircraft’s fuselage broke away and rolled down the deck. He survived the dramatic crash, but was badly burned. He returned to flying six months later. Footage of the crash has been used in several films, including Men of the Fighting Lady, Midway, and The Hunt for Red October.

In June 1991, Midway participated in Operation Fiery Vigil, the evacuation of military members and their families from Clark Air Base on the island of Luzon after the eruption of Mount Pinatubo. Later that year, Midway steamed to Pearl Harbor, where she was

relieved as the forward deployed carrier in Yokosuka, Japan. She then steamed to Seattle for a port visit before ultimately making her final voyage to San Diego. Decommissioned on 11 April 1992, Midway was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 17 March 1997. On 29 August 2003, Midway was donated to the San Diego Aircraft Museum, and began operation as a museum ship on 13 January 2004.

Courtesy,



Located in downtown San Diego, the USS Midway (Museum) was America’s longest-serving aircraft carrier of the 20th century. Today, the interactive museum is an unforgettable adventure for the entire family as guests walk in the footsteps of the 225,000 young men who served on Midway.

## USS Midway vs Gerald R. Ford Carrier

**The USS Midway and the Gerald R. Ford-class carriers represent different eras in naval aviation technology and design. Here’s a comparison of the two:**

**USS Midway: Commissioned in 1945,** the USS Midway was one of the largest aircraft carriers of its time, designed to carry a large air group. It was 901 feet (274.3 meters) long at the waterline and had a beam of 119 feet (36.3 meters). The Midway class was designed to operate at a speed of 33 knots (61 km/h; 38 mph) and could carry around 100 aircraft. It was powered by 12 Babcock & Wilcox boilers, providing a total output of 212,000 shaft horsepower (158,000 kW).

**Gerald R. Ford-class carriers:** These are the latest generation of aircraft carriers for the US Navy, with the USS Gerald R. Ford being the lead ship of the class. The Gerald R. Ford-class carriers are 333 meters (1,092 feet) long, with a beam of 40.8 meters (134 feet) and a flight deck width of 78 meters (256 feet). They displace approximately 100,000 tons (full load) and can operate at speeds exceeding 30 knots (56 km/h; 35 mph). The carriers are powered by two Bechtel A1B nuclear reactors and can carry up to 75 aircraft.

In summary, the Gerald R. Ford-class carriers are significantly larger and more

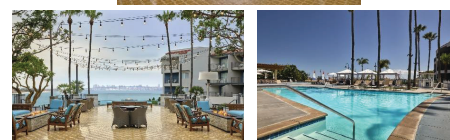
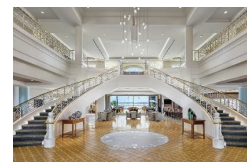
technologically advanced than the USS Midway. They feature modern nuclear propulsion, advanced radar systems, and an Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) to replace traditional steam catapults. The Gerald R. Ford-class carriers also have a reduced crew size compared to the Midway, thanks to increased automation and efficiency improvements.

## LOWES CORONADO BAY RESORT



The 440-room Loews Coronado Bay Resort was opened in 1991 on a 15-acre spur of land jutting into San Diego Bay. Like other Loews Properties around the United States, it is owned by the Tisch Family, which operates the hotel business and other subsidiaries through Loews Corporation, a holding company.

Of greatest interest to the Loews Coronado Bay Resort is the fact that Jonathan Tisch became the travel guru of the family. He became the CEO of Loews Hotels in 1989, and also served as chairman of the U.S. Travel Association, lobbying governments on behalf of all segments of the travel industry. As Loews Hotels CEO, he initiated the “Good Neighbor Policy,” which donates used hotel furniture, dry goods, and leftover food to local communities. The Points of Light Foundation, created by former U.S. President George H. W. Bush, presented Jonathan with a President’s Service Award in 1996. Jonathan’s other initiatives promoted sustainable agriculture and energy-saving measures.





2025 MRFA & 9th Infantry Division Reunion
Registration Form
9/18/25 TO 9/21/25
(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit in Vietnam (1 unit only) \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Polo Shirt Size [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] Check here if "Tall" [ ]

Name - Spouse/Significant Other \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Woman's T- Shirt Size [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
XS S M L XL 2XL
State \_\_\_\_\_

Name - Additional Guests \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

Send my registration form to me by e-mail Yes [ ] No [ ] First reunion [ ]

Registration is for member and 1 guest (Does not cover lodging, food or drinks)

REGISTRATION FREE to MEMBER and SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER if
registered by April 1, 2025. After April 1, 2025 \$75 for Member - Nonmember
Registration \$100. ON SITE/LATE REGISTRATION FOR MEMBERS: (\$125) NON-
MEMBERS: (\$150) MUST PAY WITH A CHECK!! NO CASH!! THURSDAY AND
FRIDAY 1PM TO 2PM. PLEASE SIGN UP AT CHECK-IN TABLE.

