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“DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY THE MEMORY OF THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY”

**IMMF INVITED AND ACCEPTED AS A
CONSULTANT TO NOAA FOR THE
PAPAHANAUMOKUAKEA MONUMENT**

The Papahanaumokuakea Marine Monument extends from the Midway Islands southeast to French Frigate Shoals. The monument is managed by four co-Trustees: National Oceanic and Atmospheric (NOAA) for the Department of Commerce, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Department of Interior, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for the State of Hawaii and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). The International Midway Memorial Foundation (IMMF) has been designated as a consultant to NOAA in its management of the Monument. This invitation and acceptance by NOAA was achieved solely through the efforts of Dr. William S. Dudley, former Director of the Naval Historical Center (1995-2004).

IMMF's designation as a consultant to NOAA was preceded by the 1999 Omnibus Bill, Section 126 which directed the Department of Interior to consult with the IIMMF on historical matters concerning the Midway Islands.

GLENN MILLER PROJECT:

Active fund-raising will take place soon to finance the Glenn Miller Project, a mission to discover whatever remains of Miller's aircraft, which crashed in the English Channel in 1944. Applications for funding will be submitted to NOAA and the Mars Foundation and Dan Kennedy and Dennis Spragg will actively seek funding from their sources for the project. Search, Inc. has already mapped out the search area in the English Channel.

The Veteran's Day Parade in Sarasota, Florida scheduled in November 2022 will be dedicated to Glenn Miller. Following the parade, a ceremony will be held with the keynote address given by myself, centering on the last flight of Glenn Miller from England to Paris. We hope to have the Sarasota Orchestra play the music of Glenn Miller for the parade ceremony. It is planned to have the Sarasota Orchestra play Glenn Miller music at the ceremony at the end of the parade. Also, in November it is hoped that the Sarasota Orchestra will host a Glenn Miller Concert which will be held at the City Municipal Auditorium or the Sarasota Fine Arts Center.

THE SECOND BATTLE OF MIDWAY:

***The Second Battle of Midway* is a work still in progress by yours truly. The manuscript focuses on the cultural, historical and archaeological history of the Midway Islands and the Management of the Atoll by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) since it was given full jurisdiction by President Clinton's executive order in 1996. The book will examine the USFWS's policy of "Demolishment by Neglect" whereby a number of notable buildings and structures have been have been demolished and removed due to a deliberate neglect of maintenance by USFWS until the building or structure is no longer viable. The unsuccessful efforts by the IMMF to reverse this policy are described in the manuscript. In addition, other examples of the deterioration of historically significant sites will be discussed, including the airstrip on Eastern Island, used during the Battle of Midway which was deemed by the National Park Service as unsuitable for National Landmark status.**

Chris and I wish everyone a happy summer.

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