



Defending the New Republic: 1775-1866

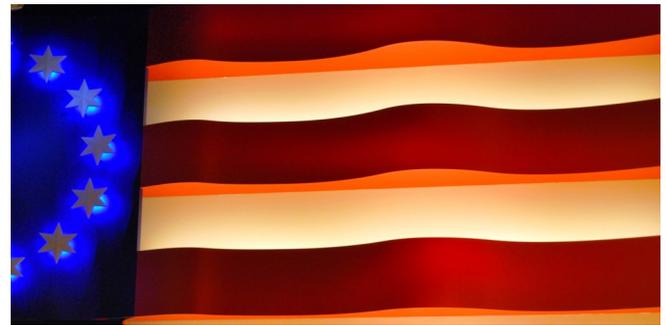
A Student Gallery Guide for Early Marine Corps and American History

1. Find this **Colonial American flag!**

a. Look at the map below the flag. Name four cities, in the original thirteen colonies, that were located by the sea.

Portsmouth, Boston, New York City, Norfolk, Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah

Learn more about colonial life in **Chesty's Dock!**

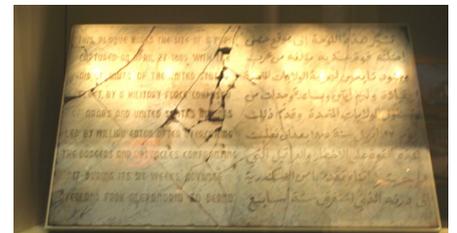


2. Read about **"Marine Life Aboard Ship"** and **"On Land and On the Sea."** Listen to the sounds of colonial ship life that sailors and Marines experienced. What does the hammock display tell us about Marine life aboard a ship?

This display shows us that life aboard ships for Marines and sailors was hard. Living conditions were cramped and crowded with little space for personal possessions, often for long periods of time.

3. Find the **Barbary Wars** panel. Look to your left at the artifact called "The Derna Plaque." What is the history of this marble plaque and why is it important in Marine Corps history?

This plaque marked the location of the fort in Derna, Libya that was captured by U.S. Marines in 1805 as part of the Barbary Wars.



4. Read about the **War of 1812**. Under the map, read the panel and describe what happened to the city of Washington D.C. during the war.

British expeditionary forces invaded and burned Washington D.C.

Answer Key

5. Find this **Mexican War** diorama. What was Mexico protesting that led to this war with the United States from 1846 to 1848?

Mexico was protesting the American annexation of Texas.



6. Find this map that illustrates the **Pacific expeditions**. What areas were being explored and when were they explored?

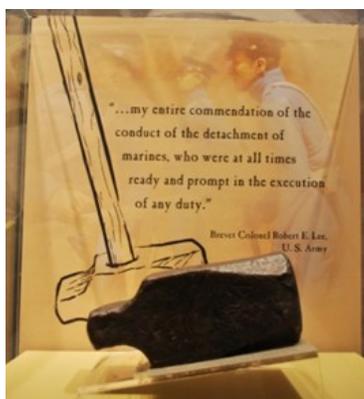
Asia and Antarctica in the 1840s.

7. What was the farthest point south reached on the **Wilkes'** expedition?

Antarctica

8. Find this painting of the ship called the **USS Vincennes**. What was the "first" that this ship accomplished?

The USS Vincennes was the first American warship to "circumnavigate" or sail around the world between 1826 and 1830.



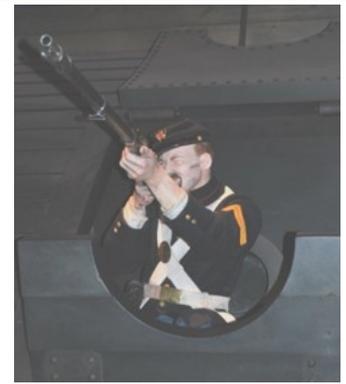
9. In the **Civil War** gallery, read about this Harpers Ferry sledgehammer. What does it have to do with Marine Corps history? Who were the Marines trying to rescue and from whom?

In 1859 this sledgehammer was used by Marines to batter in the door of the Engine House in Harpers Ferry, VA. Their mission was to capture abolitionist John Brown and rescue Brown's hostages.

Answer Key

10. Read about this first Marine to be awarded the **Medal of Honor** for "valorous behavior" in battle. Who was he, what ship was he sailing on and when was he sailing on it?

Marine Corporal John Mackie was the first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor for bravery in 1862 at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff near Richmond aboard the ironclad USS Galena.



11. Read about the **First Battle of Manassas**. This was the only major land engagement fought by US Marines during the Civil War. When was this battle fought?

July 16, 1861

12. Listen to the music! Find this drum in the **"Commands and Communications"** display. What were drums used for by the Marine Corps?

To signal field maneuvers in battle and to control daily routine activities in camp.



13. Go to the display on the **Gettysburg Address**. Who is Henry Clay Cochrane?

Cochrane accompanied Lincoln to Gettysburg in November, 1863 when Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. His name also appears at the bottom of the Marine Corps recruiting poster from 1866.

Answer Key

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