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- * Landed in the Bahamas on March 3, 1776, on their first expedition, bringing ashore with them the Grand Union flag and a Rattlesnake flag.
- * Helped to defend the flag in the sea fight between the Bon Homme Richard and the Serapis, September 23, 1779, when John Paul Jones made his defiant retort: "I have not yet begun to fight."
- * Carried the Stars and Stripes to the "Shores of Tripoli" where it was hoisted at Derne, April 27, 1805, the first time our flag was flown over a fortress of the Old World.
- * Took part in the defense of Fort McHenry during the night of September 13, 1814, where, on the following morning, our flag inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star-Spangled Banner.
- * Raised Old Glory to the breeze, over the Custom House at Monterey, California, while U.S. naval vessels in the harbor fired a twenty-one gun salute on July 7, 1846.
- * Marched with General Quitman's division when it entered "Halls of Montezuma," in Mexico City, and hoisted the Stars and Stripes on September 14, 1847.
- * Unfurled the National flag at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, when they landed there on June 10, 1898, and held the surrounding terrain as a base for the U. S. Navy.
- * Accepted surrender of the island of Guam, when along with the bluejackets of the U.S. Navy, they witnessed the lowering of the Spanish flag, and raised the Stars and Stripes, June 20, 1898.
- * Took part in the special ceremonies when the Stars and Stripes were first raised over American Samoa in the Samoan Islands on April 17, 1900.
- * As a part of the Allied Relief Expedition who raised the siege of the Allied Legations in China during the Boxer Rebellion, in July and August 1900, hoisted the Stars and Stripes over the Walled City of Tientsin in July, 1900, and over the Tartar City (Pekin) wall in August 1900, and later hoisted it on the ruins of Pekin's Chien Men Gate as a signal to the other Allied Forces that the Imperial City had fallen.
- * Fought side by side with the bluejackets of the U. S. Navy when they came ashore at Vera Cruz, Mexico, on April 21, 1914, later raising the National Flag at a special ceremony.
- * On August 7, 1942, the Stars and Stripes were flown over Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in the first offensive of American forces in the Second World War. This flag was raised over the United States Capitol on November 10, 1943, the 168th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, as an answer to the Japanese boast that the Rising Sun flag would fly over the capital city while they dictated peace terms in the White House.
- * After Guadalcanal, the Marines planted the Stars and Stripes on Bougainville and Tarawa, November 1943; Cape Gloucester, December 1943; Marshall Islands, February 1944; Marianas Islands, June and July 1944; Peleliu, September 1944; Iwo Jima, February 1945; Okinawa, April 1945; and Japan, August 1945.
- * As a part of United Nations forces in Korea, 1950—1953, Marines carried our flag from the Pusan Perimeter north through Inchon-Seoul to the Chosin Reservoir and Hamburg.

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