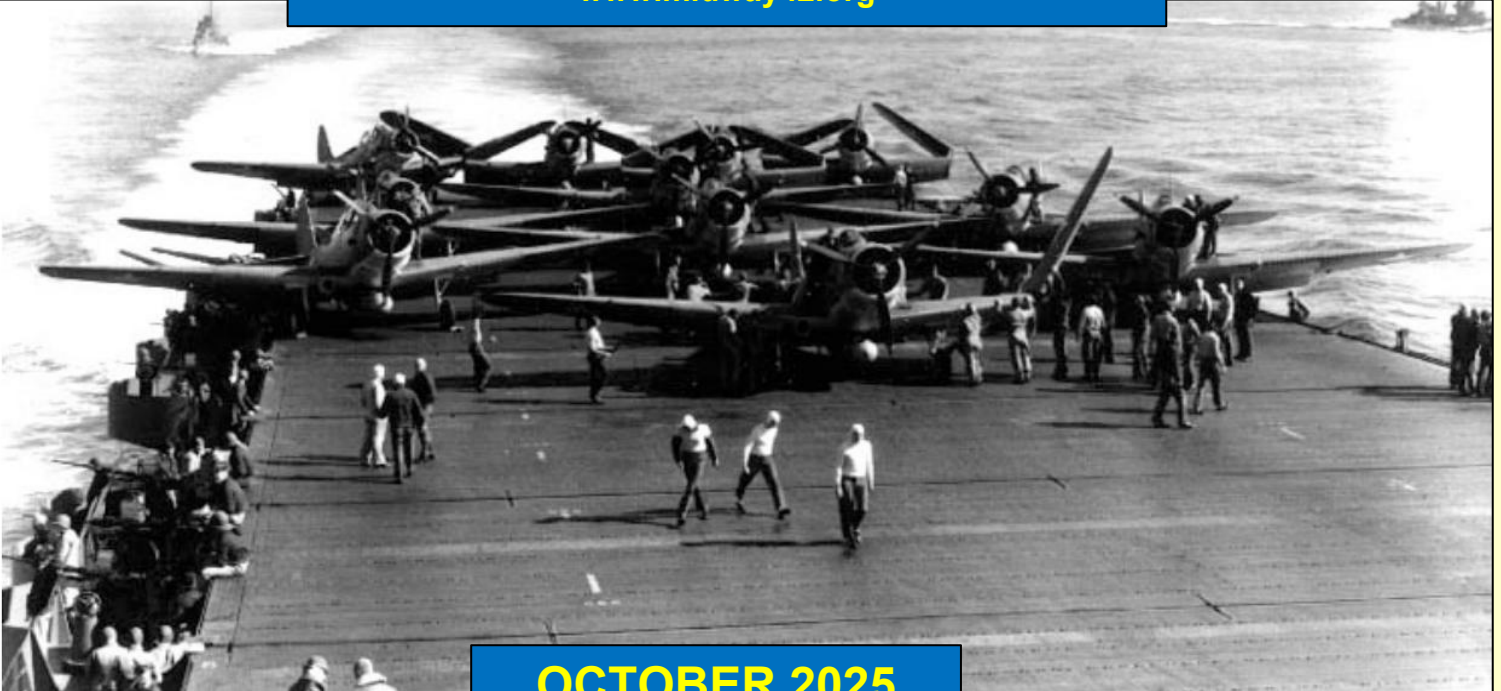


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~ INTRODUCTION ~

Instead of reader messages this month, our newsletter has a few special features and an important announcement for all of our Roundtable members and followers. First, Tom Moore, who gave us that unique pre-Midway film of the *Hornet* and *Yorktown* in last month's newsletter, sent in another gem that he found in the archives: a superb aerial view of *Yorktown* from 1940, with quite a different look than what we know from its many BOM photos.

Then, we have a remarkable new resource on our website: a full listing of B-17 aircraft and aircrew data relative to the BOM, at a level of detail not previously seen. Webmaster Thom Walla is working on additional pages for the other BOM aviation groups, but you can open and digest the B-17 page now...we think it's pretty amazing.

Next, we have an update of our Book Review index that first appeared in our March newsletter, with one new review plus another that got missed in March. And lastly, Thom and I have a special announcement for all of our newsletter readers around the world. As always, we look forward to your comments on that or anything else related to the Roundtable or to the Battle of Midway.

—Ron Russell
17 September 2025

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NEW YORKTOWN PHOTO FROM 1940

Here's a really great overhead view of the *Yorktown* in 1940, its deck loaded with 1930s-vintage aircraft. Note the oversize "Y" on the island, to aid pilots in getting to the right flight deck in prewar maneuvers. (Wouldn't the IJN aircrews have appreciated that at Midway?) [Click here](#) to open the photo and note that you can select and download a very high resolution copy of the picture (28 mb), and that's recommended for a really good view of the aircraft.

