The cutter Pickering captured 10 prizes, one of which carried 44 guns and 200 men, three times her own force.

The Eagle, recaptured the American vessels Nancy and Mehitable in a memorable fight in 1799 with the French privateer, Revenge.

The cutter Jefferson captured the first prize of this war.

One of the most hotly contested battles was between the cutter Surveyor and the British frigate Narcissis. The Surveyor was eventually captured, but the British captain praised the gallantry of the American crew.

One of the most dramatic engagements was the defense of the cutter Eagle against the attack of the British brig Dispatch and an accompanying sloop.

After combat skirmishes with American and Mexican troops over the Texas southwestern boundary, Congress declared war with Mexico on May 13, 1846. Mexicos declaration of war with the U.S. occurred on May 23rd.

The cutter Harriet Lane took part in the expedition to Fort Sumter in 1861 to patrol the coast for commerce raiders and provide fire support for troops ashore. The Harriet Lane is credited with firing the first naval shots of the Civil War.

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1898

Spanish-American War

Spain declared war on the U.S. on April 24, 1898, a consequence of our intervention in the Spain/Cuba crisis.