

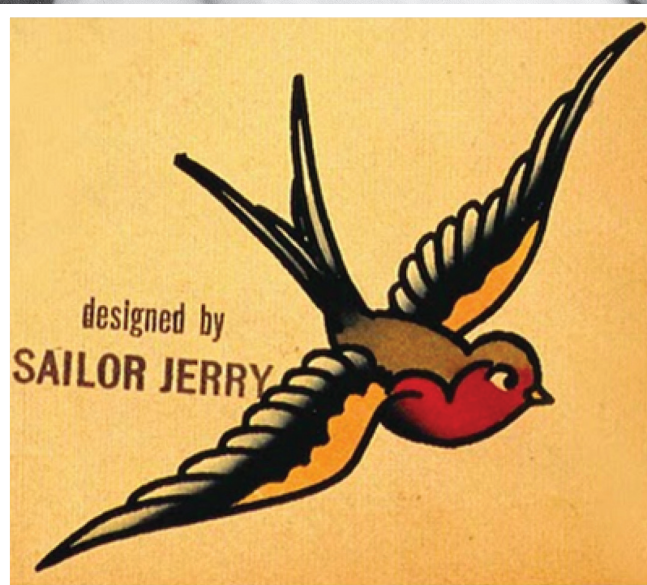
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TOP: Maritime tattoos are a popular form of artistic expression, like for these sailors aboard the USS New Jersey. **ABOVE:** A swallow tattoo designed by Sailor Jerry in the 1940s.

HISTORICAL MARITIME TATTOOS

Many popular images have evolved over time

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From the earliest days of maritime tattooing, sailors have covered themselves in images that symbolize their lives at sea. Designs represent faraway loved ones, everyday duties, personal triumphs and the many superstitions that dictate life on board.

Many of these images started with distinct mean-

ings and have evolved to how we understand them today.

The fully-rigged ship was traditionally given to veterans of the journey around Cape Horn — an important trade route and hazardous waterway — before the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914. The tattoo depicts a ship with three or more masts and square-rigged sails that are fully deployed.

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