1812 Marine Uniform vs. 1812 Ordinary Seaman Uniform



Marine Private Uniform

War of 1812

With its bright buttons and decorative trim, the Marines' War of 1812 dress uniform made a statement. It gave the man who wore it a professional attitude, and projected American military power for all to see.



Ordinary Seaman Uniform

War of 1812

The sailor's blue jacket and white trousers were emblems of his trade. Practical and durable, his clothes were ideally suited to shipboard labor. Working men everywhere wore tall round hats.