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## **Korean War Veteran Returns to the USS Midway After 60 Years**

*Home Care Assistance and Wish of a Lifetime partner to fulfill the wish of 85-year-old Navy Veteran, Robert Mountz*

**(San Diego, CA—March 24, 2015)** [Home Care Assistance](#), North America’s leading provider of in-home care for seniors partnered with Wish of a Lifetime, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping seniors fulfill their lifelong dreams, to fulfill the wish of Robert “Bob” Mountz. He had spent two years as a Hospital Corpsman aboard the USS Midway, the largest ship in the world at that time. Sixty years after his honorable discharge from the Navy, Robert stepped foot on the ship that played such an important role in his life and paved the way for new heights in naval aviation.

Mountz, along with his childhood friend Wilma and his daughters Deborah and Laura, traveled from Indiana to San Diego, California to visit the USS Midway on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The group made its way to Navy Pier where they were warmly greeted by military officers, a personal guide, staff from the Home Care Assistance San Diego office and members of the media. The group then embarked on a private tour of the ship, including the sick bay where Bob spent most of his time, watched a movie about the ship’s history and had a nice lunch at the café onboard.

At a young age, Robert developed a strong work ethic by working on the Wabash railroad at the age of 15 and tending to cattle and crops on his grandfather’s farm. Just before Christmas in 1950, he joined the Navy at only 21-years-old. By 1952, he had completed boot camp and served at several naval stations in the US, boarding the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier in Norfolk, Virginia. As a Hospital Corpsman, he worked in the 50-bed hospital on the boat, caring for sick and wounded Navy men. He served two tours of duty on the Midway and disembarked in October of 1954. Bob’s USS Midway model sits on his desk at home and reminds him of the significant time in history that he is proud to have been a part of.

Robert was nominated for his Wish of a Lifetime by his daughter, Laura, who believed this Wish would show her father that his time in service was appreciated. Despite tremendous personal obstacles he’s faced and his current battle with lung cancer, Robert still maintains a positive attitude. Robert often talks vividly to Laura of his time on the USS Midway, so she knew that revisiting the USS Midway Museum would highlight a part of his life that is very important to him. When asked what it would be like to see it again, Robert said he’d feel “some kind of euphoria”.

According to Bob's daughters, he had a "superb day" and was touched when "he was saluted as they came down the ramp to leave". He was most excited to see the sick bay again and even made it down the challenging, narrow stairs without assistance. Bob and his loved ones spent the rest of the week enjoying sunny San Diego and reminiscing about their unforgettable visit to the USS Midway.

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#### **About Wish of a Lifetime**

Wish of a Lifetime™ fosters respect and appreciation for deserving seniors by fulfilling their life-enriching Wishes. Founded in 2008 by two-time Olympic skier, World Cup gold medalist, entrepreneur, and former NFL football player Jeremy Bloom in living honor of his grandmother, Wish of a Lifetime has made over 1,000 Wishes come true for seniors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The organization aims to create a positive shift in the way society views and values aging by sharing the stories of its inspiring Wish recipients with those of all generations. After experiencing a wish, 93 percent of Wish recipients stated they felt their quality of life improved and 76 percent said they felt their overall health improved. To learn more about the organization or to help fulfill a senior's Wish visit [www.seniorwish.org](http://www.seniorwish.org)