THE
FREE SEA
The American Fight for Freedom of the Sea

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Quasi War
War of 1812
Barbary Wars
World Wars
Tonkin Gulf
USS Pueblo
SS Mayaguez
Tanker War
Gulf of Sidra
Black Sea
Independence to Barbary Wars

U.S. Frigate *Constellation* captures French Frigate *Insurgente*, February 1799

USS *Philadelphia* burns in Tripoli Harbor, 1804
World Wars
Gulf of Tonkin (1964)

- Aug. 2, 4, 1964
- DeSoto Patrols
- Gulf of Tonkin Res.
  - “All necessary measures”
- Indochina wars
USS Pueblo (1968)
SS Mayaguez (1975)
FON Program (1979)

- 3 elements
  - Diplomatic demarches
  - Military-to-military engagement
  - Operational assertions
Libya 1986

- Berlin nightclub
- Rome, Vienna airports
- Line of Death

Sunday—U.S. forces on maneuvers in international waters off Gulf of Sidra

Monday, 3:19 p.m.—Second Libyan patrol boat leaves port and is attacked by U.S. aircraft

Monday, 1 p.m.—U.S. aircraft fire missiles at Libyan missile patrol boat; no apparent survivors

Monday, 6:52 a.m.—12:14 p.m.—Libya fires six missiles at U.S. aircraft

Monday, 2 p.m.—U.S. aircraft fire missiles at Libyan missile base, knocking out its radar
Iran (1987-88)