

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF



CWO4 ARNOLD C. TURNQUIST

FEBRUARY 14, 1933 – DECEMBER 16, 2021

Celebration of Life

Aboard the USS Midway Museum

Arnold Clifford Turnquist

CWO4 USN (RET)

February 14, 1933 – December 16, 2021

Saturday, July 16, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Song: “Anchor’s Aweigh”

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Chaplain Paul Ward

Military Honors

Piping By: Bryan C. Turnquist BMCS USN (RET)

Playing of TAPS

Song: “St. Elmo’s Fire” - Ian McCartor

Life Tribute: Guy Turnquist, *CAPT, USNR (RET)*

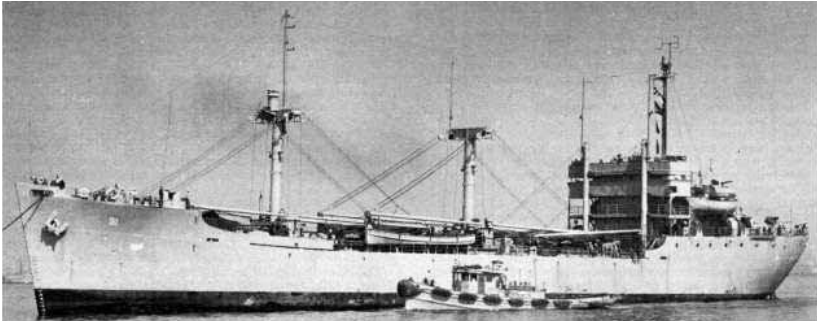
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Poem Reading - Sebastiana Pletcher Williams Song:

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Closing Remarks and Prayer: Chaplain Paul Ward

Reception Immediately Following



USS Aeroquipa AF - 31 - Arnie's first ship

Arnie joined the Navy in 1951 after seeing a poster on the wall of the Post Office that said, "JOIN THE NAVY AND SEE THE WORLD". That is exactly what he did! He was a decorated serviceman and veteran of the Korean War, Vietnam Conflict, and Cold War who served in the US Navy for over 35 years. At the time of his retirement, he was the most senior communications Warrant Officer in the Navy. He served aboard seven ships from cruisers and destroyers to amphibious assault ships, including the USS Princeton (LPH-5) during two deployments to Vietnam. His tours of duty took him around the world to 33 foreign destinations in the Pacific, South China Sea, Indochina, Australia, the Mediterranean, the Atlantic and Caribbean. He had duty assignments in Virginia, California, Hawaii, Florida, Puerto Rico, Iceland, and the Philippines.

After retiring from the Navy he went on to work at the Betty Ford Center as a member of the Training Department providing training for Professionals and helped start the Summer Institute for Medical Students, SIMS. He retired after 20 years but loved it so much he stayed on to work part-time for a while. The Betty Ford Center was an integral part of his life, and he loved being a part of an organization that was dedicated to helping people recover from their addictions.

Arnie's life was as big as his personality, and he lived it well. A summation of his time here on earth comes from his personally penned obituary: "If anyone should ask me how my life was, my answer would be, 'On a scale of one to ten, I'd give it a twelve', (I can see some of you smiling about that right now)." I look forward to seeing you all in heaven. You'll find me on the first tee or at an AA meeting.

No More A Watch To Stand

No more a watch to stand, old sailor.
You are outward bound on an ebbing tide.
Eight bells have rung. Dog watch is done.
A new berth awaits you on the other side.

Your ship is anchored in God's harbor.
And your shipmates, sailors of the Lord,
Are mustered on the deck to greet you
And Pipe you as you come aboard.

Look sharp that hand is you, old sailor!
And you'll be sailing out on heavenly seas.
May the wind be ever at your back.
Fair weather, and God speed!