\$ 0
\$0, 75 or \$100

Total number of other guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 25 ea. Guests under 12 are free \$ 0

Grand Total Enclosed \$ 0

Shuttle to Soldier's Memorial, Gateway Arch, St. Louis Zoo and Hollywood Casino, Old Town St.
Charles on a first come, first serve basis. Shuttles will operate on Friday (10am to 4pm) and
Saturday (1pm to 5pm). Shuttles are free! St. Louis Zoo is free!

Bus to Vietnam Wall in Perryville on Friday, Sept. 19 at 10am. Number of passengers \_\_\_\_\_.
BUS RIDE TO PERRYVILLE IS FREE, BUT YOU MUST SIGN UP WHEN REGISTERING!!

Please send this form with your check or money order payable to the MRFA. Mail to MRFA 2025
Reunion, C/O Frank Jones, 9 San Marino Parkway, Fenton, MO 63026 before 9/1/2025

Full refund for cancellations will be made until 9/1/2025. After this date NO REFUNDS will be
made. Returned checks will be charged a \$25 processing fee.

Note: You will still have to pick up your name tag and lanyard at the check-in table. There will be no
admission to hospitality rooms without your name tag and lanyard. NO EXCEPTIONS! CHECK-IN
WILL BE OPEN ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 18, 9AM TO 5PM AND FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 9 AM TO
1PM.

Only activity on Sept. 21st is breakfast and checkout!

ONLY SEND THE FLIGHT FORM IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND NEED ADA
TRANSPORTATION! Please fill out the 2025 MRFA Reunion Flight Form and send to Frank Jones

## TAPS Tribute to a Fallen One



Member **Oscar David Tate** passed away on January 24, 2024. While in Vietnam he served with Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division from February to June 1967. David is survived by Diann, his wife of 54 years.



**William R. Riley**

Member **William R. Riley** passed away on September 10, 2024. While in Vietnam he served with Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division from January to June 1967.



**David F. Williard**

Member **David F. Williard** passed away on November 14, 2024. While in Vietnam he served onboard the USS Vernon County (LST-1161) from January 1967 to January 1970. David is survived by his wife JoAnn.

Former member **Ralph Fries** passed away on Tuesday, January 21st. He served with PBR River Sections 534 and 535. His Graveside service will be Friday, February 21st, 2025 at 2:00 pm. His Church will be Saturday, February 22nd, 2025 at 1:00 pm.



**Duane Joseph Schinn**

Member BMCM **Duane Joseph Schinn** (USN Ret.) passed away on December 13, 2024 at the age of 90. He served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. While in Vietnam he served with River Assault Squadron 11, River Assault Division 111 onboard Z-111-7 and M-111-2 from December 1967 to June 1968. Duane is survived by Gloria, his wife of 70 years.



**Joseph Robert Blatnica**

Member **Joseph Robert Blatnica** (LTC USA Ret.) passed away on March 27, 2024. While in Vietnam he served with Bravo Company, 9th Medical Battalion, 9th Infantry Division from May 1968 to May 1969. Joe was predeceased by Geraldine "Geri", his wife of several decades.



**James Goepel**

Member **James Goepel** passed away on December 12, 2024. While in Vietnam he served with Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division from January to December 1968. James is survived by his wife Barbara of 52 years.



## San Diego Weather!

- Climate and Average Weather Year-Round in San Diego California, United States
- In San Diego, the summers are short, warm, arid, and clear and the winters are long, cool, and partly cloudy. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 50°F to 77°F and is rarely below 44°F or above 84°F.
- The average temperature in San Diego, in March, is near 60 degrees, with a high in the upper sixties and the low in the low to mid 50's.
- The dress code for the World Premiere of "The Mobile Riverine Force" documentary is optional. Dress up, or be comfortable! Some may want to wear their patch adorned vests or jackets, or wear a suit. Ladies and gentlemen are advised to pay attention to the weather, and dress accordingly! Nighttime is cool, so sweaters or light jacket!

**Send your questions, comments, or stories for *River Currents* to the Editor, at: [terry.s8er@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.s8er@yahoo.com)**

## Letter From a Member's Wife

**Madeline B. Wollner**

Before August 17, 1968, I had no idea who James Parker Wollner was! However, one hour after he returned home to NJ, He changed my life forever!

I was at a rehearsal party for two college classmates' wedding. Unbeknownst to me, the groom-to-be was a boyhood friend of Jim's. The groom's parents were hosting the dinner directly across the street from the place where the groom and assorted friends hung out. When the groom saw Jim, or "Tinker" as all his friends called him, was there. He summoned Jim to join the dinner.

It turns out Jim had just arrived home from Vietnam, a few weeks early, due to a family emergency. He had spent an hour with his parents and then went to see his friends. The groom had no idea he was coming home early and was very apologetic for not inviting him to his wedding because he wasn't supposed to be home yet. All the guests at the party had no idea who this tall, blonde, tanned guy was, and we were very interested to find out! That is when we found out he had just spent the past 11 months in VIETNAM! After some conversation, the groom asked "Tinker" to come to his wedding the next day. Tinker responded that he wouldn't know anyone there since most guests were the groom's college friends. The groom said, "No problem, sit with Madeline, and you'll know everyone in five minutes!" Well, Tinker did, and the rest was history, except he took one of the bridesmaids home!

