



February 2009 Calendar of Public Programs



For the Little Skippers! February 7, 2009 1:00 pm "Shells for Sweethearts: Sailor Valentines"

Families are invited to join U.S. Navy Museum docents as they explain this unique and popular art form. After looking at some examples of valentines and the time period in which they were common, families are invited to make their own valentines!



February 17, 2009 12:00 PM Naval History Seminar "Black Sailors in Lincoln's Navy" With Joseph P. Reidy

Join Joseph Reidy, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Howard University, and prolific author on nineteenth-century Southern society, as he discusses his project "African American Sailors in the Civil War Navy". This project aims to identify the names of the 18,000 or so men of African ancestry who served in that war and to interpret their service.



All events and programs at the U.S. Navy Museum are free and open to the public, but reservations to (202) 433-6897 are encouraged to get onto the Washington Navy Yard. Learn more about the U.S. Navy Museum at www.history.navy.mil



February 18, 2009 12:00 PM

Special Tour

"Mr. Lincoln's Navy"

Join US Navy Museum docents as they lead a one hour walking tour of the Washington Navy Yard, highlighting Lincoln's unique relationship with the U.S. Navy. This tour will take place both inside and outside, so please dress appropriately. There is limited space available for this tour, so reservations are required. Please R.S.V.P to (202) 433-6826.

February 19, 2009 11:00 AM

6 Bells Author Event

Bankrupting the Enemy:

The U.S. Financial Siege of Japan before Pearl Harbor

With author Edward S. Miller

While researching newly declassified records of the Treasury and Federal Reserve, Miller, a retired chief financial executive of a Fortune 500 resources corporation, uncovered just how much money mattered. Washington experts confidently predicted that the war in China would bankrupt Japan, not knowing that the Japanese government had a huge cache of dollars fraudulently hidden in New York. Once discovered, Japan scrambled to extract the money. But, Miller explains, in July 1941 President Roosevelt invoked a long-forgotten clause of the Trading with the Enemy Act of 1917 to freeze Japan's dollars and forbade it to sell its hoard of gold to the U.S. Treasury, the only open gold market after 1939. Roosevelt's temporary gambit to bring Japan to its senses, not its knees, was thwarted, however, by opportunistic bureaucrats.

For the Little Skippers!

February 21, 2009 1:00 pm

"Holystones, Hardtack, & 'Heave-Ho':

Rising Through the Ranks of the Civil War Navy"

Sailors in the Civil War Navy often began their careers at sea as Midshipman when they were just 12-15 years old. Families are invited to join U.S. Navy Museum docents for an afternoon of hands-on Civil War activities. Participating children will start out as Midshipman and rise to the rank of Ensign after completing two activities and taking a Civil War trivia challenge.



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