

NATIONAL TREASURES

American Ensigns, Jacks, Flags & Pennants of Named Vessels



ZFC0707 13 Star U.S. Flag, Privateer *Minerva* Ensign, Revolutionary War. This early Stars & Stripes Flag of the Revolutionary War belonged to the Revolutionary War privateer *Minerva* and it is believed to be the only named ship's ensign to have survived.



ZFC2575 17 Star, 17 Stripe U.S. Ensign, Privateer *Blockade*, War of 1812 captured by Captain James Clephan, HMS *Charybdis*. This flag is significant for both its rarity and symbolic importance. There are no other 17-stars with 17-stripes known U.S. flags.



ZFC0418 15 Star U.S. Jack- Merchant ship *Vineyard*, 1796-1818. This flag now bears 15 stars in three horizontal rows of 5 stars each, corresponding to the official U.S. jack for 1795 - 1818. The field is made of dark blue bunting, pieced horizontally by hand. The only such jack known to exist.



ZFC0621 13 Star U.S. Commercial or Merchantman's Jack of S.S. *Arctic*, 1850s. This flag features the stylized arms of the U.S. The American bald eagle bearing the arrows of defense and the olive branch of peace under an arc of 13 white, five-point stars.



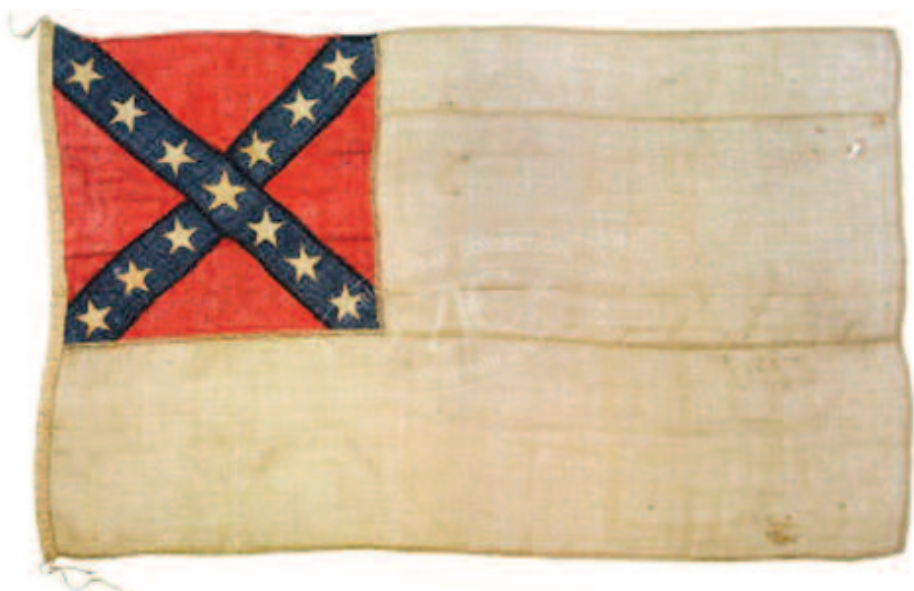
ZFC0630 18 Star U.S. Abolitionist Exclusionary Flag. This flag flew on the schooner *United States* when it departed Boston harbor in 1860 on the Hayes Arctic Expedition. Only 18 stars, arranged in two concentric rings around a central star, representing union, despite the fact that 33 stars should have been represented in the canton.



ZFC2487 A Union Gunboat Flag From the S.S. *Kenesaw*, 1863—1864. This is an exceptional ship's name identification swallowtail pennant of the Riverboat S.S. *Kenesaw*, a steamboat chartered by the U.S. Army Quartermaster Department for the transport of troops and supplies on the Tennessee River in 1863 and 1864.



ZFC2591 The jack of the CSS *Patrick Henry*, school ship of the Confederate States Navy. It was preserved by the Superintendent, Capt. William Harwar Parker, 1864 -1865.



ZFC2590 Confederate States – 2nd National. *CSS Alabama*. This is the ensign of the famous commerce raider, *CSS Alabama*, presented to the officer's English host after the 17 of June 1864 Battle of Cherbourg when the *Alabama* sank after her poor gunpowder proved fatal.



