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"DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY"

### A BEACHHEAD IS ESTABLISHED

## ON MIDWAY ATOLL

In May 2020, a verbal agreement was reached between the International Midway Memorial Foundation and an organization (Its name to be released at a later date) which has significant financial and political assets. The nature of the agreement was to change the governing structure of Midway along the lines of the bill that the IMMF encouraged Congressman John Duncan to introduce in the House on September 25, 2018 entitled "Midway Atoll Trust Act." There will need to be a new bill introduced which would tailor the old bill, so that its directives ensure the survival of Midway, both politically and economically forever. This can only occur is the private sector, namely the International Midway Memorial Foundation plays a major role in its governing. Both parties agreed to this concept with unanimity. The plan is develop an all encompassing plan and proceed accordingly. Meetings will be held over the ensuing year to begin the process of executing the mission. I consider this latest development as establishing a beachhead on the road to retaking Midway back to where it should be: a National Historic Landmark with public access.

#### A BOOK ENTITLED PEARL HARBOR: DECLASSIFIED

The final version of *Pearl Harbor: Declassified*, its manuscript, photographs, foreword and captions have been sent and received by McFarland Publishing Company and a contract for its publication has been signed.

Captain James A. Noone USN (Ret.), member of the board of trustees of the IMMF and has submitted his critique of the stated book for its back cover. He stated:

"Was the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor really a surprise? Most Americans would say, 'Of course.' But Jim D'Angelo's well-researched book will make fair-minded readers think twice about this dogma, taught in our schools and part of our culture since WWII.

Invoking highly secret information that has been declassified in recent decades, he argues plausibly that FDR and others knew of -- and turned a blind eye to — Japanese plans in order to declare war with full support of the American public. Could this be true? Read it and decide for yourself!"

Captain Noone is a lawyer, member of the National Press Club, commander of the Washington, D.C. American Club, and he serves on the board of directors of Naval Historical Foundation and on the board of trustees of the National Maritime Historical Society. Noone edited every single line in the manuscript in preparation for his critique. Thank you, Jim.

#### THE GLENN MILLER PROJECT

The Glenn Miller Project was discussed with the unidentified organization at the time of the initial discussion. It was an area where they expressed interest in down the road. The committee is waiting for public access to hopefully return to normal before returning to its activities on the project.

Chris and I wish you all well as we are coping with the ramifications of the virus pandemic.

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