

April 30, 1798

Congress establishes the Department of the Navy as a separate cabinet department. Previously, naval matters were under the cognizance of the War Department. Benjamin Stoddert is named as the first Secretary of the Navy.

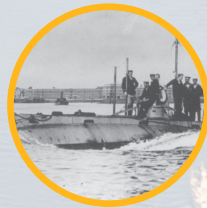


Feb. 2, 1848

The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends the Mexican-American War and establishes the boundaries between the two republics.

March 17, 1898

John Holland's submarine, Holland IV, performs the first successful diving and surfacing tests off Staten Island, NY.



July 7, 1948

The first six enlisted women are sworn into the Regular Navy: Chief Yeoman Wilma J. Marchal; Yeoman Second Class Edna E. Young; Hospital Corpsman First Class Ruth Flora; Aviation Storekeeper First Class Kay L. Lengen; Storekeeper Second Class Frances T. Devaney; and Teleman Doris R. Robertson.

July 26, 1948

President Harry S. Truman signs Executive Order 9981, desegregating the Armed Services.

Jan. 27, 1973

The Paris Peace Accords are signed, ending U.S. participation in the Vietnam War.

March 2, 1973

The first four female U.S. Navy pilots begin training: Lt. j.g. Barbara A. Allen; Lt. j.g. Judith A. Neuffer; Ensign Jane M. Skiles; and Ensign Kathleen L. McNary.

April 25, 1998

The first-in-class Impeccable (T AGOS-23) is launched from Pascagoula, MS. The ship is given to Military Sealift Command to be operated by civilian and military crewmembers.

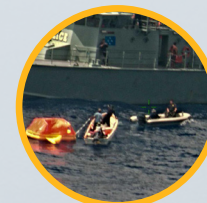


April 6, 2013

The commissioning ceremony for USS Arlington (LPD-24) is held at Naval Station Norfolk, the ship's homeport. The San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship joins sister ships USS New York and Somerset in being named for the sites attacked by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001. Steel salvaged from the Pentagon, based in Arlington, are showcased in the ship's museum.

Feb. 20, 2018

The crew of a Navy P8-A Poseidon belonging to the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 locate three missing fishermen in a 19-foot skiff from Chuuk Lagoon in the Federated States of Micronesia.



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June 17, 1898

President William McKinley signs into law a Congressional bill authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps.

Oct. 15, 1948

The first women officers on active duty are sworn in as commissioned officers in the Regular Navy under the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of June 1948 by Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan: Capt. Joy B. Hancock; Lt. Cmdr. Winifred R. Quick; Lt. Cmdr. Anne King; Lt. Cmdr. Frances L. Willoughby; Lt. Ellen Ford; Lt. Doris Cranmore; Lt. j.g. Doris A. Defenderfer; and Lt. j.g. Betty Rae Tennant.

May 17, 1973

Capt. Robin Lindsay Catherine Quigley becomes the first woman to hold a major Navy command when she assumes command of U.S. Navy Service School, San Diego, CA.

May 25, 1973

Skylab 2, the first U.S. manned orbiting space station, launches with an all-Navy crew: Capt. Charles Conrad Jr., Cmdr. Paul J. Weitz, and Cmdr. Joseph P. Kerwin.

Sept. 28, 2018

U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2 render immediate assistance to the passengers and crew of Air Niugini flight PX56, after it crashes into the lagoon near Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, International Airport.

Oct. 19, 2018

For the first time in nearly 30 years, a U.S. aircraft carrier enters the Arctic Circle. USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) and its strike group conduct operations in the Norwegian Sea.

