

NAVY DAY

Navy Day was inaugurated in 1922 by the Navy League of the United States and its observance is sponsored annually by the League.

October 27th was selected because it is the anniversary of the birth of President Theodore Roosevelt, so much of whose life was devoted to establishing a sound naval policy for the United States of America. It will be remembered that President Theodore Roosevelt first achieved a national reputation by writing a naval history of the War of 1812, a work of such merit that it was incorporated into Clowe's Royal Navy, a monumental history of the British Sea Service. Later, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and finally as President, Roosevelt bent his tremendous energies to impress upon the American people the necessity for an adequate Navy, and endeavored through his leadership to realize this ideal.

October is also the month in which the American Navy was founded in 1775 by the Continental Congress.

In addition to paying a deserved tribute to the sea heroes of the Nation and recalling the splendid part the Navy has played in making and keeping us a Nation, the Navy Day observance has proved a valuable means of fostering a better understanding of the Navy and its work. Such information, in a country where government is by public opinion, is essential to the formation of correct judgments affecting naval policy, and in this work of information the Navy Day observance has played a considerable part.