



# USS CONSTITUTION

*America's Ship of State*

## USS CONSTITUTION NAVY WEEK CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS

**Background:** Navy Weeks are designed to tell the Navy's story in cities that do not normally see a significant naval presence: what we do, why it is important and what opportunities exist in today's Navy.

**Objective:** To discuss and outline the capabilities and limitations of USS CONSTITUTION Sailors when performing and participating in Navy Week events. The information provided is based on lessons learned from previous Navy Weeks and the mission of USS CONSTITUTION as outlined by her commanding officer.

### **Capabilities:**

- a.) Perform basic manual labor tasks under the instruction of the Navy Week coordinator and community relations (COMREL) project manager. Past projects have included [Habitat for Humanity](#), Ronald McDonald House charity, etc.
- b.) Provide [educational interactions](#) at area schools focused on about USS CONSTITUTION'S history and current activities through. These interpretive history presentations are nominally 45 minutes in length and include 'hands-on' artifacts. Groups of 100 to 450 students are most desirable. Serve as positive role models and good citizens of the United States through outreach programs, such as [Caps for Kids](#) visits and visits to [Boys & Girls Clubs](#), Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and shelters for the [homeless](#).
- c.) Represent the Navy and USS CONSTITUTION by performing [color guard](#) details at ceremonies, dinners, parades, etc.
- d.) Perform multiple functions in a day through the use of a rental car.
- e.) Coordinate with [local media](#) to cover USS CONSTITUTION activities.
- f.) Document USS CONSTITUTION's participation in Navy Week events through employment of a command mass communication specialist (MC) to photograph and write about events and release to external media. All command generated media products will be approved by USS CONSTITUTION's Commanding Officer prior to release.
- g.) A replica [19th century gun deck](#) on 24 lb long gun may be available. USS CONSTITUTION Sailors provide interpretive history with through period gun and boarding pike drills.

### **Limitations:**

- a.) Cannot plan or organize COMREL projects. Our Sailors can only assist.
- b.) Unless previously agreed to by the USS CONSTITUTION OIC/CPOIC, our Sailors will not remain at any one event continuously for more than three hours.
- c.) Cannot perform at multiple events simultaneously that are of a great distance from each other and would require more than three Sailors for each function. Time/distance must always be a consideration with our limited manpower. However, if two simultaneous events are within walking distance and do not require more than three Sailors, arrangements may be made at the discretion of the USS CONSTITUTION OIC/CPOIC.
- d.) Cannot perform recruiting duties. We can be good spokespersons for the Navy and USS CONSTITUTION, but our Sailors are not trained to recruit and as such, will not serve in this capacity.
- e.) Cannot employ a USS CONSTITUTION Mass Communication Specialist to cover events for other organizations. Command funding only permits USS CONSTITUTION to focus, document and cover activities that promote and highlight the mission of USS CONSTITUTION.