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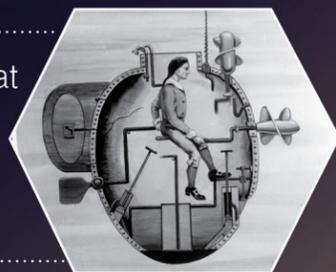
**1775**  
OCTOBER 13

Authorized by the Continental Congress, the United States Navy is born.



**1776**  
SEPTEMBER 7

Turtle, the first combat submarine, attacks HMS Eagle in New York Harbor.



**1797**  
OCTOBER 21

USS Constitution is launched and christened in Boston, Mass. Undefeated in battle and still in service today, she is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat.



**1804**  
FEBRUARY 16

Lt. Stephen Decatur enters Tripoli Harbor and burns the captured frigate Philadelphia without American losses.



**1814**  
SEPTEMBER 11

The U.S. victory at the Battle of Lake Champlain during the War of 1812 ends the war's final British invasion.



**1814**  
OCTOBER 29

The first steam-powered Navy warship, the frigate Fulton, is launched at New York City.



**1862**  
MARCH 9

During the Civil War, USS Monitor and CSS Virginia batter each other at close range in Hampton Roads, Va., in the first battle of the ironclads.



In the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War, America's Navy liquidates the Spanish fleet and installations in the harbor without the loss of a single American life.

**1898**  
MAY 1



The Great White Fleet departs Hampton Roads, Va., to circumnavigate the world.

**1907**  
DECEMBER 16



**1917**  
MARCH

As the U.S. nears entry into the World War, the door is opened for women to serve as yeomen.



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240 YEARS OF U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE AROUND THE GLOBE, AROUND THE CLOCK.

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