



National Museum of the American Sailor

**November 2023
Newsletter**

Important Update: In the event of a government shutdown, the National Museum of the American Sailor will be closed. Please visit our [website](#) or social media platforms for any updates or changes.

"The standard has been set – the standard of excellence, the standard of delicious food, of creativity, so the sky is the limit."

CULINARY SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS PATRICIA MILLER, ALL HANDS MAGAZINE 2018

Sailor Spotlight: Culinary Specialist 1st Class Georges Labaki



The holiday season is upon us and this time of year is where the Culinary Specialists of the U.S. Navy shine. For CS1 Labaki, his time to shine came a little earlier this year; when he participated in Food Network's Chopped: Military Salute competition!

CS1 Labaki joined the U.S. Navy straight out of high school and had his first duty station aboard the USS *Stockdale (DDG-106)* before he became an enlisted aide to the United States Naval Academy Superintendent. It was in this position that Labaki was awarded the 2021 DoD Enlisted Aide of the Year award.

In an interview discussing this achievement, Labaki explained that, "my desire to serve makes me truly believe I was placed on this earth with a service heart to put joy, comfort, and happiness into people's lives through hospitality."

Free Programs Continuing This Fall!

Drop Anchor Program

November 9th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Get hands on history with our new Drop Anchor programs. For kids, and kids at heart, these interactive activities teach sailor skills, including knot tying and the all-important hardtack recipe. Participants make and take a project each program.



Sea Stories

November 17 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sailors are known for their elaborate stories from their travels around the world. Now is your chance to hear those stories straight from the horse's (err goat's?) mouth. Every other Friday, Navy veterans and active duty sailors are on duty to share their stories with you. Ask them about their bootcamp days, their favorite ports, the food; the possibilities are endless.

Interested in volunteering for our Drop Anchor or Sea Stories programs? Visit our [website](#) to find out more information on how you can help!



The National Museum of the American Sailor invites you to attend our **Pearl Harbor Commemoration Wednesday, December 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM**

Remember the fallen with the museum's annual Pearl Harbor Commemoration. Hear the stories of those who were there and memorialize those who were lost in this special ceremony. Event hosted in partnership with the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Illinois Chapter

Artifact Spotlight: Photograph of Thanksgiving aboard the USS Langley (CVL-27) c. 1943

A home cooked meal is one thing many people look forward to when going home for the holidays. However, for sailors, the galley is often the closest they can get to home when out at sea. This much was true for the crew featured in this photograph from the USS Langley (CVL-27) taken by SC(B)2 Peter Markunas around Thanksgiving in 1943.



BEHIND THE
SCENES:
NMA
COLLECTION

NMAS
OUTREACH

NMAS Dazzles at Great Lakes Navy Ball

Staff members were able to attend the Great Lakes Navy Ball this past October and they brought with a dazzling display! A Vietnam-era bomber jacket worn by an Enlisted Crew Captain, MCPON Black's dog tags, a sampling of covers throughout history, and even some identification badges. A huge "thank you" to the planning committee for allowing us to participate!



**THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
THE AMERICAN SAILOR**

WE ARE RECRUITING NEW VOLUNTEERS!

**SATURDAY
OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE!**

Help us tell the story of the United States Navy's enlisted sailor! The National Museum of the American Sailor has a wide variety of positions available to volunteers. There are several new and exciting volunteer opportunities. We're currently in need of volunteers to help as:

Front Desk Greeters

INTERESTED IN COMING ABOARD?

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