

APPENDIX

(From the Circular of the Navy League, the numbers being added for reference.)

SIXTY-SEVEN REASONS FOR A STRONG NAVY

The navy legislation of pressing importance referred to, naturally involves the consideration of why the United States should maintain a strong navy, and we therefore respectfully submit for your consideration the following sixty-seven reasons and aphorisms bearing thereon:

SEA POWER AND HISTORY

1. Sea power was indispensable to the success of the War of the Revolution.
2. The navy suppressed the war on commerce by the Pirates of the Barbary States.
3. The navy fought and won the War of 1812.
4. The Union was preserved, and the outcome of the War of Secession was determined, as much by the blockading navy as by the army of the North.
5. National humiliation to the United States following naval weakness was illustrated by the humiliating treatment accorded to American seamen in Cuba by Spain in 1873.
6. The navy decided the outcome of the Spanish War, which would never have taken place had Spain known our navy's strength.
7. England's navy has given Great Britain uninterrupted peace on the water for nearly one hundred years and her shores have not been successfully invaded for nearly a thousand years.