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- JOHN F. KENNEDY

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We collaborate closely with our partners to imagine exciting new ways to activate the Navy Yard. For 40 years we have worked together to educate, engage, and empower all who visit. Thank you to the U.S. Navy, National Park Service, and Naval History & Heritage Command Detachment Boston; our partnership has never been stronger!



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Charlestown Navy Yard
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Fireman Gabriel Lupo, assigned to USS Constitution, climbs the ship's mizzenmast during 'Old Ironsides' underway commemorating the Vietnam War. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Casey Scoular/Released)

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Massachusetts native, U.S. Navy officer, and 35th President of the United States John F. Kennedy once wrote:

“My earliest memories of the United States Navy go back to the days when, as a small boy, I used to be taken to the U.S.S. *Constitution*. The sight of that historic frigate, with its tall spars and black guns, stirred my imagination and made American history come alive for me. I know that a visit to Old Ironsides has done the same for many thousands of young Americans.”

We witness this magic each day as numerous visitor reviews and feedback echo Kennedy's sentiment. One middle school group from Texas said, “We have come to your museum for the past 12 years with our U.S. History trip to Boston with our 8th grade students. The USS Constitution Museum is an important part of our Boston experience!”

This excitement drives our continued dedication to bringing American history to life.

Our enthusiasm continues in this reimagined issue of *Constitution Chronicle* which highlights new and exciting opportunities for the thousands of students, families, and individuals who visit the Charlestown Navy Yard from across the globe. One opportunity is *All Aboard!*, our landmark initiative with the U.S. Navy, which provides students and families with an immersive learning experience both in the Museum and aboard “Old Ironsides”.

Since the *All Aboard!* project launched in fall 2017 over 2,000 people have participated. One 7th grade teacher from Boston Latin School recently mentioned that members of the BLS community were thrilled about their trip to the USS Constitution Museum and Charlestown Navy Yard. She said, “One of our 8th grade history teachers was so excited that she asked for permission to take a professional day to chaperone and tag along so that she would be able to broaden her eighth grade curriculum next year.”

We embrace our new mission to engage all ages in the story of “Old Ironsides” to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. I encourage you to witness history for yourself as we reach beyond our walls and partner with our friends at the U.S. Navy and National Park Service to provide educational programming, family-fun events, and work toward a Navy Yard experience that puts you, the visitor, first.

See you in the Navy Yard!

Anne Grimes Rand





Fourth graders engage with a USS Constitution sailor during a field trip to "Old Ironsides" and the USS Constitution Museum.

ALL ABOARD!

EXPANDING EDUCATION BEYOND OUR WALLS

The USS Constitution Museum and USS Constitution are partnering on a landmark initiative, *All Aboard!*, to serve students like never before. Museum educators and United States Navy sailors are working together to provide new student-centered STEM and history based programs that integrate the Ship and the Museum in innovative ways through hands-on activities and immersive experiences aboard "Old Ironsides."

About these joint programs, one Boston teacher wrote, "The kids couldn't stop talking about what an awesome time they had. You guys did a wonderful job putting the

experience together for us. I plan to make this an annual field trip." A fourth grade student who participated told us, "Thank you for letting us come to the USS Constitution Museum. I had a lot of fun there! I enjoyed when we got to learn about simple machines and test them out. I also really had fun going out and exploring 'Old Ironsides.'" *All Aboard!* will include a program for camp groups this summer based on the experiences of an 8-year-old African American boy born free in Boston named David Debias. Development of these programs is supported by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and Liberty Mutual.

Engage Families

A GUIDE TO FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EXHIBITS AND PROGRAMS

The USS Constitution Museum is proud to announce the launch of its two professional resources on family engagement: an Engage Families website, usscm.org/engagefamilies, and a publication, *Engage Families: A Guide to Family Engagement in Exhibits and Programs*. Museum staff designed these resources with museum and library professionals in mind.