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NEW B-17 AIRCREW AND AIRCRAFT LISTS

In our [April newsletter](#) we announced the recovery of our long-missing aircraft and aircrew data files, originated by Mark Horan and Chris Hawkinson in the 1990s. However, those files had almost nothing relative to the B-17s operating from Midway. Now we have it, thanks to Roundtable member Bill Longton in Florida, who found it with exceptional detail in a USAAF archive.

The new B-17 data is now available on our site—give it a look; you'll be surprised. To open the page, [click here](#) or copy and paste this URL into your browser:

<http://www.midway42.org/Features/USAAFB17Midway.aspx>

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INDEX OF ROUNDTABLE BOOK REVIEWS

Version 1.1, revised 8/23/2025

Note: a link that shows a date (month and year) will take you to the newsletter issue in our archives that has the indicated book review. Other links will take you to various pages on our website where a lot of our older reviews were uploaded.

TITLE	AUTHOR	LINK
Adrift	Kernan	Jan 2023
And I Was There	Layton	Reviews p. 3
Attack on Pearl Harbor	Zimm	Reviews p. 5
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The Battle of Midway (#2)	P. Smith	Reviews p. 2
Beyond Pearl Harbor	Werneth	Reviews p. 3
Black Shoe Carrier Admiral	Lundstrom	Reviews p. 3
Carnage and Culture	Hanson	Aug 2023
Carrier Combat	Mears	Reviews p. 5
Combined Fleet Decoded	Prados	Reviews p. 5

Crossing the Line	Kernan	Reviews p. 6
The Conquering Tide	Toll	Oct 2015
Dauntless	Tillman	Sep 2021
A Dawn Like Thunder	Mrazek	Reviews p. 2
The Eagle's Claw	Shaara	July 2021
Enterprise	Tillman	Reviews p. 7
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Hawaii Under the Rising Sun	Stephan	Reviews p. 3
Heart Like a Mustang	Velazquez	Jan 2025
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The Last Flight of Ens. C. Markland Kelly, USNR	Weisheit	Reviews p. 2
Love and Glory	Kernan	Reviews p. 6
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Midway (novel version of the 1976 movie)	Sanford	Reviews p. 6
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Midway 1942 (#2)	Stille	Reviews p. 2
Midway: Battle for the Pacific	Castillo	Reviews p. 4
Midway Dauntless Victory	P. Smith	Reviews p. 2
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Midway: Turning Point in the Pacific	W. Smith	Reviews p. 4
Miracle at Midway [note: not the Prange book]	Mercer	Reviews p. 4
Never Call Me a Hero	Kleiss & Orr	July 2022
Nimitz at War	Symonds	Sep 2022
No Right to Win	Russell	NRTW reviews
The 'On the Roof' Gang (vol. 1 & 2)	Zullo	Jun 2022
Pacific Crucible	Toll	Reviews p. 7
Pacific Payback	Moore	Mar 2022
Refighting the Pacific War	Bresnahan	Reviews p. 3
Rendezvous at Midway	Frank-Harrington	Reviews p. 4
SBD Dauntless and the Battle of Midway	Hernandez	Reviews p. 5
Shattered Sword	Parshall-Tully	Reviews p. 2
The Ship That Held the Line	Rose	Reviews p. 5
Showdown in the Pacific	Martell	Feb 2015
The Silver Waterfall (#1)	Miller	May 2020
The Silver Waterfall (#2)	Simms-McGregor	May 2022
Stanley Johnston's Blunder	Carlson	Sep 2017
Taking Midway (new)	Dugard	Sep 2025
Torpedo 8	Wolfert	July 2019
The Unknown Battle of Midway	Kernan	Reviews p. 6
U.S. Naval Operations in WWII (vol. 4) (new)	Morison	Apr 2015
Walk Around: SBD Dauntless	Dann	Reviews p. 5
War and Remembrance (BOM segment)	Wouk	Reviews p. 6



Now hear this!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: FINAL NEWSLETTER

To our many members and followers throughout the U.S. and around the world, we regret to announce that this is the last issue of the Roundtable Forum newsletter. Going forward, we will continue to respond to your comments or inquiries sent to our email address, and the website will be maintained indefinitely, but we won't be posting any more periodic newsletters.

We'd very much prefer to see the Roundtable Forum continue as usual, but that has become impractical. There are a few reasons why that is so, and there's a link below that will get you a detailed explanation if you're interested.

Otherwise, we are extremely grateful to everyone who has been with us for so many years in support of our newsletter. Without your active participation, and especially without the contributions of so many who are no longer with us, it would have faded to obscurity long ago.

If you'd like to know exactly what has brought us to this point, just send us a message with **LAST FORUM** on the subject line. You can do it easily by clicking this link, or draft a new message to the address shown:

midwayroundtable@gmail.com

As mentioned above, we will continue to reply to your email questions and comments for the foreseeable future. Best regards to all, and *thank you* for helping to make the Roundtable Forum newsletter a renowned success on the Internet since 2004.

—Thom Walla, BOMRT webmaster

—Ron Russell, *Roundtable Forum* editor



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