



American Latino Heritage



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One of the most famous naval commanders in American history is David Farragut, born to a Spanish father and an American mother. He served in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, and was 60 when the Civil War broke out. In the midst of battle, Farragut showed his loyalty to the Union by uttering the order that has been famously paraphrased as “Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!”