



United States Marine Corps History



Purpose

- The purpose of this lesson is to introduce you to the rich and varied history of the Marine Corps.



Lesson Objectives

- Identify the two key battles fought during the war of 1812
- Identify the date of the War of 1812
- Identify the main dispute of this war
- Identify the locations fought throughout this war
- Identify the importance of Archibald Henderson in MC History



War of 1812

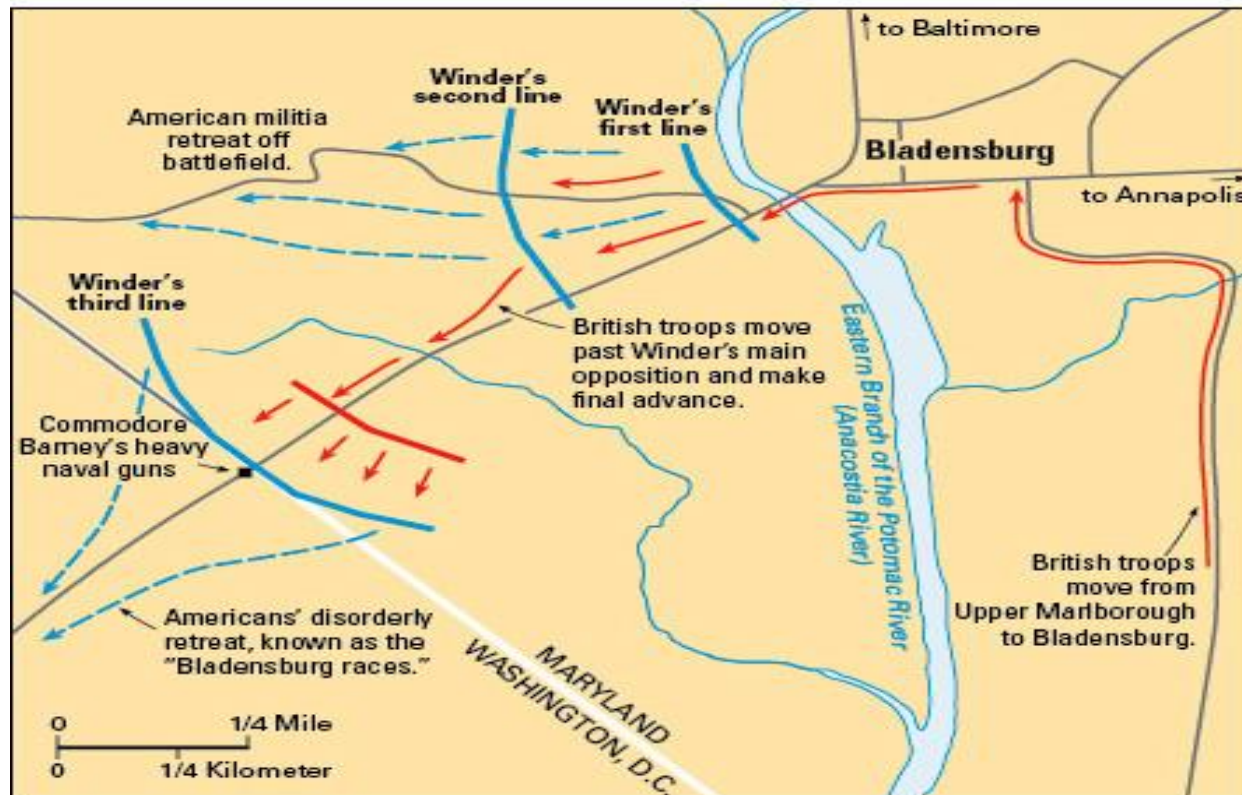
- The United States declared war on Great Britain on June 18, 1812 because of long simmering disputes.
- The Central dispute surrounded the impressments of American soldiers by the British.
- The Marines fought bravely in several famous battles including the Battle of Bladensburg outside of Washington, DC and the Battle of New Orleans.



Battle of Bladensburg



- American troops
- British troops





Battle of Bladensburg

- The Commanding Officer of the British reported “They have given us our only real fight.”





Battle of New Orleans

- <http://www.history.com/topics/battle-of-new-orleans/videos>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RYXYxILKVw>





Growth of the Marine Corps

- In the period between 1815 and 1836, the United States did not engage in any foreign wars.
- Lieutenant Colonel Franklin Wharton, commandant from 1804 to 1818, focused on improving the disciplinary system, and improving health and living conditions in Marine quarters.





