



USS CLEVELAND
LEGACY FOUNDATION

THE LONE SAILOR STATUE

WHO IS THE LONE SAILOR?

The Lone Sailor is an iconic symbol of the Navy Memorial's mission to Honor, Recognize, and Celebrate the men and women of the Sea Services, past, present, and future; and to Inform the public about their service.

He's called the Lone Sailor, yet he is hardly alone. He is about 25 years old, a senior second class petty officer who is fast becoming a seagoing veteran. He has done it all – fired weapons in war, provided humanitarian assistance in far-away lands, been attacked by the enemy, and defended our freedom. He has made liberty calls in great cities and tiny villages where he was a tourist, ambassador, adventurer, friend, and missionary to those less fortunate. His shipmates remember him with pride and look up to him with respect.

THE FIRST LONE SAILOR

The original Lone Sailor statue took command of his station at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC on October 13th, 1987. The statue was designed by sculptor Stanley Bleifeld, who enlisted in the Navy during WWII. Artifacts from eight U.S. Navy ships were melted into the bronze during the casting process. These eight ships span the Navy's history and will forever be a part of the Lone Sailor legacy. Bleifeld believed the Lone Sailor should represent Sailors around the world. To achieve this, he used multiple models to create the Lone Sailor.

THE LONE SAILOR STATUE CITY PROGRAM

The Navy Memorial's Statue City Program began in 1997 with the placement of a Lone Sailor statue at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL. There are now 18 Lone Sailor Statues around the world.

- Adelup Point, Guam
- Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Bremerton, Washington
- Burlington, Vermont
- Charleston, South Carolina
- Cleveland, Ohio
- Dallas, Texas
- For Lauderdale, Florida
- Great Lakes, Illinois
- Long Beach, California
- Norfolk, Virginia
- Orlando, Florida
- Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- San Francisco, California
- Washington, DC
- Waterloo, Iowa
- West Haven, Connecticut
- Normandy, France

THE LONE SAILOR SPECIFICATIONS

Statue Height: 7'4" Tall

Statue and Sea Bag Weight: 996 pounds

THE CLEVELAND LONE SAILOR MONUMENT PLAZA

The Cleveland Lone Sailor Monument Plaza provides a meaningful location for special ceremonies, including: enlistments, commissionings, advancements, promotions, retirements and memorial services. In addition to the iconic statue, the Plaza includes two Honor and Memorial Walls featuring personalized plaques with the names of those who have served or are presently serving the Nation in America's Sea Services.

Reclaimed granite stones from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument have been incorporated into the Plaza. This offers a historical link to Clevelanders' distinguished service to the Union in the American Civil War.

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