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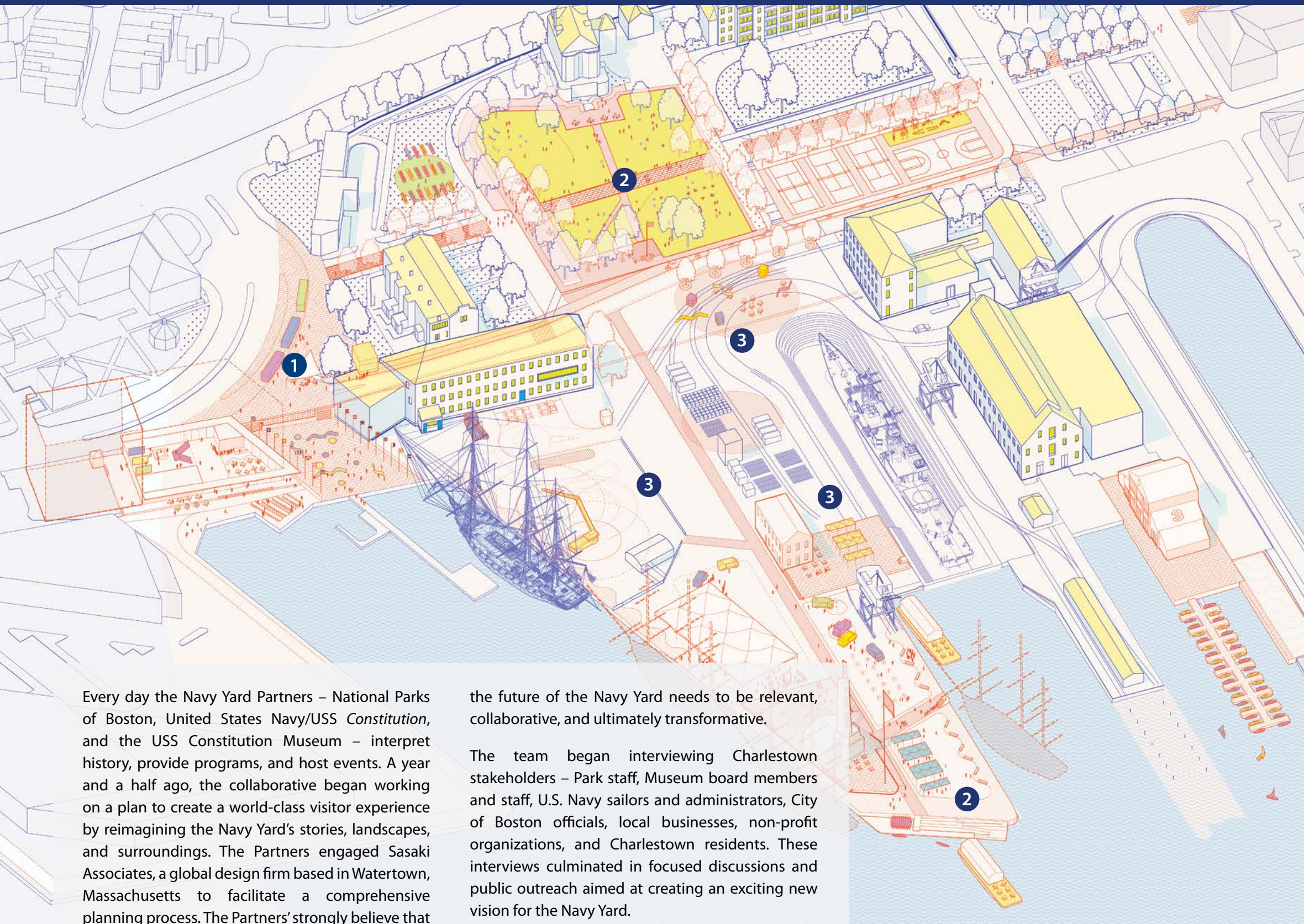
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They contain actionable strategies for program and exhibit development, from family friendly content, to designing for all ages, to measuring success through evaluation. The resources are rooted in the Museum's study of families in its galleries thanks to two National Leadership Grants from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. The USS Constitution Museum is a recognized leader in family learning. The recipient of a Leadership in History Award from American Association of State and Local History for its Family Learning Project, this June the Museum won the 2018 Family Favorite Award in the "Historic Sites" category of *Boston Parents Paper* Reader's Choice Awards. These awards and the research behind them reflect the USS Constitution Museum's dedication to offering families memorable experiences that spark excitement and learning. Museum staff not only strive to welcome families to the Museum as a place of family fun and learning, but to encourage other institutions to do the same with these two new Engage Families resources.

Ready to engage all ages in exhibits and programs?

DIVE DEEPER AND LEARN MORE AT
usscm.org/engagefamilies

THE FUTURE NAVY YARD



Every day the Navy Yard Partners – National Parks of Boston, United States Navy/USS *Constitution*, and the USS Constitution Museum – interpret history, provide programs, and host events. A year and a half ago, the collaborative began working on a plan to create a world-class visitor experience by reimagining the Navy Yard's stories, landscapes, and surroundings. The Partners engaged Sasaki Associates, a global design firm based in Watertown, Massachusetts to facilitate a comprehensive planning process. The Partners' strongly believe that

the future of the Navy Yard needs to be relevant, collaborative, and ultimately transformative.

The team began interviewing Charlestown stakeholders – Park staff, Museum board members and staff, U.S. Navy sailors and administrators, City of Boston officials, local businesses, non-profit organizations, and Charlestown residents. These interviews culminated in focused discussions and public outreach aimed at creating an exciting new vision for the Navy Yard.

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① A UNIFIED ORIENTATION

Most visitors to the Charlestown Navy Yard arrive via the Freedom Trail, thus the Gate 1 entrance will become a more welcoming and identifiable beginning to the Navy Yard experience. This unified introduction will focus on visitor needs through the cumulative strength and resources of the National Park Service, U.S. Navy, and the USS Constitution Museum.



② ACTIVATING OPEN SPACES

The Navy Yard includes large, under-utilized green space and waterfront zones. Possible changes to the Commandant's lawn could open the area to offerings such as concerts, farmers markets, and fitness classes. Pier 1 could offer theatrical productions, a restaurant, and a gateway to the Boston Harbor islands - all with stunning views of the city's skyline.



③ ENHANCED INTERPRETATION

Interpretive zones throughout the Navy Yard will shed light on the integral role the Yard played in U.S. Navy history from 1800 to 1974. During the Civil War, 2,000 people built ships here including the USS *Merrimack*, USS *Hartford*, and USS *Housatonic*. By World War I 10,000 people worked in the Yard, and by World War II the Navy Yard employed over 52,000!

