



ARICOR FLAG COLLECTION					Capt. John Percival
A NATIONAL TREASURE					13 December 1843 -
Flag star count	Year	Date	Timeline	Duty Status	
26 Star Flag	<1844	29 May 1844	USS <i>CONSTITUTION</i> departs on cruise to circumnavigate the globe, wearing a 26 star flag	<1844	
		2 August 1844	arrives in Rio de Janeiro		
		8 September 1844	sails from Rio de Janeiro		
27 Star	1846	1 January 1845	arrived at Sumatra	Active Service	
		8 February 1845	arrived at Singapore		
		26 February 1845	U.S. Congress passes Joint Resolution on Annexation of Texas		
		3 March 1845	Florida joins the Union as 27th State		
		10 May 1845	arrived at Turon, Cochin China		
		20 June 1845	arrived at Canton, China, on		
		4 July 1845	27 Star Flag becomes official; Texas approves of annexation by US		
		18 September 1845	arrived at Manila		
		13 October 1845	Texas approves annexation ordinance and a State Constitution		
		16 November 1845	arrived at Honolulu, Hawaii on, meet with Commodore Sloat (may get flag)		
28 Star	1846	29 December 1845	Texas joins the Union as 28th State	1846	
		14 January 1846	arrived at Mazatlán, Mexico		
		22 April, 1846	sail for home		
		25-26 April 1846	Thorton Affair in Brownsville, Texas (cause belli for war)		
		10 May 1846	USS Constitution crosses equator North to South		
		13 May 1846	Mexican War begins, 1846 - Arrived at Valparaíso, Chile.		
		18 May 1846	US Navy occupies Matamoros, Tamaulipas		
		20 May 1846	Departed Valparaíso, Chile.		
		4 July 1846	28 Star Flag Becomes Official, Constitution rounds Cape Horn		
		14 July 1846	US Navy occupies Camargo, Tamaulipas, Constitution in South Atlantic		
29 Star	1847	28 July 1846	USS Constitution Arrives in Rio de Janeiro, enroute to Boston	1847	
		5 August 1846	Departed Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.		
		27 September 1846	arrived home in Boston		
		5 October 1846	Placed in ordinary for refitting , Captain Percival relieved		
		28 December 1846	Iowa joins the Union as 29th State		
		9 March 1847	US lands at Vera Cruz, Mexico		
		4 July 1847	29 Star Flag becomes official,		
		28 May 1848	Wisconsin joins then Union as the 30th State		
		4 July 1848	30 Star Flag becomes official		
		9 October 1848	Capt. Gwinn assumes command		
30 Star	1849	9 December 1848	departs Boston for Mediterranean Duty	1849	Capt. John Gwinn
		19 January 1849	23 day transit of Atlantic		
		22 January 1849	arrives at Tripoli		
		24 January 1849	sails from Tripoli for Malta		
		24 January 1849	arrives in Malta - stays 2 weeks		
		24 February 1849	Receives word of the death of Commodore Bolton, Gwinn now acting Commodore of Med. Squadron		
		23 March 1849	Receives word of the death of Commodore Bolton, Gwinn now acting Commodore of Med. Squadron		
		27 March 1849	Sails from Alexandria for Italian peninsula		
		Spring 1849	Visits - at La Spezia, Leghorn and La Spezia again		
		7 June 1849	Arrives in Naples - spends June & July there		
31 Star	1850	25 July 1849	Comm. Charles Wilson assumes command of Med. Squad., Capt. Gwinn ordered to Sicily, Sardinia & Italy	Active Service	
		30 July 1849	Comm. Wilson departs, Chargé John Rowan & Constitution surgeon visit Queen of Two Sicilies, invites a tour		
		31 July 1849	Constitution departs Naples for Geata with Chargé John Rowan		
		1 August 1849	USS Constitution, in Geata receives onboard King Ferdinand II of Sicily & Pope Pius IX		
		August 1849	Gwinn sails for Messina as ordered, Wilson outraged recommends court martial		
		1 September 1849	In Palermo		
		4 September 1849	Captain Gwinn dies aboard, first Captain to die on duty, Lt. James H. Rowan assumes command		
		6 September 1849	Captain Gwinn buried in the lazaretto near Palermo funeral attended by the crew (required) 15 desertions		
		8 September 1849	Departed Palermo, Sicily		
		9 September 1849	Arrived at Naples, Italy - California joins the Union as 31st State		
18 September 1849	Captain Thomas A. Conover assumes command, USS Constitution departs Genoa, continues "ship of state tour "				
