

OPENING 11/10/20

Good evening. Let me read something from our website calendar page from November 10<sup>th</sup>.

This day in history...

“Contrary to the understanding of many Americans, the surrender of British General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia in October, 1781 did not end the Revolutionary War. It was a pivotal point, but hostilities continued for two more years and a preliminary peace treaty was not signed until November 20, 1782, more than a year after Cornwallis' surrender.

Ten days earlier than the signing of the peace treaty on November 10, 1782, the last battle of the American Revolution is fought as American militiamen attacked Shawnee villages near Chillicothe, Ohio in retaliation for attacks by Loyalists and their native American allies. General George Rogers Clark and over a thousand militiamen on horseback attacked and burned several Shawnee villages and defeated them decisively.”

A side note: George's younger brother William was one of the leaders of the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804.

Advancing up the timeline...

Today marks the founding day of the US Marine Corps , founded on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1775. The Marine Corps has been a part of the US Department of the Navy since June 30<sup>th</sup> 1834, and has a coequal status with the Navy.

The Marine Corps started when two battalions of Continental Marines were formed on November 10<sup>th</sup> 1775 in Philadelphia as a service branch capable of fighting both at sea and on shore. It was founded by Captain Samuel Nicholas by a resolution of the second Continental Congress. Their first amphibious landing was at the Battle of Nassau in the Bahamas. They also fought at the Battle of Princeton, and most know, during the First Barbary War between 1801 and 1805. The Marines also held the center line under General and future President Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. Their contribution in the Pacific during WWII secured our victory against the Imperial Forces of Japan. We honor the US Marine Corps today.

Which leads me to tonight's main event.