ART IN THE NAVY YARD

This summer the Navy Yard will host three commissioned art installations from local artists with the help of NPS and Museum funding. The three pieces focus on the many hands it took to accomplish the work of the Navy Yard.

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NEXT STEPS

Feedback revealed the need for a comprehensive design to create visitor services that make people feel welcome and serve their needs. Several concepts that emerged include the development of the Hoosac Warehouse, located just outside of Gate 1 on Constitution Road right next to “Old Ironsides” berth, as the perfect location and venue to establish “Constitution Landing”—a collaborative space that could include an orientation center, USS Constitution Museum, exhibit spaces, security screening for USS Constitution, retail space, restrooms, offices, and other amenities. Public meetings to present these concepts will be hosted in the coming months.

The National Park Service and USS Constitution Museum will experiment with messaging and visitor amenities throughout the Navy Yard, including signage, seating, and shaded areas. The Museum will focus on integrating signage with digital content to describe USS Constitution's long history in the Navy Yard. In the coming year the Charlestown Navy Yard Partners will continue to work together to design and plan for the future of this historic site.



A conceptual rendering of the proposed welcome center located in the Hoosac Warehouse beside USS Constitution and Gate 1 of the Charlestown Navy Yard.



IronSounds is a sound installation by Boston-based percussionist and composer, Maria Finkelmeier. She has collected the vast array of sounds found throughout the shipyard by drumming on metal structures, striking a historic bell, and recording ambient sounds of voices, airplanes, construction noises, and wildlife. She invited a group of 10 musicians to create music in the depths of Dry Dock 1, reacting to the reverberation within the massive space, along with prompts pertaining to the shipyard's history.

Assembly is a sculptural installation by Chris Frost meant to reflect the people and production of the historic Charlestown Navy Yard. The wood and glass structure is based on the Yard's Muster House. This octagonal building was a place for employees to receive work assignments each day.



Marlon Forrester's *B.O.A.T (Crane 65)* bridges both the future and the past of the Navy Yard through an immersive art installation which will include large scale line drawings and sculptures. This participatory art project will be accessible in the Museum's Education Center.





MEET OUR PUBLIC HISTORIAN

A DISCUSSION WITH CARL HERZOG

Give us a brief background of your experience.

I grew up sailing small boats in South Florida, and developed an early love of ships and naval history from my Dad, who served in the Navy on a destroyer escort. After working as a newspaper reporter for several years, I ran away to sea on a tall ship. Over the following years, I served as an instructor and professional crew on a wide variety of educational sailing ships. I taught celestial navigation, seamanship, and maneuvering under square-rig sail. For several years, I edited a privately published series of nautical almanacs, navigation handbooks for ship captains, and went sailing when the next year's books had gone to press.

How did you jump from sailing to being a historian?

It was less a jump than a transition. I had already been teaching a lot of maritime history in my roles on the ships and writing about it in conjunction with the almanac. It was one of my favorite aspects of those jobs, so I decided to return to graduate school for history. Historical research is a lot like the investigative reporting I had done at the newspaper, and I began teaching more maritime history at the college level afterward. The opportunity to come work at the USS Constitution Museum seemed to bring all my varied experiences together in one position.

Do you have any exhibits and/or programs in the works?

Oh yes! Among other things, we are working on a navigation exhibit and accompanying educational programs. There is so much you can learn from the pre-electronic methods of marine navigation – from insights into *Constitution's* voyages to a practical understanding of geography and mathematics.

Tell us about an instance during your time at the Museum that excited you.

I'm ecstatic every time I discover something new that reveals how far and wide *Constitution's* stories reach. And every time I discover something new that provides deeper insight into the history of her operations and its crew. All of it demonstrates how much more there is to be done here at the Museum.

For example, an Australian tourist couple visiting the Museum one day told us their great aunt had a sword that had belonged to Samuel Nicholson, the first commander of *Constitution*. At first, it seemed preposterous, but it turns out they are probably right! Their pictures of the sword matched up with what he would have carried, and we discovered that one of his descendants had resettled in Australia after going there during the 1850s gold rush.

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Families participate in STEM-based program Ready, Aim, Fire! in the USS Constitution Museum courtyard.

HANDS-ON HISTORY

SPARKING INTRIGUE THROUGH HANDS-ON PROGRAMS

Ready, Aim, Fire! That's the command often heard during gun training drills and in combat. At the USS Constitution Museum we take it a step further. In our hands-on, minds-on program of the same name, we discuss the 17 separate steps that were needed to fire a naval gun (cannon) and the science behind the process. As modern educational theory has come to realize the importance of an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in the classroom, we enhance our programming in a similar manner.

Is it history? Sure; but with added value. Broken down into its component parts, the heat of a spark mixes with oxygen which, when combined with a fuel (gunpowder), creates a chemical chain reaction that releases a gas. As the gas expands anything blocking this expansion (a

cannon ball) is forced to move. The trick is to take the minds-on component described and give it a hands-on element. With the help of a film canister and some bicarbonate of soda, participants are able to replicate the science that occurred when firing one of USS Constitution's historic 24-pound cannons. We've reduced the process to four steps.

