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Dr. James M. D'Angelo, M.D.  
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Dear Dr. D'Angelo,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and discuss the importance of the Battle of Midway National Memorial in preserving a critical part of the U.S. Navy's history. I commend your efforts as Founder and President of the International Midway Memorial Foundation to help create this Memorial and your commitment to preserving naval history.

As you know, the Navy's role in oversight of the Midway Memorial is outlined in the Department of the Interior's Executive Order 3217. This order specifically designates the Naval Historical Center as the Navy's representative for coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). I assure you that the Naval Historical Center will work closely with USFWS, National Park Service, and your organization to ensure this significant part of our Navy history is preserved to the maximum extent possible and recognized with appropriate observances.

Because of common interests such as your plans to host events in Pearl Harbor and Midway Atoll in June 2007 to commemorate the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Midway, I have asked the new Director of the Naval Historical Center, Rear Admiral Paul E. Tobin, U.S. Navy (Retired) to serve as the Navy's liaison with the International Midway Memorial Foundation. You may contact him by phone at (202) 433-8418 or by writing him at Naval Historical Center, 805 Kidder Breesse Street SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5060.

I truly appreciate your dedication to this pivotal event in our country's Naval heritage.

Sincerely,

*Bob*

R. F. Willard  
 Admiral, U.S. Navy

*All discuss w/ Adm  
 Tobin, myself. CNO  
 desires that this historical  
 site be supported. All the  
 best, Bob*