

RADM Mac McLaughlin, USN (ret.) President/CEO, USS Midway Museum

Mac McLaughlin has been the USS Midway Museum's only president and CEO since its opening in June 2004. He has been responsible for developing the operational systems, staffing, infrastructure and community support that has made Midway a prized community asset. His vision is galvanizing the Museum toward become and American symbol of freedom.

A dynamic speaker, he has inspired extraordinary achievements, including national recognition of the USS Midway Museum, a cadre of more than 600 volunteers donating more than 125,000 hours annually, more than 11,000 annual museum members, and a museum and visitor destination that has become the most-visited floating ship museum in the nation.

McLaughlin is a retired, two-star admiral who quickly rose through the ranks of the United States Navy. He is a 1972 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a master's degree in public administration from Troy State University.

Key U.S. Navy assignments included:

- Commander, Naval Air Reserve Force
- Deputy Director of Naval Reserve
- Executive Assistant to the Director of Naval Reserve
- Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans
- Director Air Warfare (N88R)
- Commanding Officer, Helicopter Anti-Submarine
- Warfare Squadron Light Nine Four (HSL-94)
- Chief Staff Officer, Commander Helicopter Wing Reserve
- Officer in Charge, Helicopter Anti-Submarine
- Warfare Squadron Light Eight Four (HSL-84)

RADM McLaughlin's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service, Navy Commendation and Navy Achievement Medals.