



# UNITED STATES NAVY SEABEE MUSEUM



They call me the “Old Salt.” Why? I have been at sea for so long they say the salt, air and water have rubbed-off on me.

My story begins as a young construction worker in 1942. The Japanese Empire had just bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii and the Navy needed construction workers for the newly created “Seabees”, so I saw my opportunity and enlisted. After boot camp and some training we found ourselves on our way to war.

Aboard ship, things have different names. A restroom is called the ‘head,’ our ‘bed’ was called a ‘rack,’ the front of the ship is called the ‘bow,’ the floor of the ship is called a ‘deck,’ left is called ‘port,’ right is called ‘starboard,’ the back of the ship is called the ‘stern,’ the walls were called ‘bulkheads,’ the ceilings were ‘overheads,’ and doors were ‘hatches.’

Ships and equipment have changed over the years. At one time all ships were pushed by the wind. Ships had tall wooden poles called ‘masts’

which were used to hold up the sails that caught the wind. Technology advanced and the Navy did not want their ships to rely solely on wind to move, so they begin to use steam to power their ships. What is a ‘steamer’ you say? A steamer is a ship that uses a steam engine to move. While many things in the Navy have changed, many things have also remained the same. The Captain controls the ship from the ‘bridge’, where there is ‘wheel’ that is used to turn the ship.

Turrets have been used in the Navy since the Civil War. Before then, ships had many cannons or ‘guns’ lining both sides of the ship. A turret carried one or more guns on a revolving platform that allowed the ship to fire in any direction, kind of like a Merry-go-round.

A group of ships is called a ‘fleet,’ and today, the aircraft carrier is at the center. Around it are ships to defend it such as ‘destroyers’ and modern day ‘frigates’ and ‘cruisers’.

When a ship does not want to move while at sea or in a harbor, due to wind or ocean currents an ‘anchor’ is used to hold the ship in place. The word ‘anchor’ is from the Greek word, ‘ankura’, meaning ‘anchor’.

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## Parts of a Ship Game

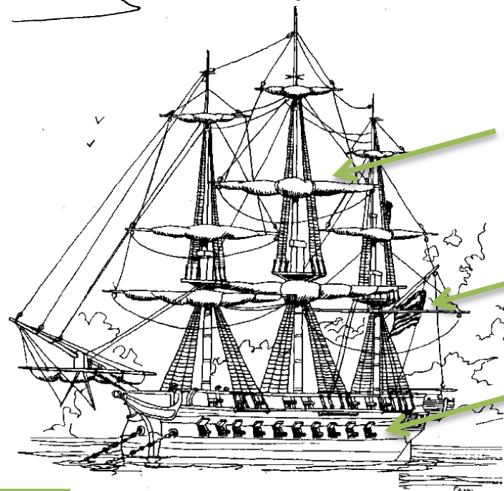
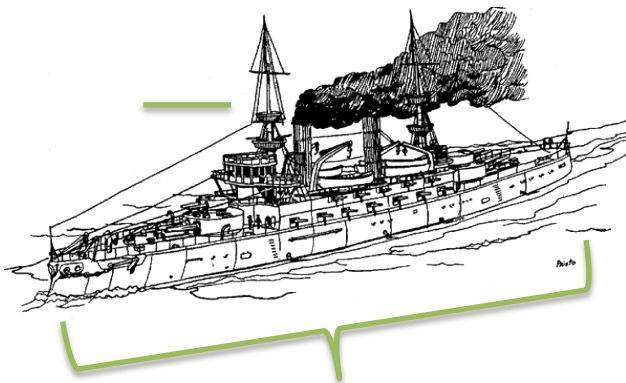
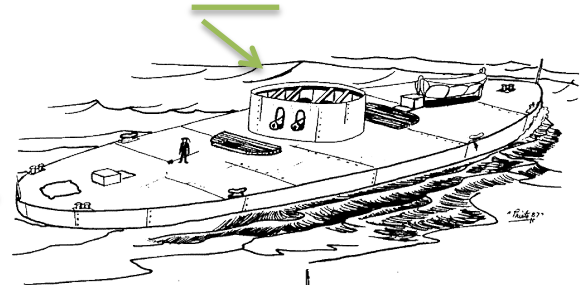
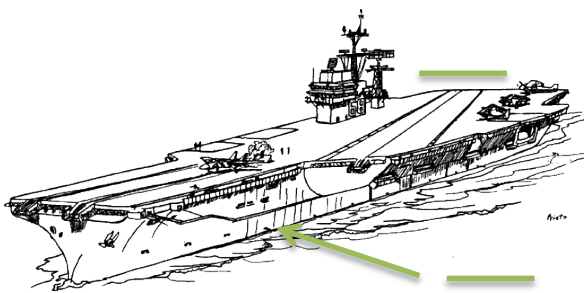
The Seabees are a part of the U.S. Navy, a branch of the military that operates at land and sea. Seabees are sailors who are trained in construction; their motto is, "we build, we fight."

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- J**. Ensign/Flag
- K**. Cannon
- L**. Flight Deck





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