To promote teamwork and a sense of inclusion, participants select one or more "gun crew" positions and work together to clean, load, and fire a canister cap toward a target. It's engaging, exciting, and, most of all, FUN! When through, participants are challenged to search for other examples of teamwork and STEM found throughout our galleries. This is one of the many hands-on offerings provided daily by our Museum Educators.



BUILT TO WIN

Another favorite among students and families alike is a program called, *Built to Win*. Similar to our *Design Challenge* interactive, this activity tests participants' spatial reasoning and comprehension of fluid dynamics and the economics of selecting and purchasing construction materials within a fixed budget. If a Museum Educator approaches a family and asks if they would like to test their spatial reasoning, they would get an entirely different reaction than if asked, "Would you like to design and build a boat and see how fast it will go?" Who could refuse that challenge?

In *Built to Win*, participants select from a variety of materials including different types of tin foil for the hull, light weight paper, heavy paper, or linen for sails, and 3 types of straws for masts and yards. The team must determine if, like USS Constitution, their ship can carry the requisite number of cannons (pennies) and still float to the end of a water tank channel against the clock or against a competing team.

The goal of our gallery programs is to ensure that participants, of all ages, have fun while learning through STEM integration. We're not your average cabinet of curiosities, we are the USS Constitution Museum!



Visitors test their shipbuilding skills as they compete in *Built to Win*, a family-favorite program.

GET YOUR HANDS-ON HISTORY 7 DAYS A WEEK!

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A BOY & A FRIGATE

THE LASTING LEGACY OF GEORGE SIRIAN

In May 2018, descendants of a *Constitution* crewmember generously donated a significant piece of “Old Ironsides” history to the USS Constitution Museum. This oil on canvas portrait by the prominent New York artist Charles Cromwell Ingham depicts a young George Ipsara Sirian as he served aboard *USS Constitution*. George’s remarkable story and his relationship to America’s Ship of State transcend beyond the moment captured in this painting.

“The portrait represents a rare chance from the pre-photographic era to know what our ancestors looked like,” said a descendant who generously donated the piece. “For museum visitors, it is a similarly rare opportunity to see an image of a child who actually served on *USS Constitution*.”

George Sirian was orphaned in July of 1824, during the Greek War of Independence, as his mother placed him in a small boat to escape a massacre on the North Aegean island of Psara. Nothing more is known of George’s life until May of 1827 with U.S. Navy documentation of his joining *USS Constitution’s* crew. George served aboard *Constitution*, first with the rank of Boy and then Ordinary Seaman, until the ship sailed into Boston on July 4, 1828. It is believed that the portrait was painted shortly after.

Portrait of George Sirian by Charles Cromwell, 1828. Opposite: View of Psara, Greece from ridge where invaders stood during Greek War of Independence, 2010.

“There’s something hopeful about that upturned gaze,” continued the descendant. “Considering the tragic circumstances of George’s early youth and the prospect of adopting a new country, culture, language, and family ... just imagine!”

George began a new life in the United States. LT Robert Randolph, a *USS Constitution* officer, took the boy to be instructed in naval gunnery by George Marshall, a native of the Greek island of Rhodes, who wrote the first practical military gunnery manual for the U.S. Navy in 1822.

“There’s something hopeful about that upturned gaze.”

On April 20, 1837, while still in his teens, George was appointed Acting Gunner at Gosport (now Portsmouth), Virginia. During 37 successive tours in the Navy he served on 20 different ships and seven shore stations. George Sirian is the only man known to have served aboard “Old Ironsides” on three separate tours of duty, including her *Around the World Cruise* of 1844-1846. During his time in the Navy, he served in every squadron including an assignment to the Asiatic Squadron between 1872 and 1874 that included voyages to Japan and Hong Kong. Sirian retired in 1880 after one of the longest active duty service careers in U.S. naval history. He died in Portsmouth on December 21, 1891.



James “Edward” Eller Jr., the son of George’s youngest grandchild taken early to mid 1930’s in Portsmouth, VA.

George and his wife Eleanor (daughter of his gunnery instructor, George Marshall) had seven children, four of whom survived into adulthood, three of them into the 20th century. James “Edward” Eller Jr., the son of George’s youngest grandchild, bore an uncanny likeness to his great-grandfather. From childhood, Edward had shown a keen interest in George’s story and, over the years, he generously and carefully shared that story in a way he believed would have been approved of by his forebears, assisted by his wife of 67 years, Teresa. The children of Edward and Teresa have honored their parents’ intention to accept the USS Constitution Museum’s offer of a permanent home for George’s portrait.

Today, George Sirian’s legacy lives on through his family and his achievements recognized with posthumous induction into the Surface Navy Hall of Fame in 2007 and the creation of the *George Sirian Meritorious Service Award*, given annually aboard *USS Constitution* to an outstanding Chief Petty Officer selected from the worldwide fleet.

“It’s our hope that others will be moved by George’s portrait and story as we have; to learn more about *Constitution’s* role in bringing a new American to our shores,” said Sirian’s descendant. “In a larger sense, how the U.S. Navy has provided a home and a future for so many young men and women like George over the centuries.”





