



# U.S. NAVY ORIGINAL SIX FRIGATES

The 1794 "Act to Provide a Naval Armament," signed by President George Washington, allowed for the building of six warships, thereby establishing the U.S. Navy to defend the vital trade of the American merchant fleet on oceans around the world.

## USS UNITED STATES



**LAUNCHED**  
May 10 1797

**BROKEN UP**  
1865

← 175 Ft →  
Waterline

1,576 Tons Burthen

350+ CREW

**Class & Type**  
44-gun Sailing Frigate

## USS CONSTELLATION



**Class & Type**  
36-gun Sailing Frigate

340+ CREW

← 164 Ft →  
Waterline

1,265 Tons Burthen

**LAUNCHED**  
Sept 7 1797

**BROKEN UP**  
1853

## USS CONSTITUTION



**LAUNCHED**  
Oct 21 1797

Still in commission

← 175 Ft →  
Waterline

1,576 Tons Burthen

450 CREW

**Class & Type**  
44-gun Sailing Frigate

## USS CONGRESS



**Class & Type**  
36-gun Sailing Frigate

340 CREW

← 164 Ft →  
Waterline

1,265 Tons Burthen

**LAUNCHED**  
Aug 15 1799

**BROKEN UP**  
1834

## USS CHESAPEAKE



**LAUNCHED**  
Dec 2 1799

**CAPTURED**  
June 1 1813

← 152.8 Ft →  
Waterline

1,244 Tons Burthen

340 CREW

**Class & Type**  
36-gun Sailing Frigate

## USS PRESIDENT



**Class & Type**  
44-gun Sailing Frigate

400+ CREW

← 175 Ft →  
Waterline

1,576 Tons Burthen

**LAUNCHED**  
April 10 1800

**CAPTURED**  
Jan 15 1815

THE NAVY STARTS HERE