On August 19, 1812, USS Constitution met and defeated HMS Guerriere and earned the lasting nickname of “Old Ironsides.” These four paintings, created by George Ropes, Jr., are both a detailed and patriotic illustration of that battle. Now its time for you to add your own flare to these historic paintings!

Materials:
- White or Beige Cardstock
- Watercolor Paints
- Paint Brush
- Cup of Water
- Color Printer

Directions:
1. Print each battle scene in color onto white or beige cardstock.
2. Fill a cup with water about half way up.
3. Paint the background of the battle scenes using watercolor paints and a paint brush.
   
   Watercolor Tips: For deeper colors, pre-wet the desired paint with water and stir gently. Let sit for 30 seconds before painting. For lighter colors, start with water and slowly mix paint in a plastic mixing tray or plate.
4. Let dry and then display!