

The USS KIDD Veterans Museum is proud to offer this exclusive Jolly Roger flag.

HISTORY OF THE JOLLY ROGER

The flag is a reproduction of the original “Skull and Crossbones” flown during USS KIDD’s maiden voyage across New York Harbor to the Brooklyn Naval Yard on February 28th, 1943. USS KIDD DD-661 had been authorized to fly the Jolly Roger by the U.S. Navy, following an appeal by Inez Kidd, RADM Kidd’s widow.

Designed and hand made by unknown crew members. This unique flag had an unusual 5’ x 3’ layout. That is, the longer edge aligned with the flagpole. Most similar-sized flags flown today would be 3’ x 5’, with the shorter side aligned with the flagpole.

The maiden voyage of the USS KIDD had another claim to fame in that it was the first known Navy voyage of a combat vessel where a female was officially listed as a member of the crew, Ens. A. Randle. Ens. Randle was assigned to Bureau of Shipbuilding and “delivered” KIDD to the Navy Yard.