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS CONSTITUTION
CHARLESTOWN, MA 02129-1797

July 2, 2018

Dear Friends and Supporters,

USS CONSTITUTION serves a unique role in promoting our nation's rich naval heritage as the most visible reminder of our navy's early foundation. Commissioned 220 years ago, she has seen many changes during her watch, but her mission and enduring spirit has never wavered. She continues to epitomize the finest traditions of honor, courage and commitment which define our core values in the naval service. As an exceptional partner, the USS Constitution Museum provides enduring support to the U.S. Navy's efforts to promote, protect and preserve USS CONSTITUTION, America's Ship of State.

USSCM plays an instrumental role in educating the public on the significant role our sailing Navy played in early American history, and in interpreting "Old Ironsides'" role in this cherished narrative. USSCM continues to lead in telling the story of CONSTITUTION and enhancing the visitor experience of roughly half a million visitors welcomed on the Yard each year from the local area, across the county, and from around the world.

For my Sailors aboard CONSTITUTION, the ability to bring our maritime and naval history to life is a vital element of our mission to educate visiting guests. As we walk her historic decks today we paint a mental picture for the public, placing them in the shoes of a Sailor who sailed the seas in defense of our country 200 years ago. We communicate the differences and similarities from that time period to service in today's navy, while using the ship and her associated archival material to tell the story. Our efforts to cultivate this ability would be exceptionally challenging without the support and resources of the USSCM.

Before my Sailors engage with the public, they undergo a rigorous curriculum to gain an understanding of our history and lay a solid foundation in interpretive skills. Our capacity to relate to the Sailors that lived and worked on the ship would be hard to make without the artifacts, models and irreplaceable documents found within USSCM's collection. Integrated with USSCM personnel during our training, my Sailors are able to review period deck logs and personal correspondence, gain an appreciation for the weapons and tools of their craft, and study the portraits of the Sailors assigned to CONSTITUTION across 220 years of commissioned service. The Museum's collection provides my Sailors and visiting guests to Charlestown Navy Yard with an invaluable connection to our past and enhances the visitor's experience into a lasting memory shared from generation to generation.

USSCM's role in the development of this collaborative experience remains where it always has been here at the Yard, and that is at the head of an exhaustive effort to improve the interpretative and educational experience for our visitors and my Sailors. USS CONSTITUTION remains a vibrant link to our Navy's heritage. That link is significantly strengthened by the collaborative partnership we share with the USSCM. On behalf of all the officers and crew of "Old Ironsides", I would like to thank the men and women of this wonderful organization for their extraordinary support and dedication.

Huzzah,

N. R. SHICK
Commander, U.S. Navy
75th in Command
USS CONSTITUTION



MEET OUR 2018 AWARDEES

This year we invite you to join us as we salute four award recipients for their dedication to maritime preservation, leadership, and service to the community. Your support helps advance our mission to educate, engage, and empower countless curious young minds who explore the Museum.



“Old Ironsides” Exemplary Service Award

GARY P. KEARNEY, M.D.

The Museum will recognize Gary P. Kearney, M.D. for his dedicated leadership as Vice Chairman of the Board and a trustee for more than twelve years. Through his commitment to stewardship and outreach, the Museum completed a successful War of 1812 Bicentennial Campaign and saw annual visitation grow to more than 500,000. During an exciting decade for the Museum, Dr. Kearney has been an essential partner in raising support and enthusiasm for the Museum’s mission.



Charles Francis Adams Award

**CONGRESSWOMAN
NIKI TSONGAS**

Congresswoman Tsongas upholds the Massachusetts Third District’s tradition of service as the first woman to represent the Commonwealth in Congress in twenty-five years. She is a passionate advocate for veterans, a dedicated partner of our National Parks, and a strong supporter of local innovation. The Charles Francis Adams Award, named for one of the Museum’s founders, is given annually to a person who has contributed extensively to the betterment of the community. As she prepares to leave Congress this fall, please join us in honoring Congresswoman Tsongas for her commitment to the same ideals *Constitution* represents – dedication to community, commitment to purpose, and excellence in all endeavors.

TICKETS AND EVENT DETAILS

■ *A Salute to Maritime Heritage* | 8.9.18 | USS Constitution Museum | usscm.org/smh

■ USS Constitution Museum Gala - *A Salute to Service* | 10.25.18 | Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel | usscm.org/gala

The Don Turner Award

**PT-305 RESTORATION TEAM,
NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM**

Over the past decade, a team at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana have worked to fully restore the World War II boat PT-305 in the Museum’s custom-built John E. Kushner Restoration Pavilion. Motor Torpedo Boats, or PT Boats, served with great distinction throughout the Second World War in both the European/Mediterranean and Pacific theaters of operation. They gained early distinction in the Philippines when LT John Bulkeley and his squadron helped General MacArthur escape from Corregidor and they would later become well known as the type of vessel President John F. Kennedy served on during the war. Today, there are only a dozen PT Boats known to exist.