31 Star	1850	24 September 1849	Departs Naples	1850	Capt. Thomas A. Conover
		28 September 1849	Arrived at Spezzia, Italy		
		9 October 1849	Sailed from Spezzia to Genoa, Italy		
		19 October 1849	Departed Genoa		
		20 October 1849	Arrived at Spezzia, Italy.		
		22 October 1849	Departed Spezzia, Italy.		
		24 October 1849	Arrived at Leghorn, Italy.		
		31 October 1849	Departed Leghorn, Italy.		
		1 November 1849	Arrived at Spezia, Italy		
		27 November 1849	Sailed from Spezzia to Genoa		
31 Star	1850	7 March 1850	Departed Genoa, Italy.	1850	
		11 March 1850	Arrived at Toulon, France		
		28 March 1850	Departed Toulon, France.		
		31 March 1850	Arrived at Spezzia, Italy.		
		18 April 1850	Departed Spezzia, Italy.		
		19 April 1850	Arrived at Leghorn, Italy.		
		30 April 1850	Sailed from Leghorn to Spezzia, Italy		
		21 May 1850	Departed Spezzia, Italy.		
		23 May 1850	Arrived at Leghorn, Italy.		
		8 June 1850	Departed Leghorn, Italy.		
31 Star	1851	9 June 1850	Arrived at Spezzia, Italy.	1851	Ordinary for refit
		18 June 1850	Sailed from Spezzia to Genoa, Italy.		
		1 July 1850	Departed Genoa, Italy		
		5 July 1850	Arrived at Marseilles, France.		
		5 August 1850	Departed Marseilles, France		
		10 August 1850	Arrived at Naples, Italy.		
		21 August 1850	Departed Naples, Italy.		
		26 August 1850	Arrived at Spezzia, Italy.		
		30 August 1850	Sailed from Spezzia to Genoa, Italy.		
		9 September 1850	California joins the Union as the 31st State		
31 Star	1852	18 September 1850	Departed Genoa, Italy.	1852	active Service
		20 September 1850	Arrived at Spezzia, Italy.		
		19 October 1850	Two men flogged for unspecified offenses, the last floggings conducted in the ship.		
		2 November 1850	Departed Spezzia, Italy.		
		4 November 1850	Arrived at Genoa, Italy.		
		7 November 1850	Departed Genoa, Italy.		
		27 November 1850	Arrived at Gibraltar.		
		1 December 1850	USS Constitution sails for New York		
		11 January 1851	USS Constitution transits the Atlantic		
		16 January 1851	USS Constitution arrived in New York		
31 Star	1855	4 July 1851	Captain Conover relieved and USS Constitution placed in ordinary	1855	Cmdr. John S. Rudd
		4 July 1851	31 Star Flag Becomes official		
		22 December 1852	USS Constitution returned to active service, Commander John Rudd assumes command		
			African Squadron		
		31 Star	1855		
15 June 1855	Commander Rudd relieved of command				

32 Star Flag	1856	1856	Virgil D. Parris appointed US Naval Storekeeper and acquires 28 star flag	Ordinary for refit	Ordinary for refit
				1856	
	11 May 1858	Minnesota joins the Union as 32nd State			
	4 July 1858	32 Star Flag Becomes official			
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