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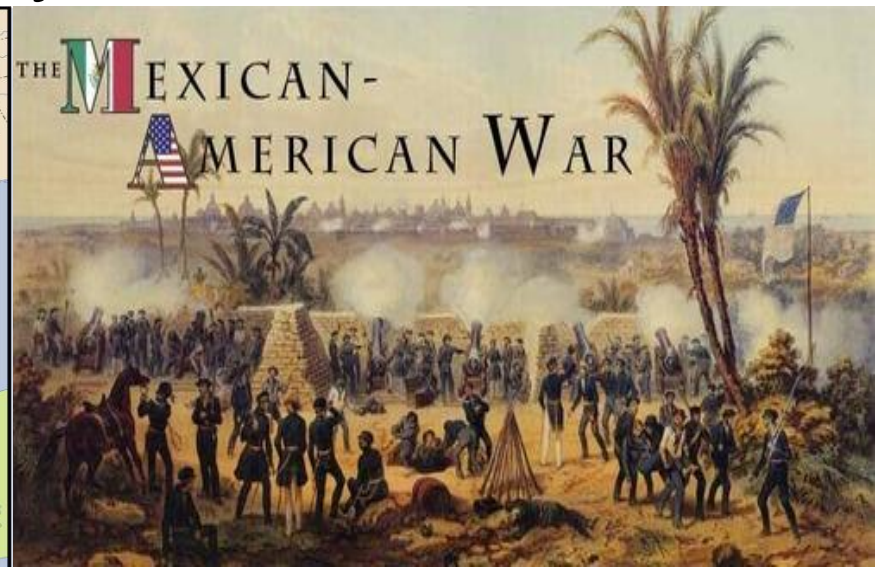
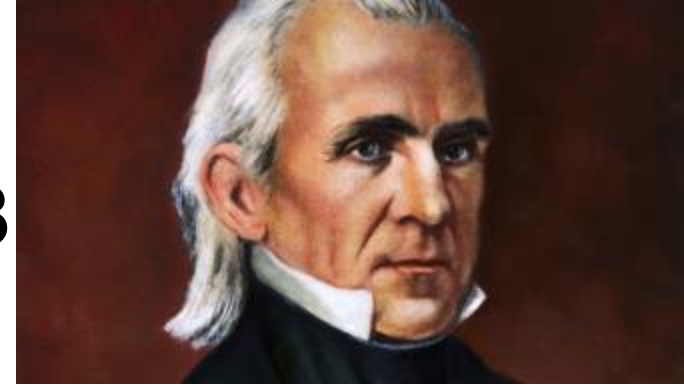


- **Served in the USMC for 53 years**
 - 2nd Lt. - June 4, 1806
 - 1st Lt. - March 6, 1807
 - Capt. - April 1, 1811
 - Maj. – 1814
- **Record for length of service as CMC**
 - 17 Oct 1820 – 6 Jan 1859
 - 38 Years, 2 months, 19 days
- **Lt. Colonel – Brigadier General**
- **“Grand Old Man of the Marine Corps”**
- **“Force in Readiness”**



Mexican War 1846 - 1848

- April 25, 1846 – Feb 2, 1848
- Naval Squadrons
- Joined the Army and landed at Vera Cruz enroute to Mexico City.





Mexican War 1842 - 1848

- Plateau (Chapultepec)
- Marines acted as a decoy for the Army.
- One day battle
- Blood stripe
- Marines Hymn “from the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli”



Results of the Mexican War

MEXICAN WAR, 1846-48: Causes and Results





Civil War

- 1861 country found itself in an entirely different situation.
- 30% of the MC Officers resigned to fight for the south.
- These were dark days for the U.S.



1st Medal of Honor

Today In USMC History

15 May 1862: Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.



(Photo found on civilwartalk.com)





Marine Corps Emblem

- In 1868 the EGA was adopted.
- Eagle / Globe / Anchor
- Modified in 1950 (the addition of the rope)
- The emblem is what we wear today.





Marine Corps Motto

- 8th Commandant, Charles C. McCawley officially adopted the Marine Corps Motto.

“Semper Fidelis”



Questions?