

THE UNITED STATES NAVY

MARCH 5, 1825

The United States Navy in 1825 was a very small institution. More than a decade has passed since the war with Great Britain (1812). Since that time the Navy had been downsized to only twelve notable warships in commission. These and a few smaller vessels did not operate as a fleet. They were assigned to their stations or squadrons where they had to protect American interests. Initially it was the Navy's policy to send out a one or more ships to handle a situation. But communication was slow at these times. So step by step the Navy established permanent squadrons to be stationed in specific areas. Over the years there would be seven squadrons:

Mediterranean Squadron	established 1815
Pacific Squadron	established 1818
West India Squadron	established 1822
Brazil Squadron	established 1826
East India Squadron	established 1835
Home Squadron	established 1842
African Squadron	established 1843

Only the Mediterranean Squadron, the Pacific Squadron, and the West India Squadron had been formed up as permanent squadrons by 1825. This site shows the organization of the U.S. Navy when the system of permanent squadrons was only a few years old.

Commander-in-Chief

John Quincy Adams
President of the United States

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Benjamin Lewis Southard
Secretary of the Navy

Charles Hay
Chief Clerk of the Navy Department

OFFICE OF THE NAVY COMMISSIONERS

THE NAVY BOARD

Captain William Bainbridge
President, Navy Board

Captain Jacob Jones
Commissioner

Captain Charles Morris
Commissioner

Charles Washington Goldsborough
Secretary

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Henderson, USMC
Lieutenant Colonel Commandant

First Lieutenant Parke G. Howle, USMC
Adjutant and Inspector

Captain Joseph L. Kuhn, USMC
Paymaster

First Lieutenant Elijah J. Weed, USMC
Quartermaster

Marine Barracks, Headquarters
First Lieutenant Richard T. Auchmuty, USMC
Commanding Officer

MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRON

Captain John Rodgers
(Commander)

Captain Daniel T. Patterson
(Fleet Captain)

NORTH CAROLINA (74) – Flagship
Captain John Rodgers

CONSTITUTION (44)
Captain Thomas MacDonough

CYANE (24)
Captain John O. Creighton

ERIE (18)
Master Commandant David Deacon

ONTARIO (18)
Master Commandant John B. Nicholson
Captain Jesse D. Elliott (ordered)

PACIFIC SQUADRON

Captain Isaac Hull
(Commander)

UNITED STATES (44) – Flagship
Captain Isaac Hull

PEACOCK (18)
Master Commandant William Carter

DOLPHIN (12)
Lieutenant John Percival

WEST INDIA SQUADRON

Captain Lewis Warrington
(Commander)

JOHN ADAMS (24) - Flagship
Master Commandant Alexander J. Dallas

CONSTELLATION (36)
Captain Melancthon T. Woolsey

HORNET (18)
Master Commandant Edmund P. Kennedy

SHARK (12)
Master Commandant John Gallagher

GRAMPUS (12)
Lieutenant John D. Sloat

PORPOISE (12)
Lieutenant Charles W. Skinner

SPARK (12)
Lieutenant John T. Newton

SEA GULL (3)
Lieutenant Isaac McKeever

FOX (3)
Lieutenant John A. Cook

WEASEL (3)
Lieutenant Charles Boarman

DECOY (6) – Store Ship
Lieutenant Mervine P. Mis

AT NORFOLK

GUERRIERE (44)
Captain John Downes

MACEDONIAN (36)
Captain John D. Henley

SHORE STATIONS

PHILADELPHIA STATION, Penn.

Captain James Barron

(Commanding Naval Officer, Philadelphia and Commandant of the Navy Yard)

NAVY YARD, PHILADELPHIA

Captain James Barron

(Commandant)

NAVAL RENDEZVOUS, PHILADELPHIA

Captain Thomas Brown

(Commanding Officer)

NAVAL HOSPITAL, PHILADELPHIA

Surgeon Thomas Harris

(Superintendent)

MARINE BARRACKS, PHILADELPHIA

Captain Samuel Miller, USMC

(Commanding Officer)

NAVAL AGENT, PHILADELPHIA

Naval Agent George Harrison

WASHINGTON, D.C. STATION

Captain Thomas Tingey

(Commanding Naval Officer, Washington, D.C. and Commandant of the Navy Yard)

NAVY YARD, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Captain Thomas Tingey

(Commandant)

NAVAL HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Surgeon Edward Cutbush

(Superintendent)

MARINE BARRACKS, NAVY YARD

First Lieutenant Joseph C. Hall, USMC

(Commanding Officer)

NEW YORK STATION, N.Y.

Captain Isaac Chauncey

(Commanding Naval Officer, New York and Commandant of the Navy Yard)

NAVY YARD, NEW YORK

Captain Isaac Chauncey

(Commandant)

NAVAL RENDEZVOUS, NEW YORK

Captain Henry E. Ballard

(Commanding Officer)

NAVAL HOSPITAL, NEW YORK

Surgeon Samuel R. Marshall

(Superintendent)

MARINE BARRACKS, NEW YORK

Captain Richard Smith, USMC

(Commanding Officer)

NAVAL AGENT, NEW YORK

Naval Agent James K. Paulding

NORFOLK STATION, Va.

