

MARYLAND WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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OVERVIEW



Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Chair Chip Mason, Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, Sen. Benjamin Cardin, Gov. Martin O'Malley, and Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake participated with former Superintendent Gay Vietzke at the ribbon-cutting for Fort McHenry's new Visitor and Education Center. Photo credit: Mark Dennis, Office of the Mayor, City of Baltimore

Created under Executive Order by Governor O'Malley in September 2007, the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission (Commission) is charged with coordinating a multi-year initiative to commemorate the bicentennial of the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812. Its mission is to stimulate and coordinate investment in the commemoration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812 for maximum benefit to Marylanders.

From Nov. 1, 2010 through Oct. 31, 2011, the Commission has continued to carry out the goals and objectives outlined in *Star-Spangled 200: A National Bicentennial in Maryland*. The Commission's four goals - inclusion and statewide participation, resource stewardship, education, and tourism and economic development – are at the core of its bicentennial planning and projects.

In the past twelve months, the Commission has worked with stakeholders statewide to cultivate partnerships with local organizations at the county and regional level to stimulate bicentennial projects. Local planning groups have been established in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, the Eastern Shore (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, and Talbot Counties), Prince George's County, Southern Maryland (Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties), and the Upper Bay (Cecil and Harford Counties).

With the establishment of the Commission's non-profit affiliate Star-Spangled 200, Inc. (SS200) in 2010, a major focus in 2011 has been fundraising. SS200 is leading the effort to raise \$25 million for the War of 1812 bicentennial in Maryland. In 2012, proceeds from the sale of the Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coins, issued through the U.S. Mint, will provide up to \$8.5 million dollars to the Commission. All private contributions to SS200 will go towards the required match to leverage an equal amount of coin surcharge proceeds.

The anticipated use of these funds over the next four years is as follows:

- \$12.5 million for matching grants for resource preservation, education, and community revitalization projects;
- \$10 million for bicentennial programs and events; and
- \$2.5 million for operating costs.

In 2011, the Commission grew to 15 members when Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker joined the group. The Commission now includes:

- **Chair:** Raymond A. "Chip" Mason, Founder, Legg Mason, Inc.
- **Vice-Chair:** U.S. Senator Paul S. Sarbanes
- Rushern Baker, County Executive, Prince George's County
- Michael E. Busch, Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates
- Atwood "Woody" Collins III, President and COO, M&T Bank Mid-Atlantic
- T. Eloise Foster, Secretary, Maryland Department of Budget and Management
- John R. Griffin, Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Richard E. Hall, Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning
- Christian Johansson, Secretary, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development
- Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President, Maryland Senate
- J. Scott Plank, Executive Vice President, Under Armour, Inc.
- Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor, Baltimore City
- Albert Small, President, Southern Engineering
- Robert Stevens, Chairman, President and CEO, Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Beverley Swaim-Staley, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller hosted the third meeting of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission on Dec. 15, 2010 at the Miller Senate Building in Annapolis. With Gov. Martin O'Malley in attendance, the group discussed regional planning efforts, transportation and capital infrastructure projects, and the development of SS200 - the Commission's companion nonprofit that is leading the fundraising efforts.

Gov. Martin O'Malley was also present at the fourth Commission meeting on June 13, 2011 at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine. The agenda of the meeting included fundraising strategies, commemorative coin designs, regional planning efforts, and upcoming events and programs.

PLAN OF ACTION UPDATES



Chicago's skyline comes into view on Aug. 10, 2011 as the Pride of Baltimore II approaches the city. Photo by Captain Jan Miles.

Below is a summary of the Commission's major accomplishments in 2011, arranged by the Advisory Committee responsible for the action.

DEVELOPMENT AND SPONSOR RELATIONS

The Development and Sponsor Relations Committee will ensure there is sufficient support and financial resources for the Commission and its partners to implement high priority activities and events.

- **Two staff members join Star-Spangled 200, Inc.**

Seeded with contributions of \$25,000 each from Commission Chair Chip Mason and Commissioner Scott Plank, SS200 filled two positions: Ann K. Beegle is the executive director and Jill Feinberg is the communications and public relations director. Beegle is the former executive director of the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House. She had also served as chief of staff for Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith. Feinberg, the former conference and tourism director for Baltimore County, previously worked in communications and marketing for UMBC and Marriott International. Treseler Marketing & Business Development is the fund-raising consultant that will be assisting SS200.

- **Over \$25 million invested in 1812 projects**

To date, since the establishment of the Commission in 2007, over \$25 million of federal, state, local, and private funds have supported War of 1812 related projects statewide. Projects range from a \$14.4 million capital project for the new Fort McHenry Visitor Center to \$6,500 invested in the Southern Maryland 1812 Map and Guide. Total investments include \$15 million from federal sources, \$8 million from the State of Maryland; \$2 million from local governments, and \$100,000 in private funding.

