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# Mayport Navy League October Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

**October 1** - El Faro sinking

**October 3** - MNL BOD meeting, Ocean Breeze Conference Ctr 6:30pm

**October 9** - Food Farmacy at 390 Mayport Rd 10am-noon

**October 13** - U.S. Navy Birthday

**October 15** - NAS Jacksonville Commissioning 1940

**October 19 & 20** - NAS Jax Blue Angels Air Show. RSVP on NAS Jax Airshow website for Chalet tickets

**October 25** - Halloween Party Social

**October 24** - Food Farmacy at 390 Mayport Rd 2-4pm

**October 29** - 4th Qtr SOQ Luncheon, Ocean Breeze Conference Ctr 11:30am  
Cost: \$15.00 RSVP to Pat Kluever

*"A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace."* - Theodore Roosevelt

*"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'"*  
- John F. Kennedy

The Mayport Navy League values membership volunteerism and support

## 248 years Strong!



October 13 marks the birthday of the U.S. Navy, which traces its roots back to the early days of the American Revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet of privateers could attack British commerce and offset British sea power.

The early Continental navy was designed to work with privateers to wage tactical raids against the transports that supplied British forces in North America. To accomplish this mission the Continental Congress purchased, converted, and constructed a fleet of small ships -- frigates, brigs, sloops, and schooners. These navy ships sailed independently or in pairs, hunting British commerce ships and transports.

Two years after the end of the war, the money-poor Congress sold off the last ship of the Continental navy, the frigate Alliance. But with the expansion of trade and shipping in the 1790s, the possibility of attacks of European powers and pirates increased, and in March 1794 Congress responded by calling for the construction of a half-dozen frigates, The United States Navy was here to stay.