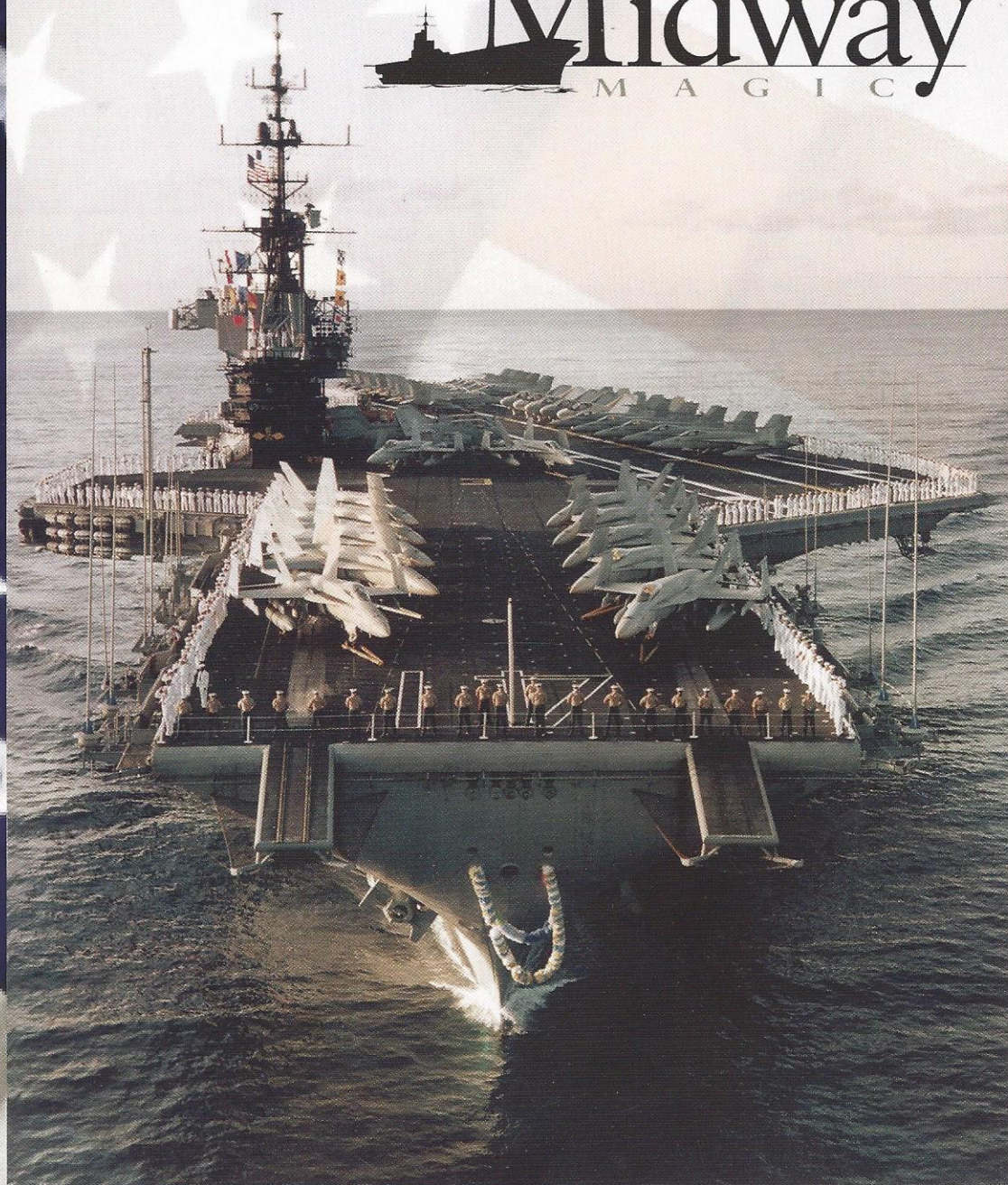


Midway

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A CITY AT SEA

Class: Midway	Displacement: 45,000 tons
Length: 968 feet	Beam: 113 feet
Draft: 35 feet	Crew: 4,500
Speed: 33 knots	Complement: 4,104 crew
Armament: 18 5-inch guns, 84 40mm guns, 68 20mm guns	

Monthly payroll	\$1.2 million
Telephones	1,500
Compartments	in excess of 2,000
Electric motors	in excess of 2,000
Miles of piping	200
Miles of copper conductor	3,000
Miles of fire hose	4.5
Ship fuel capacity	2.23 million gallons
Jet fuel capacity	1.24 million gallons
Fresh water produced	240,000 gallons daily

Daily food requirements:

Meals served daily: 13,000	Bread: 1,000 loaves
Vegetables: 5,000 lbs.	Meat: 4,500 lbs.





ANSWERING THE CALL FOR 47 YEARS

- Sept. 10, 1945 Commissioned as the first ship too large for the Panama Canal. Would be the largest ship in the world for 10 years. The first with an armored flight deck, incorporating a host of American and British carrier design innovations.
- March, 1946 The first to launch aircraft above the Arctic Circle and operate extensively with a helicopter on board. The first jet takeoff from a carrier, an FR-1 Fireball flown by WWII ace Tommy Blackburn. He took off when Midway was steaming up the Hudson River.
- Sept. 6, 1947 Launched the first missile from a ship, a captured German V-2 rocket, during an experiment called Operation Sandy.
- June 13, 1963 Conducted the first fully automated "hands-off" landing with production equipment, using technology later used in the space program.
- June 17, 1965 Cdr. Lou Page and Lt. John C. Smith record the first confirmed downing of a MiG in the Vietnam War.
- Oct. 1973 First Navy carrier to be homeported abroad, in Yokosuka, Japan.
- Nov. 2, 1990 Was the first American carrier on the line in the Persian Gulf for Desert Storm, and served as the flagship for the Persian Gulf Force.
- Jan. 17, 1991 Aircraft from the USS Midway were the first to launch in Desert Storm. The carrier outperformed all other American carriers in Desert Storm and was the only carrier not to lose an aircraft.
- Jun. 1991 Operation Fiery Vigil in the Philippines, taking aboard Air Force evacuees from the Mt. Pinatubo eruption
- Apr. 11, 1992 Decommissioning at North Island NAS (San Diego)



