

Top Ten Reasons Why President Teddy Roosevelt is a Winner!

Theodore Roosevelt was our nation's 26th president. He is one of only four presidents to have the distinct honor of participating in the Washington Nationals presidents' race at its 81 home games each year. Unfortunately, it took him 525 appearances to win. The Navy League of the United States is non-partisan, so we won't speculate on why this happened.

Please see the following top 10 reasons why President Teddy Roosevelt is a winner!

10 – Teddy was one of the original Rough Riders of the Spanish-American War and is the only U.S. president to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

9 – Teddy dispatched the Great White Fleet; a fleet of sixteen battleships that circumnavigated the globe in the early 20th century demonstrating the flexibility and capability of America's Navy – a characteristic it still has today.

8 – Teddy played a key role in the establishment of our National Park System.

7 – Teddy had both a submarine and an aircraft carrier named after him.

6 – Teddy was a serious historian – especially when it came to naval warfare. His book "The Naval War of 1812," was one of the most influential works on the War of 1812, and to this day remains the standard study of the War.

5 – Before Teddy was a president, he also served as Vice-president, Governor of New York, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, New York State Assemblyman, a Colonel in the Army, and New York City police commissioner.

4 – Teddy is known for his peace through power approach - the phrase "Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far" can be attributed to him.

3 – Teddy not only survived an assassination attempt, he also gave a 90-minute speech before seeking medical attention for the bullet lodged in his chest. If he can do this, doesn't he deserve to win a race?

2- Teddy won the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in helping to end the Russo-Japanese War.

1 – Teddy encouraged the establishment of the Navy League of the United States. He realized the importance of having an organization composed of Americans that would support and advocate for a strong sea service – today's Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S.-Flag Merchant Marine.

We would also like to point out that among Teddy Roosevelt's many accomplishments, besides being a great leader, he was one of the country's greatest supporters of America's maritime security, ensuring the world's Freedom of the Seas!