ZFC0299 45-Star U.S. Naval Flag from *USS Olympia*. Inscribed markings attribute this flag to the *USS Olympia* under the command of Admiral Dewey at Manila bay in the 1890s. However, there is a discrepancy between the inscriptions and the names and dates on the record books of history.



ZFC3390 Signal Code Flag —“N”, *USS Winslow*, Cardenas Bay, Cuba, 1898. Part of International Code of Signals made and used on board of U.S. Torpedo Boat 'Winslow' presented by Lieutenant Charles S. Thurston.



ZFC5998 U.S. Presidential Yacht's Naval Guard Color - President Theodore Roosevelt, 1901. The golden yellow lettering and fringe on this flag reflect the freedom with which these flags are employed. The *USS Mayflower*, in its incarnation as both the Flagship of the Atlantic Fleet and the Presidential Yacht, was used on many official and ceremonial duties.



ZFC3248 U.S. 7 Star Commission Pennant from *USS Texas*, 1928. 7 star Commission Pennant from the *USS Texas*. It is too small to have been used on a battleship the size of the *USS Texas*, but was likely used on the captains' gig or any small boat bearing the captain, as the commission pennant is the personal mark of a captain when embarked in a small boat.



ZFC1480 U.S.S. *Shirk*, U.S. Navy Burgee Command Pennant, 1919-1930. The broad command pennant is flown in lieu of the commission pennant by commanders of squadrons of ships or aircraft wings who are not flag officers. The burgee command pennant is used the same as the broad pennant, but by commanders of divisions of aircraft wings.



ZFC3289 48 Star U.S. Ensign of U.S.S. *Ancon*, 1943 - Communications Command Ship, North Africa, Sicily, Normandy. The U.S.S. *Ancon*, the flagship of the Commander of the Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Forces, Rear Admiral Alan G. Kirk, wore this large wool ensign during the Allied Invasion of Sicily.



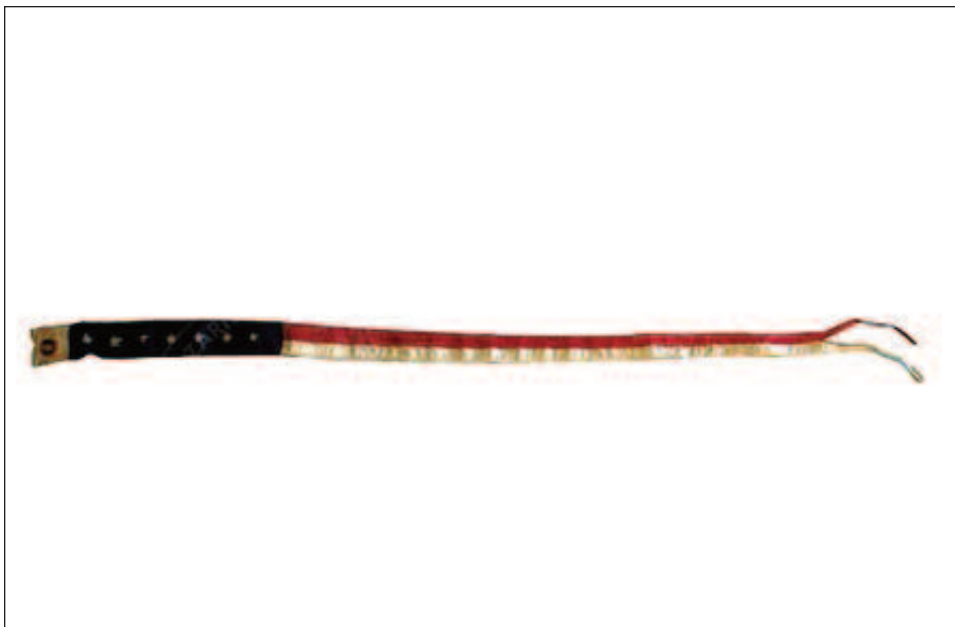
ZFC1083 U.S.S. *Phelps*, 48 Star U.S. Jack, 1st U.S. Flag hoisted over Japanese Home Territory WWII, Feb. 1944. Upon dropping anchor in the harbor of Kwajalein, this "jack" (symbolizing the reuniting of the ship with "mother earth") was raised at the ship's bow, in accordance with navy traditions.