Captain Arthur Sinclair

(Commanding Officer, Norfolk Station)

NAVY YARD, GOSPORT, Va.

Captain James Renshaw

(Commandant)

NAVAL RENDEZVOUS

Captain Robert Henley

(Commanding Officer)

RECEIVING SHIP ALERT (18)

Master Commandant Samuel Woodhouse

(Commanding Officer)

NAVAL HOSPITAL , GOSPORT, Va.

Surgeon Thomas Williamson

(Superintendent)

MARINE BARRACKS, NORFOLK

Captain William Anderson, USMC

(Commanding Officer)

NAVAL AGENT, NORFOLK

Naval Agent Miles King

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. STATION

Captain William M. Crane
(Commanding Naval Officer, Portsmouth and Commandant of the Navy Yard)

NAVY YARD, PORTSMOUTH
Captain William M. Crane
(Commandant)

MARINE BARRACKS, PORTSMOUTH
Captain Samuel E. Watson, USMC
(Commanding Officer)

NAVAL AGENT, PORTSMOUTH
Naval Agent Enoch G. Parrott

BALTIMORE STATION, Md.

Captain Robert T. Spence
(Commanding Naval Officer, Baltimore)

NAVAL RENDEZVOUS, BALTIMORE
Master Commandant Alexander Claxton
(Commanding Officer)

NAVAL AGENT, BALTIMORE
Naval Agent James Beatty

ERIE, Penn.

Master Commandant George Budd
(Commanding Naval Officer, Erie)

NEW ORLEANS, La.

Lieutenant Lawrence Rousseau
(Commanding Officer at New Orleans)

NAVAL HOSPITAL, NEW ORLEANS
Surgeon Lewis Heerman
(Superintendent)

NAVAL AGENT, NEW ORLEANS
Naval Agent Nathaniel Cox

NAVY YARD, CHARLESTOWN, Mass.
Master Commandant William B. Shubrick
(Commandant)

NAVAL RENDEZVOUS, BOSTON, Mass.
Captain Charles C. B. Thompson
(Commanding Officer)

MARINE BARRACKS, BOSTON, Mass.
Captain Robert D. Wainwright, USMC
(Commanding Officer)

NAVAL AGENT, BOSTON, Mass.
Naval Agent Amos Binney

NAVAL AGENT, MIDDLETOWN, Conn.
Naval Agent Joseph Hull

NAVAL AGENT, NEWCASTLE, Del.
Naval Agent James Riddle

NAVAL AGENT, ANNAPOLIS, Md.
Naval Agent John Randall

NAVAL AGENT, SAVANNAH, Ga.
Naval Agent John P. Henry

NAVAL AGENT, GIBRALTAR, MEDITERRANEAN
Naval Agent Richard McCall

WHITE HALL, LAKE CHAMPLAIN
Captain James T. Leonard
(Senior Naval Officer)

SACKETT'S HARBOR, N.Y.
Lieutenant Samuel W. Adams
(Senior Naval Officer)

INSPECTOR OF ORDNANCE FOR THE NAVY
Master Commandant Thomas Ap Catesby Jones

Senior Line Officers

Before 1861 there were no permanent flag officers in the U.S. Navy. The highest rank was that of captain. Captains who commanded a squadron of ships were usually given the title of commodore as a courtesy. That title was retained by these officers even after their command cruise ended. But officially all these men were and remained captains. The other command rank was that of master commandant, later changed to commander.

CAPTAINS (33)

