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### **The US Navy will celebrate its 251<sup>st</sup> birthday Tuesday October 13 Facts about the US Navy**

**"Father of the American Navy" John Paul Jones, famous for his quote "I have not yet begun to fight" was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the modern US Navy.**

**George Washington was Commander in Chief of the Army and also the father of our Navy. He commissioned two small schooners to patrol Boston Harbor as the Revolutionary War was heating up, eventually leading to the Navy we have today.**

**Congress passed the Naval Act of 1794 establishing a permanent Navy.**

**December 7, 1941 Japanese forces launched a surprise attack on the US Naval Base at Pearl Harbor which directly led to America's involvement in World War II.**

**September 30, 1954 the Navy launched the USS Nautilus the first nuclear-powered submarine.**

**SEAL Team 6, officially known as United States Naval Special Warfare Development Group—along with Delta Force—are the most highly trained elite forces in the US military.**

**Ways to observe the Navy's Birthday include: Visit the US Navy Memorial in Washington DC, Visit the Nautilus in Groton CT, Visit a maritime museum.**

**Celebrating the Navy Birthday is important: it is a tribute to those who served and it is important to remember and honor them.**