Samuel Eliot Morison Award

JAMES D. HORNFISCHER

Mr. Hornfischer is a graduate of Colgate University and University of Texas Law School. He grew up in Framingham and Amherst, Massachusetts. He has published four books on the history of World War II in the Pacific including his most recent work, *The Fleet at Flood Tide: America at Total War in the Pacific, 1944-1945*. Each of Hornfischer’s works have been recognized for their scholarship and contribution to our understanding of naval history with reviewers rating him as one of the most commanding naval historians writing today. All four have been named on the *New York Times Bestseller List* and three were selected for the History Book Club and Military Book Club.



HONORING OUR HEROES

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR



“It was the best thing that has happened to me as a Vietnam Vet since I returned home in 1970.”

- DOUG VANNAH

Vietnam veterans and guests attend a ceremony in the Charlestown Navy Yard to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

On May 18, 2018 the Charlestown Navy Yard Partners, alongside the Vietnam War Commemoration, honored the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. This event was part of a 13-year program that began in 2012 to commemorate the milestone.

Nearly 400 Vietnam War veterans were invited aboard *USS Constitution* as she went on a tug-assisted underway cruise in Boston Harbor. *Constitution* traveled to Fort Independence on Castle Island where she fired a 21-gun salute in the direction of the Boston Vietnam Memorial. The salute was returned by the 101st Field Artillery of the Massachusetts National Guard. As “Old Ironsides” made

her way back to the Navy Yard she fired a 17-gun salute toward the U.S. Coast Guard Base, the site of Edmund Hartt’s Shipyard where she was built and launched in 1797.

Constitution returned to her berth to the roar of Rolling Thunder, a group of motorcyclists that advocates for full accountability for prisoners of war (POWs) and missing in action (MIA) service members, and hundreds of visitors gathered to thank veterans as they disembarked the Ship. Throughout the day all were treated to live performances by the Navy Band Northeast and Patriotic Dancers and were able to meet, face-to-face, with representatives from the Massachusetts and Boston

offices of Veterans’ Services, Home Base, Naval History & Heritage Command, and the *USS Thomas Hudner* (DDG 116) Commissioning Committee.

Following a reception hosted by the *USS Constitution* Museum guests attended a commemoration ceremony that included remarks from *USS Constitution’s* officers, superintendent of the National Parks of Boston Michael Creasey, the director of the Vietnam War Commemoration Major General James Jackson, chief of the National Guard Bureau General Joseph Lengyel, and keynote speaker General Richard Neal, USMC (Ret.). Veterans in attendance were honored during a pinning ceremony with the administrator of the Transportation Security Administration VADM David Pekoske and Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard Major General Gary Keefe.

A cannon from the 101st Field Artillery Regiment, Massachusetts National Guard stands ready to fire a 21-gun salute in honor of Vietnam veterans aboard *USS Constitution* on May 18, 2018. Photo by Army Spc. Samuel D. Keenan, Massachusetts National Guard.

Father Patrick Healey, National Parks of Boston general superintendent Michael Creasey, and *USS Constitution’s* commanding officer CDR Nathaniel Shick and executive officer CDR John Benda salute the Vietnam veterans during a commemoration ceremony.

