

The Tide Turns: Battle of Midway Symposium



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Norfolk, VA

Presented by the MacArthur Memorial, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission.



75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY

The Battle of Midway is often referred to as the “turning point” of the war in the Pacific. Six months after the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese Imperial Navy was preparing to deliver a decisive blow that would destroy the U.S. Navy and leave Japan the uncontested power in the Pacific. The Japanese set a trap near the island of Midway, hoping to catch what was left of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Unbeknownst to the Japanese, the American cryptanalysts had cracked the Japanese naval codes. Using this intelligence, American commanders laid a counter trap for the Japanese. A large naval battle ensued June 4-6, 1942. Through surprise and the effective use of carrier based air power, the U.S. Navy won one of the most important battles of the war. In the end, operational initiative passed from the Japanese to the Americans – thus turning the tide of the war in the Pacific and enabling Allied forces to go on the offensive.

THE EVENT

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway, the MacArthur Memorial, Hampton Roads Naval Museum and the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemorative Commission are hosting a FREE Symposium. The Symposium will feature four lectures by experts on the Battle of Midway. In addition, there will be book signings and other commemorative exhibits onsite.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

WHEN: Friday, June 2, 2017. Doors open at 8:30 AM. Opening remarks begin at 9:30am. Event concludes at 4:00 PM.

WHERE: MacArthur Memorial Visitors Center
198 Bank Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

COST: FREE, but registration is required.

Register: <https://goo.gl/TLjbZM>

PARKING: The MacArthur Center South Parking Deck is across from the MacArthur Memorial on City Hall Avenue. The entrance to this garage is at the intersection of Bank Street and City Hall Avenue. See MacArthur Center parking information for current rates: <https://www.shopmacarthur.com/parking>.

LUNCH: On your own; many restaurants are within walking distance.

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HOTEL: A special rate of \$114 is available at the Courtyard Marriott in Downtown Norfolk. To book, please call 1-800-894.7956 or 757-963-6000 and mention the World War II Commemoration. To book online, visit www.courtyardnorfolk.com. Select your dates and use the code: MMBMMBB. All reservations must be made before midnight on May 1, 2017 in order to qualify for the group discount, otherwise standard rates apply. Guests booked under the group code will received discounted parking at \$14 per night.

SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)



Walter Borneman

Walter R. Borneman writes about American military and political history. His work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, and on FoxNews.com. He is the author of the national bestseller: *The Admirals: Nimitz, Halsey, Leahy, and King*, a winner of the Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature.



Elliot Carlson

Elliot Carlson is a longtime journalist who has worked as a reporter, editor and staff writer for such newspapers and magazines as the *Honolulu Advertiser*, the *Wall Street Journal* and *Newsweek*. A graduate of the University of Oregon and Stanford University, he is the author of *Joe Rochefort's War* and an expert on cryptanalysis and intelligence.



Dr. Timothy Orr

Timothy Orr holds a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University and is currently an Associate Professor of History at Old Dominion University. An expert on military history and the experiences of aviators in the Battle of Midway, Dr. Orr is the author of the upcoming book: *Never Call Me a Hero: An Autobiography of a Battle of Midway Dive Bomber Pilot*.



Anthony Tully

Anthony Tully is an expert on the Japanese Navy and the co-author of *Shattered Sword* – a work that documents the Japanese perspective of the Battle of Midway. He is a frequent contributor to journals and periodicals on matters both nautical and topical, and has been published in the *U.S. Naval War College Review*, *Naval Institute Proceedings*, *Naval History*, and *Warship International*.