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The sea has always been a powerful, relentless and breathtaking image, and is the ideal characteristics for the United States Navy. Established on October 13, 1775 the U.S. Navy has protected this country's ideals and others by living honorably, acting courageously, and committing faithfully. These core values inspire the U.S. Navy to never back down in battle, whether they are on the water or soaring through the air. We salute the U.S. Navy in always pressing forward like the unyielding sea.

1. The Grumman F6F Hellcat destroyed 75% of the enemy's aircrafts during WWII.
2. PBY Catalina was a WWII Navy seaplane and is used today as an aerial firefighting plane.
3. The Grumman TBF Avenger was an outstanding torpedo bomber in WWII.
4. The US Navy Blue Angels were formed in 1946. They currently fly the F/A-18 Hornet.
5. The U.S. UH-3H Sea King is used in anti-submarine warfare.
6. The U.S. Navy trained in the Stearman Model 75 Biplane throughout WWII.
7. The F4U Corsair was nicknamed the "Whistling Death" because of the unique sound it makes when diving at high speeds.
8. The F14 Tomcat was made famous in the movie "Top Gun."
9. The F-4 Phantom is the only jet airplane that has been used by the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds.
10. The USS Arizona Memorial stands majestically in Pearl Harbor, with the middle symbolizing the low point of the U.S. joining WWII; the raised sides symbolizing America's victory.
11. Navy Stealth Destroyers can go undetected by radar, visual, sonar, and infrared methods.
12. The USS Zumwalt destroyer produces enough power to run a small city.
13. U.S. Navy currently has 11 aircraft carriers—all are nuclear powered.
14. The Great White Fleet was a parade of 16 new battle ships that visited 6 continents from 1907-1908.
15. The USS Missouri, where the Japanese signed their surrender on September 2, 1945 ending WWII.
16. It is a war crime to fire upon a hospital ship.
17. The USS Constitution is the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel still afloat today.
18. The Battle of Hampton Road between the iron clad ships USS Monitor and CSS Virginia is one the most notable Civil War U.S. Navy battles.
19. The V-22 Osprey can act as both a helicopter and a turbo prop aircraft.
20. The E-2 Hawkeye is an early warning and control aircraft.
21. The F/A-18 Hornet airplane is the US Navy's do it all aircraft.
22. The length of the USS Ronald Reagan is almost equal to the height of the Empire State building.
23. The United States Navy flag was adopted on April 24, 1959.
24. Junior enlisted sailor uniforms were originally blue, often called crackerjacks, but recently changed to a white attire in 2016.
25. F-35B jet fighter is the world's first supersonic STOVL—short take-off and vertical-landing—stealth aircraft.
26. The USS Nautilus was the world's first nuclear powered sub that traveled under the North Pole ice capes (*Alaska to Iceland*).
27. The U.S. Naval Academy Chapel was built in May 28, 1908 and is the focus of the Academy and of Annapolis, Maryland.
28. The Navy's core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment have been passed down for more than 200 years.
29. There are over 430 active U.S. Navy ships today.
30. Able Seaman Uniform from the American Revolution.
31. U.S. Captain uniform from War of 1812.
32. Lt. Commander Civil War uniform for the Union army.
33. U.S. Navy Service Dress uniforms may be worn in the summer.
34. Shore Patrol WWII uniforms are only worn in the field.
35. The modern Navy Pilot uniform is worn both by men and women.
36. U.S. Navy Lieutenant working uniform.
37. The U.S. Navy symbol contains the eagle, "defending with power" and the anchor, "unity, service, and navigation."
38. The U.S. Navy slogan "Forged by the Sea" appeared in 2017.
39. U.S. Naval Academy flag motto "Ex scientia tridens" means "From knowledge, seapower"

## FUN FINDS:

- The famous V-J Day in Time Square moment on August 14, 1945. You might also know it as The Kiss.
- Can you find all nineteen American flags?
- See if you can find the word "MERCY"