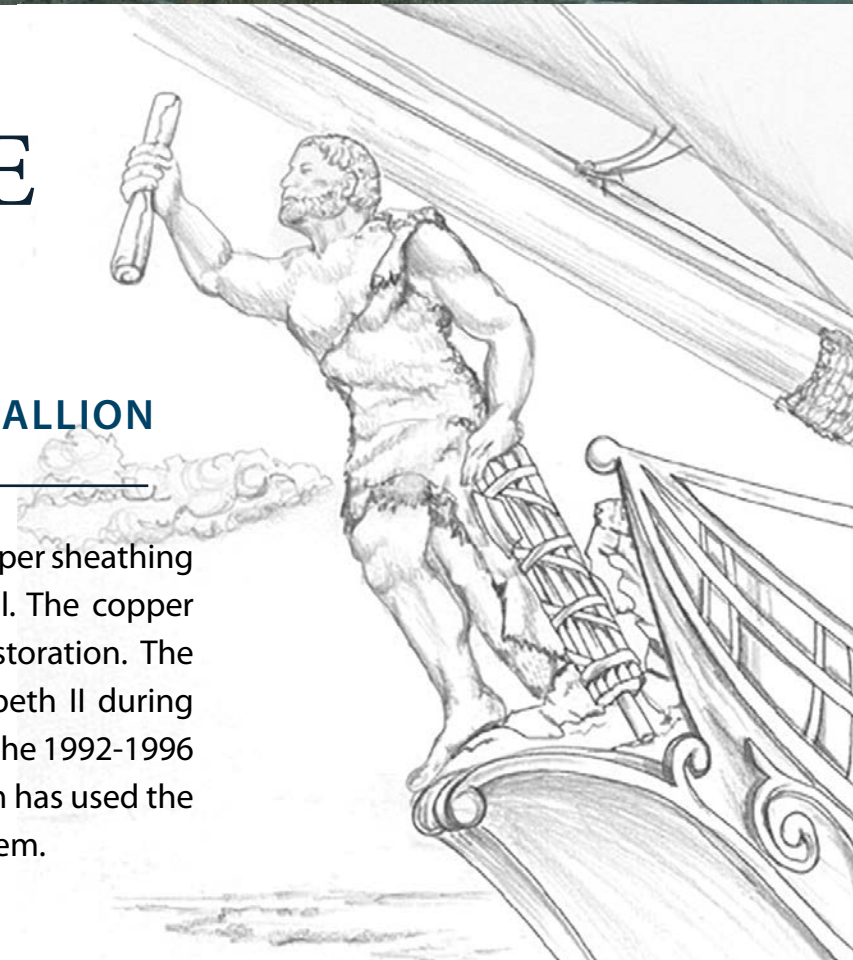




OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY

USS CONSTITUTION COPPER MEDALLION

This limited edition medallion is made from copper sheathing that once clad *USS Constitution's* wooden hull. The copper was installed during the ship's 1973-1976 restoration. The newly coppered Ship welcomed Queen Elizabeth II during her 1976 visit. The copper was removed during the 1992-1996 restoration. Now, the USS Constitution Museum has used the same copper to create this unique collector's item.



Inspired by the Museum's collection, it is illustrated with images celebrating the earliest years of *USS Constitution's* history. On the front is a rendering of the ship based on a circa 1803 painting by Michele Felice Cornè (at left). Painted approximately six years after the ship's launch in 1797, Cornè's painting is the earliest known artistic depiction of the ship that is still in existence. His detailed work provides valuable insight into the early appearance of the ship and its rigging. Born in Elba, Cornè came to the United States in 1799 and first worked in Salem, Massachusetts before moving to Boston in 1806. He became well known for his detailed paintings of naval ships and sea battles. Cornè's original painting of *Constitution* is the collection of the USS Constitution Museum, on loan from the U.S. Navy.

On the back of the medallion is an artist concept rendering of *USS Constitution's* original figurehead, a large full-

length statue of the Roman hero, Hercules. The epitome of strength in mythology, Hercules had been proposed by Philadelphia carver, William Rush, who wrote that the ship "ought to be represented by an Herculean figure, standing on the firm rock of independence, resting one hand on the fasces which was bound by the Genius of America, and the other hand presenting a scroll of paper, supposed to be the Constitution of America, with proper appendages, the foundation of Legislation."

As an actual figurehead on the Ship, however, Hercules did not last long. On September 12, 1804, while on patrol in the Mediterranean Sea, *USS Constitution* and *USS President* collided, breaking the figurehead into pieces. It was replaced by a simpler scrollwork billet head, which endured through the War of 1812. Due to its short life, the only known visual depiction of the Hercules figurehead is from Cornè's circa 1803 painting (at left).

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Daily

Art Installations

Come see three amazing art installations by Boston artists Chris Frost, Maria Finkelmeier, and Marlon Forrester this month at the Charlestown Navy Yard and Museum.

12, 19 & 25 | 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Charlestown Navy Yard Family Days

Discover family-friendly activities like rope making, block & tackle, monkey's fist throw, and knot tying at this summer's Charlestown Navy Yard Family Days.

12, 19 & 26 | 6:00 PM

Summer Concert Series

Come enjoy local music and food on the lawn of the historic Commandant's House at the Navy Yard's *Swinging Summer Nights* Concert Series every Thursday from June 28 through August 2.

13 | 6:30 PM

Boston Navy Yard in the Civil War Tour

Discover how the Navy Yard helped defeat the South during the Civil War on this ranger-led tour that ends with a special visit to the Commandant's House.

15 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Chantey Sing

Participate in your maritime heritage and join this monthly, family-friendly event full of rousing sea chanteys at the USS Constitution Museum.

20 | 6:30 PM

Rosie's Navy Yard Tour

Learn about the 8,000 women who joined the workforce at the Boston Naval Shipyard to help win World War II on this free 60 minute walking tour.

21 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

1812 Marines in the Yard

Discover how the United States Marines guarded the Charlestown Navy Yard throughout its entire history and served aboard ships like USS *Constitution* during the War of 1812.

27 | 6:30 PM

Twilight at Bunker Hill Evening Tour

Join a ranger and walk in the steps of the British soldiers that advanced on this colonial stronghold during the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775 on this tour that concludes with a special sunset climb to the top of the Monument.



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JULY

AUGUST

Daily

Art Installations

Come see three amazing art installations by Boston artists Chris Frost, Maria Finkelmeier, and Marlon Forrester this month at the Charlestown Navy Yard and Museum.

Daily | 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Ready, Aim, Fire!

Are you ready to have a blast? Step into the role of the courageous crew who manned USS Constitution's cannons and learn the science and steps required to fire a 32-pound carronade in this Museum program.

2 | 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Charlestown Navy Yard Family Days

Discover family-friendly activities like rope making, block & tackle, monkey's fist throw, and knot tying at this summer's Charlestown Navy Yard Family Days.

2 | 6:00 PM

Summer Concert Series

Come enjoy local music and food on the lawn of the historic Commandant's House at the Navy Yard's *Swinging Summer Nights* Concert Series every Thursday from June 28 through August 2.

3 | 6:30 PM

Boston Navy Yard in WWII

Learn how the civilian workers at the Boston Naval Shipyard laid the foundations for the Allied Victory in World War II on this 60-minute walking tour that concludes with a special visit aboard *Cassin Young*.

9 | 5:30 PM - 7:45 PM

A Salute to Maritime Heritage

Join us for the presentation of the Samuel Eliot Morison Award and Don Turner Award. For tickets visit usscm.org/smh.