- **Designs for Commemorative Coin chosen**

The Commission selected four designs for the Star-Spangled Banner commemorative coins, expected to be issued by the U.S. Mint in March 2012. The designs – for the obverse and reverse of the gold and silver coins – reflect four themes for the coin, the Battle of Baltimore, the war at sea, the flag and the National Anthem. The Commission considered the recommendations of the Commission

of Fine Arts and the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee. Final approval of the designs is expected to be made by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner by Nov. 15, 2011.

- **M&T Bank Line of Credit to SS200**

The Commission and SS200 successfully applied for and secured a \$1 million line of credit to SS200 from M&T Bank to assist with SS200's start-up costs.

RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP AND VISITOR EXPERIENCE

The Resource Stewardship and Visitor Experience Committee will identify and assess the condition of the resource base; craft a future vision for the Star-Spangled visitor experience; identify investment priorities for resource stewardship and visitor experience; and ensure a robust post-bicentennial legacy.

- **Commission grants promote upcoming bicentennial**

The Commission established a grant program for capital and non-capital projects related to the bicentennial observance. Nonprofit organizations and local, state and federal government agencies are eligible to apply for matching grants in an amount of up to \$250,000. The initial application period was from Sept. 1 to Nov. 1. Awards are projected to be announced Feb. 2012. Subsequent grant cycles will be held with application deadlines in May 2012; Nov. 2012; May 2013; Nov. 2013; and May 2014. Eligible projects include: capital projects (site or property acquisition, development, restoration, pre-development, and archeology, in addition to design, fabrication and installation of permanent exhibits) and non-capital projects (planning, design, interpretation, programming and events). Surcharges from the U.S. Mint's sale of bicentennial commemorative coins and private contributions made to SS200 will fund the program. For the inaugural round, 34 applications from 10 counties (including Baltimore City) were submitted requesting \$2,984,983 with total project costs of \$16,177,382.

- **Fort McHenry dedicates new Visitor Center**

On March 3, Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine (Fort McHenry) hosted the grand opening of its new Visitor and Education Center. The evening ceremony was held on the 80th anniversary of the date The Star-Spangled Banner officially became the National Anthem -- March 3, 1931. Gov. Martin O'Malley and other officials -- including former Sen. Paul Sarbanes, Sen. Benjamin Cardin, Rep. John Sarbanes, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake -- spoke at the event. The 17,000 square-foot center is triple the size of the previous center at Fort McHenry. It houses exhibits, an auditorium, staff offices, a bookstore and a library in a state-of-the-art "green" building. As of Nov. 1, visitation to the Fort was up 19% over the previous year.

- **NPS holds public meetings for SSB Trail**

The National Park Service held a second round of regional public workshops concerning a 20-year plan for developing and managing the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and the Star-Spangled Banner Byway. Meetings were held in Bladensburg, Queenstown, Havre de Grace, Baltimore, and Huntingtown. Following the meetings, NPS set-up a month-long review period for public comment on the proposed trail concepts. The trail's interpretative plan is also now complete and includes suggestions and themes for War of 1812 interpretation. A template for creating individual interpretation plans is available for stakeholders.

- **Water-trail plan looks at possible upgrades**

A new water-trail plan for the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail identifies 11 strategic areas along the trail where increased access, stewardship and interpretation could enhance visitor experiences. The plan calls for a total investment of \$3.33 million. Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network and the Maryland Office of Tourism Development provided funding for the plan's development, which was coordinated by the Commission.

- Tourism study in progress at North Point State Battlefield**
 The National Park Service, at the request of Baltimore County, is developing a site plan that will promote tourism at North Point State Battlefield. The Park Service has invested \$30,000 to retain a team of landscape architects to study the nine-acre parcel.
- Legislature authorizes funding for 1812 sites**
 Three War of 1812 sites will receive funding through bond bills approved by the Maryland General Assembly. Todd's Inheritance, a farmstead used as an American courier station during the Battle of North Point, will receive \$175,000. The Star–Spangled Banner Flag House -- where Mary Pickersgill lived and made the Star-Spangled Banner flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore -- will receive \$150,000 to be used for site preservation. And, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area will receive \$125,000 to create a Battle of Bladensburg Visitor Center and Monument. Awards for each project require dollar-for-dollar matching funds.
- Restoration of Baltimore's Battle Monument**
 Baltimore City's Commission for Historical & Architectural Preservation restored the Battle Monument (located downtown on Calvert Street by the courthouse) in preparation for the War of 1812 bicentennial commemoration. The monument, which honors the 39 defenders who died in the war, is the official emblem of the city.
- Eastern Shore site saved from development**
 The Archaeological Conservancy, a national nonprofit dedicated to obtaining and preserving archaeological sites across the U.S., acquired Fort Stokes, a War of 1812 site in Easton. This protects the fort from future development projects. The fort, which has a series of earthworks with placements for large cannons, was built to defend Easton during the war. It is believed to be the only known earthen fort remaining on the Eastern Shore.
- Baltimore heritage area completes site reports**
 The Baltimore National Heritage Area has developed visitor-experience analysis studies for three sites: the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House, Maryland Historical Society and Patterson Park. The studies can help site managers acquire funding and other support for program enhancements and site improvements.

