

Patriot



David Farragot

Irish-Spanish-American

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1801 - 1870

Farragut served as a midshipman and later served in the war of 1812 at the age of 10.

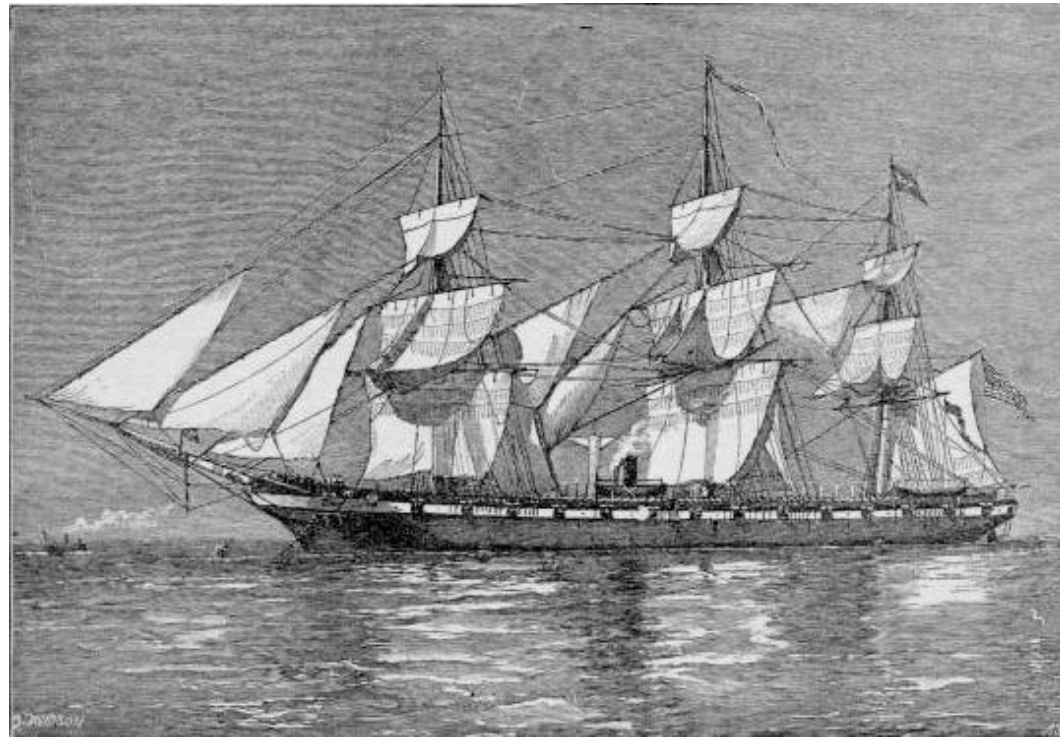
Thereafter he rose to the rank of captain, but saw little combat until he was past 60.



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Farragut's
Flagship



The
Hartford

At the start of the civil war, he was given command of the Western Gulf Blockading Squadron and ordered to open the mouth of the Mississippi by taking New Orleans.

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On April 25, 1862, Farragut arrived at the city of New Orleans and it was captured five days later. His success gave the North a much needed confidence boost.

On August 5, 1864, Farragut sailed to Mobile, Alabama and slipped past the defenses and sunk the Confederate Warships in the area - effectively closing the Confederates last major Gulf port.

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Farragut's success in the Gulf gave him great fame. As a result, in 1964, Congress **created** the rank of vice-admiral just for him. In July of 1966, he was promoted to Admiral.



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“Old Salamander”

As a result of running his ships under heavy enemy fire between New Orleans’ forts, he was given the nickname **“Old Salamander”**.

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“Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!”

During the Battle of Mobile Bay, Farragut’s fleet was entering the Bay. He was warned that the waters was filled with rebel torpedoes. Those around him encouraged him to slow down. Focused on his duty, he ordered what has become the famous line

“Damn the Torpedoes! Full Speed Ahead!”

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