ZFC0762 U.S. 48 Star Flag - Ensign of U.S.S. *Hydrus*, 1944 -1945. This ensign is typical of the 48 star wool flags that were mass-produced for the war effort. It is estimated that thousands of similar ensigns were issued to US ships, but in time, identifying specific flags with specific ships becomes more difficult.



ZFC3544 48 Star U.S. Ensign from U.S.S. *Decatur* (DD-936) commissioned on 1954. This ensign was from the Decatur Grouping of flags and was mistaken at auction as an identified WWI US ensign. However further inquiry has uncovered that it is, in fact, the US ensign from the 1950s which was used at the christening of the *US Decatur* in 1955.



ZFC0077 USS Francis Scott Key, 7 star US Commissioning Pennant, Nuclear Submarine, used at launch, 1966. There are 7 white stars on the blue canton plus one red and one white stripe in the Navy's "commission pennant." In the great age of sailing vessels, all navy ships had a "suite of flags" – jack, ensign, and pennant.



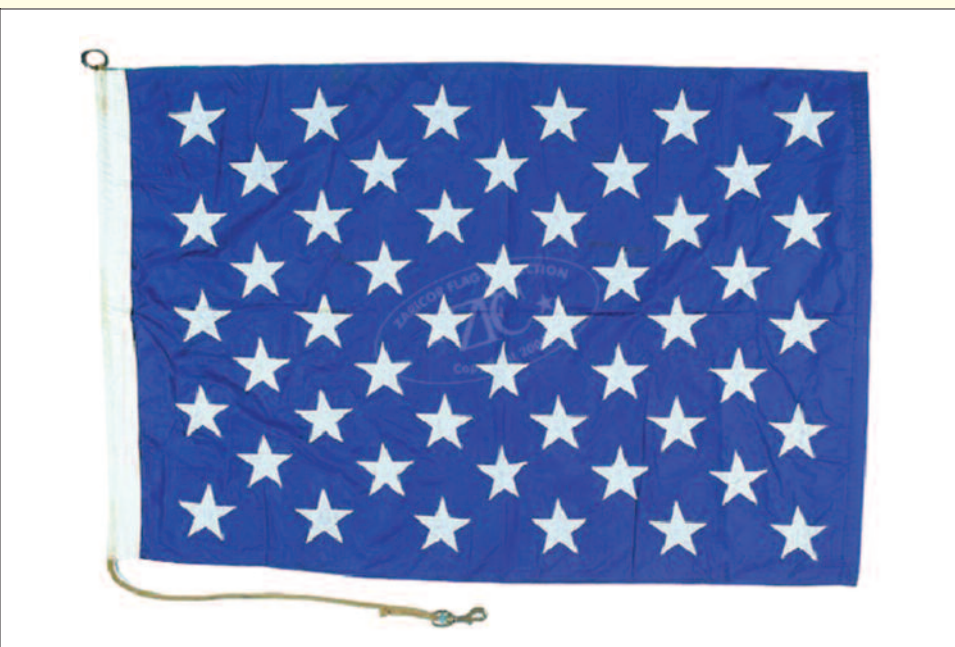
ZFC1225 Unofficial U.S. Navy Ship's Flag - U.S.S. Parsons, 1959 - 1982. This flag is an unofficial flag for the U.S.S. Parsons. Also called "Battle Flags" or "Unrep Flags." The term "unrep flag" derives from the unfurling of the ship's flag from a yardarm after an underway replenishment, or "unrep."). These flags are officially discouraged by the U.S. Navy.



ZFC2465 U.S. 13 Star Coast Guard Ensign - Tug Capstain 1960s. This small, nyla-wool, United States Coast Guard (USCG) ensign is identified to the USCG Tug, *Capstain*, WYTL 65601, berthed at the USCG Station, Delaware Bay, Philadelphia, PA.



ZFC3479 U.S. Navy 7 Star Commission Pennant - U.S.S. *Tuscaloosa*. This is a small, nylon, 7 star US Navy Commission Pennant from the USS *Tuscaloosa* that was presented to her skipper, Commander L. D. Mott when he relinquished command in 1973.



ZFC0051 U.S. 50 Star Jack - USS *Truxton* Nuclear Guided Missile Cruiser 1967-1997. This jack is a blue nylon field, with 50 embroidered white stars in horizontal rows and had been the standard jack of the United States since 1960. Jacks are flown on the jacktaff at the bow of all U.S. naval vessels while at anchor or while dressing ship.