<u>No. in</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of</u>	<u>Present Duty or Station</u>
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Present Duty or Station</u>
1	John Rodgers	5 March 1799	Commander, Mediterranean Squadron & Commanding Officer, NORTH CAROLINA
2	James Barron	22 May 1799	Commanding Naval Officer, Philadelphia & Commandant, Navy Yard, Philadelphia
3	William Bainbridge	20 May 1800	President, Navy Board
4	Thomas Tingey	23 Nov. 1804	Commanding Naval Officer, Washington, D.C. & Commandant, Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
5	Charles Stewart	22 April 1806	waiting orders
6	Isaac Hull	23 April 1806	Commander, Pacific Squadron & Commanding Officer, UNITED STATES
7	Isaac Chauncey	24 April 1806	Commanding Naval Officer, New York & Commandant, Navy Yard, New York
8	David Porter	2 July 1812	waiting orders
9	Jacob Jones	3 March 1813	Navy Commissioner
10	Charles Morris	5 March 1813	Navy Commissioner
11	Arthur Sinclair	24 July 1813	Commanding Officer, Norfolk Station
12	Thomas MacDonough	11 Sept. 1814	Commanding Officer, CONSTITUTION
13	Lewis Warrington	22 Nov. 1814	Commander, West India Squadron
14	William M. Crane	24 Nov. 1814	Commanding Naval Officer, Portsmouth, N.H. & Commandant, Navy Yard, Portsmouth
15	James T. Leonard	4 Feb. 1815	Senior Naval Officer, White Hall, Lake Champlain
16	James Biddle	28 Feb. 1815	on leave of absence
17	Charles G. Ridgely	28 Feb. 1815	on leave of absence
18	Robert Trail Spence	28 Feb. 1815	Commanding Naval Officer, Baltimore
19	Daniel T. Patterson	28 Feb. 1815	Fleet Captain, Mediterranean Squadron
20	Melancthon T. Woolsey	27 April 1816	Commanding Officer, CONSTELLATION
21	John O. Creighton	27 April 1816	Commanding Officer, CYANE
22	John Downes	5 March 1817	Commanding Officer, GUERRIERE
23	John D. Henley	5 March 1817	Commanding Officer, MACEDONIAN
24	Jesse D. Elliott	27 March 1818	ordered as Commanding Officer, ONTARIO
25	Robert Henley	3 March 1825	Commanding Officer, Naval Rendezvous, Norfolk
26	Stephen Cassin	3 March 1825	waiting orders
27	James Renshaw	3 March 1825	Commandant, Navy Yard, Gosport, Va.
28	Thomas Brown	3 March 1825	Commanding Officer, Naval Rendezvous, Philadelphia
29	Charles C.B. Thompson	3 March 1825	Commanding Officer, Naval Rendezvous, Boston
30	Alexander S. Wadsworth	3 March 1825	Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
31	George W. Rodgers	3 March 1825	Navy Yard, New York
32	George C. Read	3 March 1825	on leave of absence
33	Henry E. Ballard	3 March 1825	Commanding Officer, Naval Rendezvous, New York

MASTER COMMANDANTS (27)

<u>No. in</u>		<u>Date of</u>	
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Present Duty or Station</u>
1	David Deacon	10 Dec. 1814	Commanding Officer, ERIE
2	Lewis Alexis	10 Dec. 1814	on furlough
3	Sidney Smith	28 Feb. 1815	on leave of absence
4	Samuel Woodhouse	27 April 1816	Commanding Officer, Receiving Ship ALERT, Norfolk
5	William Carter	27 April 1816	Commanding Officer, PEACOCK
6	Joseph J. Nicholson	5 March 1817	Navy Yard, Philadelphia
7	Wolcott Chauncey	5 March 1817	on leave of absence
8	Edmund P. Kennedy	5 March 1817	Commanding Officer, HORNET
9	Alexander J. Dallas	5 March 1817	Commanding Officer, JOHN ADAMS
10	John B. Nicholson	5 March 1817	Commanding Officer, ONTARIO
11	Beekman V. Hoffman	5 March 1817	New York Station
12	Jesse Wilkinson	18 April 1818	Norfolk Station
13	George Budd	28 March 1820	Commanding Naval Officer, Erie, Penn.
14	Thomas Ap Catesby Jones	28 March 1820	Inspector of Ordnance for the Navy
15	John Porter	28 March 1820	Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N.H.
16	William Bolton Finch	28 March 1820	on leave of absence
17	William B. Shubrick	28 March 1820	Commandant, Navy Yard, Charlestown, Mass.
18	Benjamin W. Booth	28 March 1820	New York Station
19	Alexander Claxton	28 March 1820	Commanding Officer, Naval Rendezvous, Baltimore
20	Charles W. Morgan	15 April 1820	Executive Officer, NORTH CAROLINA
21	Lawrence Kearny	3 March 1825	on a survey of coast
22	Foxhall A. Parker	3 March 1825	on leave of absence
23	Edward R. McCall	3 March 1825	Philadelphia Station
24	Daniel Turner	3 March 1825	on leave of absence
25	David Conner	3 March 1825	on leave of absence
26	John Gallagher	3 March 1825	Commanding Officer, SHARK
27	Thomas H. Stevens	3 March 1825	on leave of absence

The Ships of the Navy (by far not all were in commission)

7 Line of battle ships	INDEPENDENCE (74) WASHINGTON (74) FRANKLIN (74) COLUMBUS (74) OHIO (74) NORTH CAROLINA (74) DELAWARE (74)
5 Frigates of the first class	CONSTITUTION (44) UNITED STATES (44) GUERRIERE (44) JAVA (44) POTOMAC (44)
4 Frigates of the second class	CONGRESS (36) CONSTELLATION (36) MACEDONIAN (36) FULTON (30) (steam frigate)
2 Corvettes	JOHN ADAMS (24) CYANE (24)
5 Sloops of war	HORNET (18) ONTARIO (18) ERIE (18) PEACOCK (18) ALERT (18) – used as a store ship –
1 Brig	SPARK (12)
8 Schooners	NONSUCH (12) PORPOISE (12) DOLPHIN (12) SHARK (12) GRAMPUS (12) BEAGLE (3) FOX (3) TERRIER (3)
+ smaller vessels	
