

HISTORIC FACTS

1941

- **Japanese Naval air units from four aircraft carriers attacked Pearl Harbor without warning on December 7, 1941.**
- On April 15 Igor Sikorsky piloted a Vought-Sikorsky helicopter on a flight of 1 hour 5 minutes 14.5 seconds at Stratford, Conn. .



Death of the Battle Ship Arizona

Other Facts from 1941

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Songs From 1941

“ChattanoogaChooChoo”
“Bewitched”

Average annual income	\$1,777
New car	\$850
Loaf of bread	\$0.08
Gallon of milk	\$0.54
Gallon of gas	\$0.12

Dow Jones Average 121

- **The Battle of Midway Island took place on June 4-5, 1942 and was a US victory. This battle was also the turning point of naval dominance in the Pacific during World War II.**
- On April 18 Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle led the first air raid on Tokyo using 16 North American B-25 bombers launched from the carrier *USS Hornet*.



Heavy Japanese Cruiser Mikuma sunk at Battle of Midway

Other Facts from 1942

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Songs From 1942	Average annual income	\$1,885
“That Old Black Magic”	New car	\$920
“White Christmas”	Loaf of bread	\$0.09
	Gallon of milk	\$0.60
	Gallon of gas	\$0.15
	Dow Jones Average	107

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1945

- **World War II ends on August 14 with the unconditional surrender of Japan. The Instrument of Surrender was signed on September 2, 1945 aboard the battleship *USS Missouri*.**
- On August 6 the first atomic bomb was dropped from a B-29 on Hiroshima. The second atomic bomb was dropped on August 9 on Nagasaki.



The Japanese surrender delegation lead by Foreign Minister Shigemitsu and Army Chief-of-Staff Umezu on the quarter-deck of Missouri

Other Facts from 1945

Songs From 1945

“You’ll Never Walk Alone”
“New York, New York”

**President: Franklin D. Roosevelt
and Harry Truman**

Average annual income	\$2,390
New car	\$1,025

Loaf of bread	\$0.09
Gallon of milk	\$0.62
Gallon of gas	\$0.15

Dow Jones Average 169

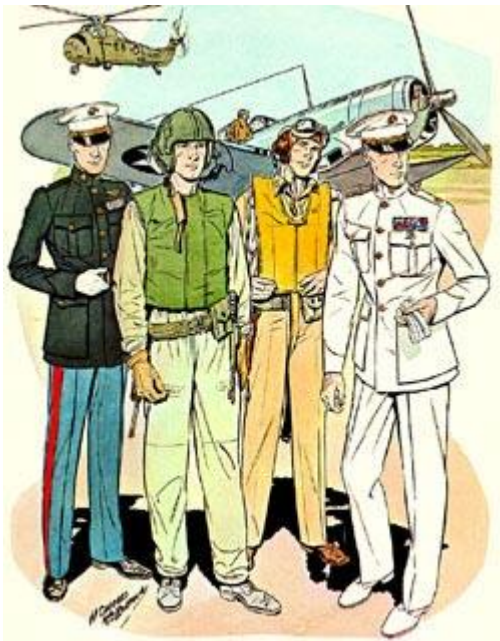
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1947

- On July 26, President Truman signed the Armed Forces Unification Act, creating the Air Force coequal with the army and the Navy
- On October 14, the first level supersonic flight was made by Capt. Charles E. Yeager in a Bell X-1; the Mach number achieved was 1.06.



Bell XS-1 proving supersonic flight at Mach = 1.06. NASA photo



U.S. Marine Corps, 1936 to 1970

Other Facts from 1947

President: Harry Truman

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1950

- North Korea invades South Korea on June 25. The United Nations send troops from 16 countries against North Korea
- The first all-jet dog fight took place on November 8. A USAF F-80 piloted by Lt. J. R. Brown downed a MIG-15 over Korea.



Lockheed F-80 (was P-80)
"Shooting Star"

Other Facts from 1950

President: Harry Truman

Songs From 1950

"Mona Lisa"
"Good Night Irene"

Average annual income	\$3,216
New car	\$1,511
Loaf of bread	\$0.14
Gallon of milk	\$0.84
Gallon of gas	\$0.18

Dow Jones Average 216