



after New Year's Day in 1776, five companies of Marines embarked aboard these new warships of the Continental Navy in Philadelphia and set sail. Eight weeks later and only 5 months after authorization by the Congress, 230 Marines & 50 Sailors assaulted across the beach in the Bahamas to capture gunpowder and weapons from a British fort. US Sailors & Marines had landed for the first time in history and the situation was well in hand. From those early days of naval expeditionary service, our bedrock principles have remained constant. Our core values of *honor*, *courage*, and *commitment* remain the distinguishing characteristics of the Naval Service.

Honor:
