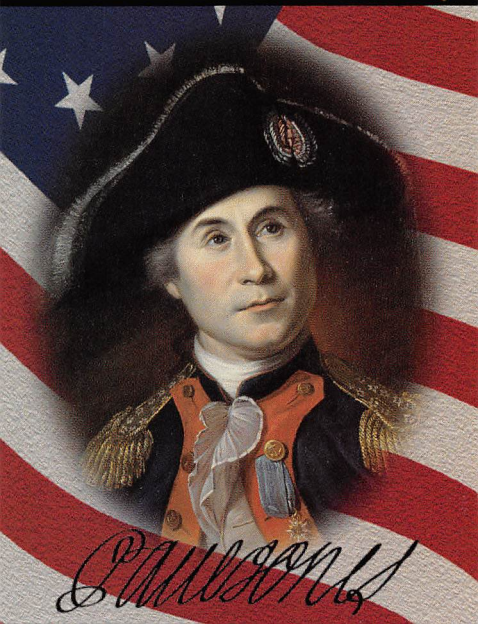


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John Paul Jones

b. Kirkbean, Scotland, 7/6/1747; d. Paris, 7/18/1792.



Jones became an officer in the Continental Navy early in the Revolution. He proved to be America's most famous fighting sailor. He launched the first attack on British soil in over a century in 1778. Jones often sailed under orders from Ben Franklin in France. As commander of the *Bonhomme Richard*, he won an epic battle over the *Serapis*, even though his own ship eventually sank.

"I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast... for I intend to go in harm's way."