

# Re: Antarctic and Lunar property rights. . . a modest proposal

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On Mon, 06 Feb 2006 02:38:47 GMT, in a place far, far away, [simberg.interglobal@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:simberg.interglobal@xxxxxxxxxx) (Rand Simberg) made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

What was the date of the celebrated action at Tripoli? I thought it was a little later than that.

A little. The war against them started fully in the Mediterranean under the Jefferson administration (though the Continental Congress initially allocated funds toward the effort as early as 1784, even prior to the existence of the present US), about the turn of the nineteenth century, and ended about 1815, I believe.

[after a little more research]

D'oh!!

Actually, the 1784 appropriation was actually for a tribute to them (the custom at the time), so we were appeasing them, too (which probably made sense at the time, given the fragility and instability of the new government). But once we passed the Constitution, we started to raise money for a Navy, which resulted in the actions starting in 1801.

Damned rednecks.

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