

# *Sailing into a New Century*

**The Campaign for the  
USS Constellation Education  
and Heritage Center**



# *A Glorious Tradition*

Spanning over 200 years of naval history, naval ships named *Constellation* have been involved in some of the most pivotal events in our nation's history.

In this tradition, Historic Ships in Baltimore is creating the USS *Constellation* Education and Heritage Center on Pier 1 in Baltimore's famous Inner Harbor to enhance the educational experience for all who come aboard and to recognize and perpetuate the legacy of the thousands of dedicated sailors who went to sea aboard these famous vessels.

You can be part of bringing our nation's history and the stories of *Constellation's* crew to life, creating a living classroom for the thousands of school children and tourists who visit annually.



Artifacts, graphics, photos, journals and crew-members' letters home will help tell the *Constellation* story.

## *Our Campaign*

Our vision is to build an Education and Heritage Center to serve as the gateway for visiting the Historic Ships in Baltimore and as a focal point for educational and training activities in the Inner Harbor, complementing the Aquarium, Science Center and adjacent retail and dining facilities.

In order to bring this vision to life, we need your support. This campaign will help fund the construction of the building, the interior and exterior exhibits, and create an endowment for ongoing programming and maintenance.

The USS *Constellation* Education and Heritage Center will be located on Pier 1, at the epicenter of Baltimore's famous Inner Harbor. This is an opportunity to be associated with an enduring symbol of national honor and pride by the millions of people who walk by each year and marvel at the beauty and grandeur of USS *Constellation*.