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10 | 6:30 PM

Rosie's Navy Yard Tour

Learn about the 8,000 women who joined the workforce at the Boston Naval Shipyard to help win World War II on this free 60 minute walking tour.

11 & 12 | 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Rosie's Invade the Yard

Join the National Parks of Boston for a two-day extravaganza celebrating the role of women workers in the Charlestown Navy Yard!

17 & 31 | 6:30 PM

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18 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

1812 Marines in the Yard

Discover how the United States Marines guarded the Charlestown Navy Yard throughout its entire history and served aboard ships like USS *Constitution* during the War of 1812.

19 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Chantey Sing

Participate in your maritime heritage and join this monthly, family-friendly event full of rousing sea chanteys at the USS Constitution Museum.

19

Victory Day: USS Constitution vs HMS Guerriere Commemoration

Commemorate the 206th anniversary of "Old Ironsides'" most famous victory against HMS *Guerriere* during which she earned her nickname.

24 & 30

USS Constitution Underway Cruises

Watch from sites along the waterfront as "Old Ironsides" cruises Boston Harbor. Visit usscm.org/events for details.

31 | 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Highland Street Foundation's Free Fun Friday

Explore the USS Constitution Museum for FREE on August 31 thanks to the generous support of the Highland Street Foundation's *Free Fun Friday*, a program that increases access and opportunities for children and families in Massachusetts throughout the summer months.



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SEPTEMBER

Daily

Mutinous Expedition

Decide whether to join a mutinous crew or stay loyal to Captain Bainbridge in this interactive scavenger hunt.

1 - 3 | 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

All Hands to Mischief

Even soldiers get time off so visit the USS Constitution Museum during your break this Labor Day Weekend to experience how sailors spent their time between chores and battle in 1812 by writing a message home with a quill pen, playing a board game, getting a nautical tattoo, or even taking a nap in one of our hammocks!

7 | 6:30 PM

Boston in the War of 1812

Explore the important role of the Charlestown Navy Yard in supporting USS *Constitution* and the Navy during the War of 1812 on this 60 minute ranger-led walking tour.

11

September 11th Commemoration

Join the crew of USS *Constitution* to commemorate the tragic loss of life and historic significance of Sept. 11, 2001. Visit usscm.org/events for details.

14 | 6:30 PM

Boston Navy Yard in the Civil War Tour

Discover how the Boston Navy Charlestown helped defeat the South during the Civil War on this ranger-led tour that ends with a special visit to the Commandant's House.

15 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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16 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM

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21 | 10:00 AM

USS Constitution Underway Cruise

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OCTOBER

Daily

Tools of a Trade: Caulking

Step into the shoes of *Constitution's* caulker and try your hand at this essential step in keeping wooden ships afloat.

19

USS Constitution's 221st Birthday Underway Cruise

Watch from sites along the waterfront as "Old Ironsides" goes underway to celebrate over 220 years of service. Visit usscm.org/events for details.

20 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

1812 Marines in the Yard

Discover how the United States Marines guarded the Charlestown Navy Yard throughout its entire history and served aboard ships like USS *Constitution* during the War of 1812.

21

USS Constitution's 221st Birthday Celebration

Celebrate "Old Ironsides'" birthday with family friendly programs, lawn games, food trucks, music, and a Watson Adventures experience.

21 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM

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25 | 6:00 PM

USS Constitution Museum Gala

Join us for our annual USS Constitution Museum Gala – *A Salute to Service* as we honor Congresswoman Niki Tsongas of the Massachusetts Third District and Vice Chairman of the USS Constitution Museum Gary P. Kearney at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel on October 25. For tickets visit usscm.org/gala



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NOVEMBER

10 - 12 | 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

A Sailor's Life & Legacy

This Veterans Day celebrate our nation's veterans and learn about the daily struggles that crewmembers on board "Old Ironsides" faced during the War of 1812 and how their stories continue to inspire people today.

11

Veterans Day Ceremony

Join us as we honor our heroes and say thank you to all who served in the name of freedom. Visit usscm.org/events for details.

12 | 8:30 AM

LT William S. Bush Breakfast

Honor the memory of LT William S. Bush, the first U.S. Marine Corps officer to die in the War of 1812. Visit usscm.org/events for details.

18 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM

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1 - 24 | 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Anchored in Tradition

Get in the holiday spirit and create nautical ornaments for your family's tree.

2

USS Constitution's Christmas Tree Lighting

The officers and crew of "Old Ironsides" invite you to celebrate the holidays with a Christmas tree lighting ceremony aboard "Old Ironsides". Visit usscm.org/events for details.

7

Commemoration of the 77th Anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor

Join the National Parks of Boston for a solemn ceremony aboard USS *Cassin Young* to commemorate the "date which will live in infamy." Visit usscm.org/events for details.

16 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM

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25 - 31 | 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

School Vacation Week

Join us for educational programs and STEM inspired exhibits. Visit usscm.org/events for details.

29

Commemoration of the 205th Anniversary of USS Constitution vs HMS Java Battle

Come aboard *Constitution* as her officers and crew commemorate "Old Ironsides'" victory and honor the lives lost during this bloody battle. Visit usscm.org/events for details.



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DECEMBER



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