



Introduction to the United States Marine Corps History



Purpose

- This lesson discusses how, when, where, the Marine Corps was founded, to include a few of its early battles.
- The purpose of this lesson is to introduce you to the rich and varied history of the Marine Corps



Lesson Objectives

- Identify the birth date of the Marine Corps
- Identify the first Marine Corps Recruiter
- Identify the birth place of the Marine Corps
- Identify the first Commandant of the MC
- Identify the first amphibious landing
- Identify the Marine Corps early traditions
- Identify the origin of the Mameluke sword

Our Lineage





2nd Continental Congress 1775





Marine Corps

- The 2nd Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that “two Battalions of Marines be raised” for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution, sponsored by John Adams, established the Continental Marines and marked the birthdate of the United States Marine Corps. November 10, 1775.



The Beginning

The Resolution

“Resolved that two battalions of Marines be raised, and that particular care be taken, that no persons be appointed to office, or enlisted into said battalions, such are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea, when required...that they be enlisted and commissioned for the present war between Great Britain and the colonies, unless dismissed by Congress. That they be distinguished by the names of the 1st and 2nd battalions of American Marines.”



1st Marine Corps Recruiter

- Captain Nicholas set up shop in Tun Tavern.
- Appointed Robert Mullen - proprietor of the tavern
- Chief Marine Recruiter
- Was commissioned a Captain



Birthplace of the Marine Corps

Tun Tavern





1st Marine Commandant

- Serving on land and at sea, the 1st Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations, including their first amphibious raid into New Providence, Bahamas on 3 March 1776, under the command of Captain Samuel Nicholas.

Samuel Nicholas



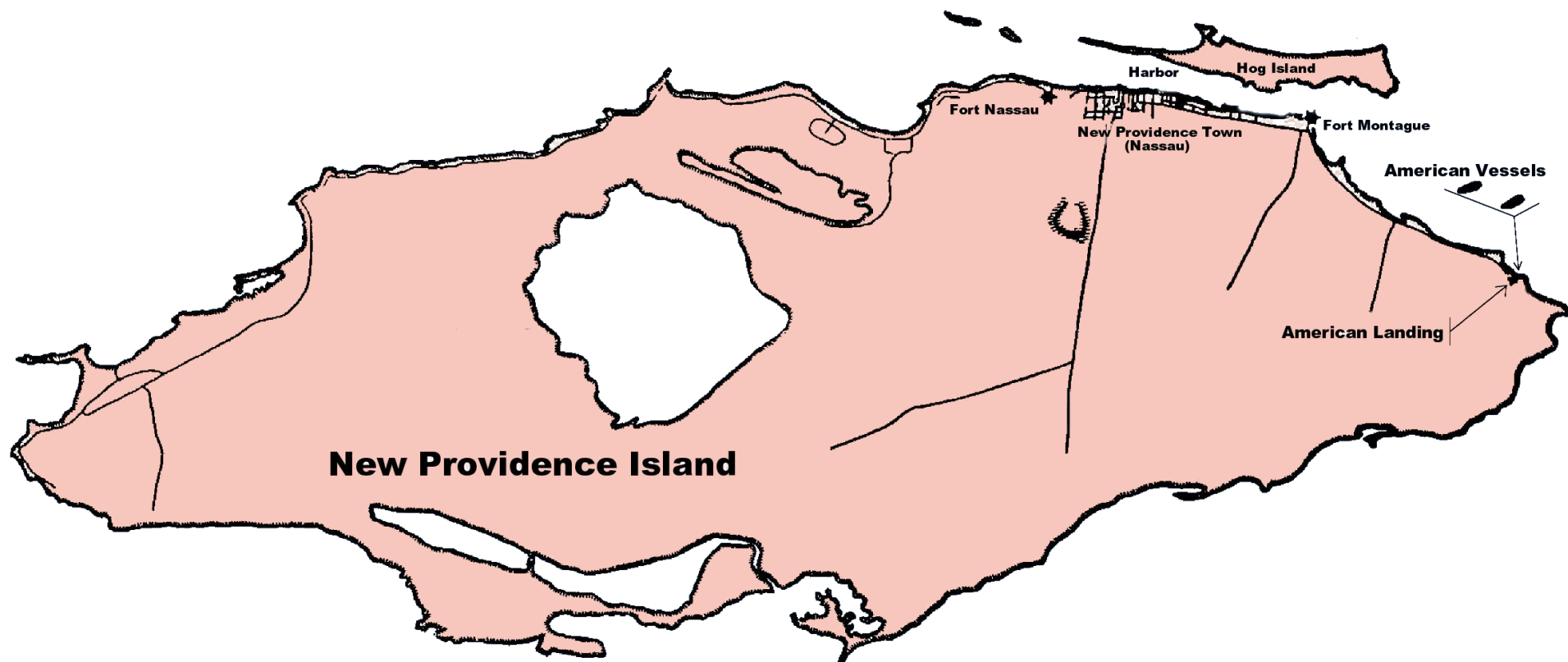
Father of the U.S. Marine Corp

Samuel Nicholas (1744-1790) of Pennsylvania was the first commissioned officer of the U.S. Continental Marines — and considered the first commandant of the Marine Corp — and participated in the Battles of Nassau, Trenton and Princeton.



New Providence, Bahamas

The Assault on New Providence "Battle of Nassau"





Forts on New Providence, Bahamas



Fort Montague



Fort Nassau



Early Traditions

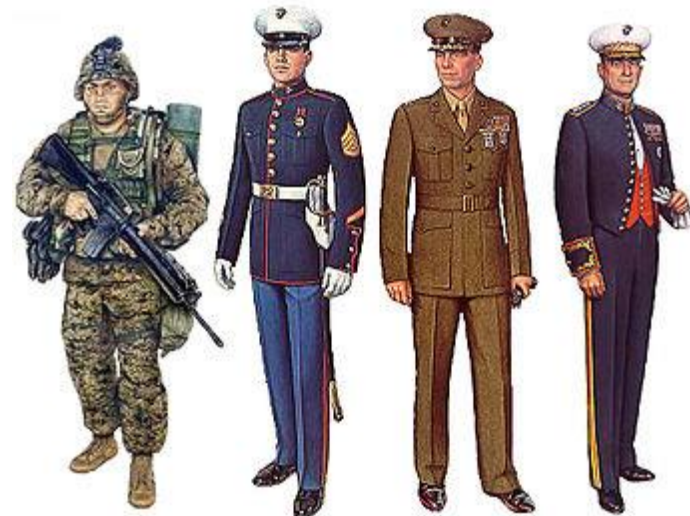
- Quarterfoil – A cross-shaped braid atop the officer's frame type "barracks" cover.
 - Been in existence since 1859
 - Design is of French origin
 - Is a distinguishing part of the Marine Officer's uniform.





Early Traditions

- Leatherneck – is a leather stock, or neckpiece which was worn to protect the neck from the enemy sword blades.
 - Part of the Marine Corps Uniform from 1775-1875





Barbary Pirate Wars 1801 - 1804



THE BARBARY STATES



Mameluke Sword





Mameluke Sword (Video)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHbP-aaC7V4>



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