

## **AFVN Reunion 2014 Media Advisory**

(San Diego) --- “Gooooood Morning, Vietnam!!!” It wasn’t a movie, but a real live morning radio show out of Saigon, South Vietnam, from 1965 to 1973. Each year a draftee or volunteer Armed Forces broadcaster was tagged to host the show that opened with that signature salute.

The United States Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS), at the request of the U.S. Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV), established a network throughout the corps operating areas of the Republic of South Vietnam (RVN), based out of Saigon.

Veterans of that campaign are gathering in San Diego October 16-19 and will be touring the USS MIDWAY, attending an MCRD recruit graduation, Sea World, the Zoo, and other sightseeing activities. At least three of them were the hosts of the Dawnbuster morning show made famous by Robin Williams and his portrayal of Airman Adrian Cronauer who claims to have originated the signature opening during his tenure there. Each succeeding host continued the tradition until the end of the war. One of the attendees was actually an advisor to the film while working in Thailand.

One of the former hosts, Marine Sergeant Jean Leroy, graduated from MCRD San Diego prior to his Vietnam assignment, and will be available for interviews.

Retired Navy Command Master Chief Joe Ciokon, currently volunteering as Public Affairs Officer aboard USS MIDWAY Museum, was the War News Editor and TV News anchor during the 1968 TET Offensive in Saigon. He is the local host for the reunion and can be reached at [jciokon@midway.org](mailto:jciokon@midway.org), or by cell: (619) 743-1907.