Six months later, we were engaged and one year after that we were married.

We spent our honeymoon in Washington DC. Jim went back to school to complete his degree.

Over the following 56 years I learned so much about Vietnam, and not only the weekly body count that was reported on the news.

Jim shared photos and slides he had from his time in the Army. He wrote poetry, some of which I shared with my students in Junior High Speech Classes. He was well known on campus because of his Veteran's status, and always stepped up to take a stand AGAINST any protests.

Jim planned a reunion of his platoon (the 2nd AIRBOAT PLT., 15th Eng. 9th INF. DIV.) on the 35th anniversary of the death of his Sgt. It was held in Washington DC. I saw men who hadn't seen each other in 35 years embrace and engage in a moment! I heard stories that had never been shared before for fear that "others" just wouldn't understand. (This helped me understand why my father had never shared any of his WWII experiences with us, as children, for how could we understand?) I saw photos of these "kids" all tanned, and fit, I even saw a video of the platoon in action with an amazing clip with Jim! It was at this reunion I got an up close and personal look at what PTSD was, in all its faces!

Since then, Jim has written a book about his time in Vietnam, THE BAMBOO SHOOT The Story of the 2nd Airboat Platoon, made Middle School, High School, College, and community presentations about his experiences.

Not only has he brought awareness of his platoon and the significance of the use of airboats in Vietnam, to the public forum, he has brought a part of US History to light to so many who have no idea of what it was all about!

My heart swells with pride whenever people stop and "thank him for his service" and he responds: "It was my privilege".

As a result of his service, Jim received a Purple Heart and multiple service-related disorders that have ranked him 100% disabled. But his disabilities have not stopped him from reaching out to fellow vets, or vets reaching out to him, and helping them gain access to Veterans Benefits.

Vietnam may have beaten him up a bit, but it did not break him! It made him the man so many respect. as do I, and the man I love.

Madeline B. Wollner  
wife of: Cpl. James Wollner  
2nd Airboat Plt. 15th Eng. BN., 9th Inf. Div.  
Mekong Delta Vietnam 1967-68

## In Memory Of

This section is for members who wish to sponsor the MRFA by placing a notice in memory of one of their fallen comrades. In some instances, the name of the sponsor will precede the name of the person who was KIA, or has passed on since Vietnam. It's \$25 for four issues.

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Theodore and Anita Richter (Ralph's sister), for Ralph Bigelow, RivRon 13 T-131-8  
Larry Ruebke, in memory of Alan Trucano  
Dave Schell, in memory of SFC Mike Hanmer, RivRon 13 & 153 (7/69-2/71)  
John Smith, for Paull D. Jose, B Co., 3/60, KIA 11/01/68  
Charlie Thompson, in Memory of Doyle E. Templeton, 2nd/39th 9th Inf.  
Jim Towey, for Jack Steinman, who saved many lives, 5/14/69 thru his heroic actions. RIP Brother.  
In memory of my Brothers, B Co. 2nd 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division



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Michael Howard Phillips D Co. 15th Combat Engineers 9th Inf. (8/68-6/69)

Paul Ray M-151-5 (06/69-07/70)

Col. Henly "Ed" Reed HHC 2nd/60th Infantry

Bill & Donna Robinson CO USS Mark AKL-12 (06/70-05/71)

Roger Rose RAS 13 RivDiv 131 A-2 T-3 T-10

Jerry Ross T-131-1 (08/69-08/70)

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David J. Schell RivRoin 15 T-41 & T-48 (07/69-07/70)

Louis L. "Lou" Schmidt, USS White River, LSMR-536 (3-03/68-03/70)

F. George Schuster LTJG USS Indra ARL-37 (1968-69)

COL Sam Schutte Co. B 4th/47th Infantry (05/66-1/68)

Thomas D. Scott USS Colleton APB-36

(12/66-4/68)

Pete Seitz USS Askari ARL-30 3/67-2/69

Bill Slover XO USS Colleton APB-36 11/66-4/68

John Smith B Co. 3/60th (05/68-06/69)

Walter H. Snow RivDiv15 CCB-151-1

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Bryan Swisher B Co. 3rd/47th Inf (12/68-6/69)

Charles Thompson 9th Admin Co. (02/66-11/67)

Harley Timmerman T-132-10 (06/68-06/69)

Jim Towey Co. B 2nd/60th Infantry (1068-08/69)

B Co 2nd/60th Air Mobile 9th Inf. (01/69-05/69)

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Bill Weidman T-111-12 (02/67-02/68)

Gary Weisz A-91-4 (10/67-07/68)

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Jeffrey Withers William H. Ziebarth 9th Signal 3rd/34 Arty (05/66-12/67)

Robert Zimmer XO USS Mercer APB-39 (02/68-07/69)