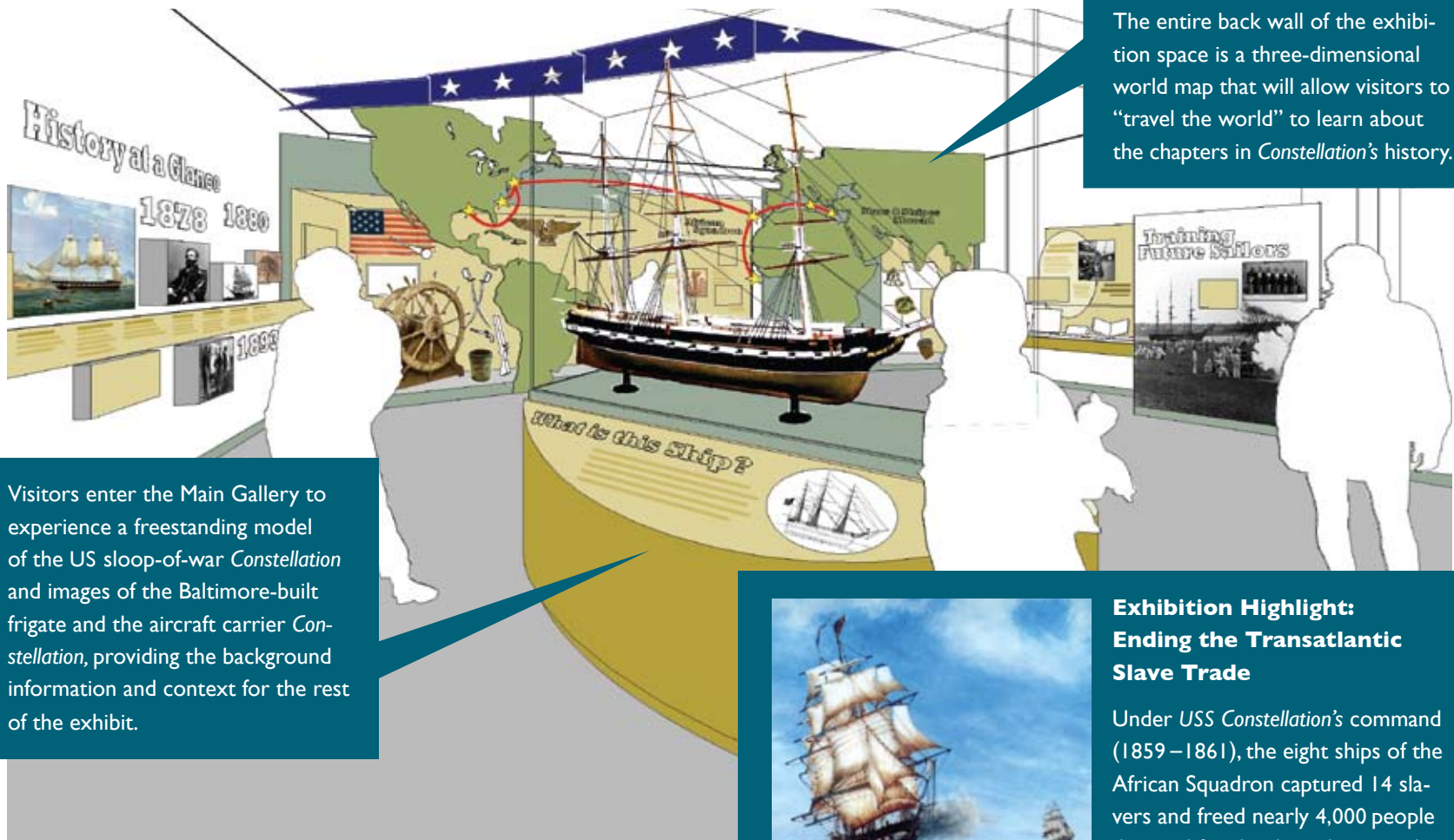
## *Donor Recognition*

The Center will feature numerous naming opportunities for donors who would like to support a particular element of the building, including a new welcome and orientation area, a rooftop observation platform with overhead walkways connecting to USS *Constellation*, and an exhibit gallery highlighting USS *Constellation's* service to America's global naval strategy during times of peace and war.

In addition, all donors to this project will be publicly recognized in a special area of the building located on the exhibit route.

## *Naming Opportunities*

Education and Heritage Center Building.....	\$750,000
Main Education and Exhibit Gallery.....	\$300,000
Rooftop Deck and Harbor View.....	\$150,000
Elevator for Visitors and Trainees with Disabilities .....	\$75,000
Other Opportunities .....	\$5,000 to \$50,000



Visitors enter the Main Gallery to experience a freestanding model of the US sloop-of-war *Constellation* and images of the Baltimore-built frigate and the aircraft carrier *Constellation*, providing the background information and context for the rest of the exhibit.

#### **Exhibition Highlight: Ending the Transatlantic Slave Trade**



Under *USS Constellation's* command (1859–1861), the eight ships of the African Squadron captured 14 slavers and freed nearly 4,000 people destined for the degradation and defilement of slavery.

**The USS *Constellation* Education and Heritage Center will greatly expand the educational experience of visitors and students alike by taking advantage of every opportunity to create interactive learning experiences.**

*Pier-side Exhibits:* Before entering the building, visitors to Pier 1 will encounter exhibits integrated into the dockside pedestrian and seating areas.

*Entry Lobby:* Welcome Aboard! An orientation exhibit features the variety of activities visitors can encounter on their tour. The exhibit will introduce the collection and show views aboard

*Constellation* and Historic Ships, giving visitors a quick overview and the opportunity to purchase tickets.

*Hallway Exhibit:* Shipboard activity was a vital aspect of national life during the early years of America's history. Along the hallway to the gallery will be several small exhibits that capture port and ship activities and answer questions often posed by visitors.

*To the Ship:* Once visitors have explored the *Main Exhibit Gallery* (pictured above), the rooftop deck includes additional exhibits and access to *USS Constellation*.



### **Historic Ships in Baltimore: educating visitors, school, and youth groups from around the world**

Welcoming 150,000 visitors, school, scout and youth groups annually, Historic Ships in Baltimore offers a wide range of programming including hands-on demonstrations and specialized guided tours, as well as a full slate of educational programming designed to exceed state and federal curriculum guidelines.

The Historic Ships collection includes *USS Constellation*, *USS Torsk*, *USCGC Taney*, the *Lightship Chesapeake* and the Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse.

Historic Ships in Baltimore operates day and overnight education programs for school, scout and other youth groups.

Led by a knowledgeable ship's crew, visitors and students alike participate in hands-on activities and demonstrations that help to bring history to life. Using maritime history and the language of the sea, Historic Ships in Baltimore provides special education programming for Baltimore City youth including literacy development programs for rising third graders and job training opportunities for high school students.

"Although I have led tours to many of our nation's historic sites since my 1995 retirement as the National Park Service's Chief Historian, I have experienced few, if any that so effectively employ a corps of dedicated informed and enthusiastic interpreters all capable of making history live!"

—Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus, National Park Service



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