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

The Education and Curriculum Committee will ensure the development of a model social studies curriculum specifically on the War of 1812, its impact on Maryland, and the diverse people who fought, supported and participated in the defense of the state and the nation.

- New Teacher Resource Guide developed**
 Baltimore National Heritage Area, the National Park Service, and the American Flag Foundation created a teacher's resource guide – *The Defense of a Nation: Maryland's Role in the War of 1812* – that contains lesson plans, field-trip information, and curriculum connections. It is available for download from www.starspangled200.org/Resources/. The project was supported with funding from the Maryland Humanities Council.
- 1812 Virtual Resource Center project underway**
 Fort McHenry, together with the Friends of Fort McHenry and trail staff, are developing a Virtual Resource Center, to be hosted by Maryland Public Television. This will provide a highly searchable online database that links images, video clips, primary sources, music, and other material, providing a valuable resource and research tool for teachers, students, historians, and Trail users. The Virtual Resource Center is projected to go live June 2012.
- Professional development training held around the region**

Teacher training workshops related to newly developed 1812 lesson plans have taken place in Baltimore City, and Baltimore, Harford, Cecil and Prince George's Counties. The National Park Service has been working with the Maryland Department of Education to integrate War of 1812 lesson plans into the new state-wide Social Studies Curriculum.

- **Museum receives funding from Teaching American History grant**

The Calvert Marine Museum is part of a group that received a three-year *Teaching American History* grant from the U.S. Department of Education for master teachers to acquire intensive, field-based experience in four periods of American history. The Museum will focus on the War of 1812 and will be working with Dr. Ralph Eshelman, author of *The War of 1812 in the Chesapeake*, and Donald Shomette, author of *Flotilla: The Patuxent Naval Campaign in the War of 1812*. The museum plans to offer four courses each year over the next three years. The museum also plans to host a large training workshop in November 2011.

- **Young Defenders descend on Fort McHenry**

Over 1200 Baltimore City students participated in Fort McHenry's Young Defenders' Day on Sept. 9. Young Defenders, the largest curriculum-based educational program at the Fort, is sponsored by the Friends of Fort McHenry, Living Classrooms Foundation and National Park Service. Students learn about the defense of Baltimore in 1814 and the writing of the National Anthem. Students actively participate in flag talks, serve on a cannon crew, "drill" as U.S. soldiers, tour the fort, experience civilian life, and learn about Maryland's African-American defenders in 1814.

- **Historical Society offers greater access to collections**

Maryland Historical Society's *Source Guide to War of 1812* is now available online. The new 26-page guide is an inventory of the Society's library and archival materials related to the War of 1812.

Access to the first 100 years of *Maryland Historical Magazine*, the Society's quarterly publication, is also available. The magazine collection includes an array of articles, book reviews and published primary sources that pertain to the war.

- **Hold the Fort!**

A new computer-animated learning game gives users a chance to take Major George Armistead's role as commander of Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore. *Hold the Fort!* – developed by Fort McHenry and the Living Classrooms Foundation with a federal grant – will be available by the end of 2011.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The Programs and Events Committee will ensure the development of a full range of activities during the bicentennial period to animate the significant sites as well as to reinforce the vision, mission, goals and thematic messages of the bicentennial in Maryland.

- **Announcement planned for Maritime festival launching bicentennial activities**

Gov. Martin O'Malley and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, along with Jose Fuentes, chairman of Operation Sail, Inc. (OpSail) and the U.S. Navy, will formally announce plans for a maritime festival in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, June 13-19, 2012, which will launch Maryland's War of 1812 bicentennial commemoration. The announcement will be made during a public news conference, Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m., at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. Dozens of international tall ships and foreign and U.S. Navy gray hulls are expected to sail into Baltimore for the festival. Tall ships from Russia, Spain, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico and the U.S. are the first confirmed participants in a U.S. multi-port bicentennial commemoration that OpSail and the U.S. Navy are coordinating.

- **Annapolis Conference planned for 2013**

Planning has begun for the Annapolis Conference, June 2013. The conference will recognize and celebrate two centuries of peace between the U.S., Great Britain and Canada following the War of

1812. The U.S. Naval Academy will host the academic conference and lecture series. The event will include programs for the general public. A war trophy exhibit, featuring the iconic *Don't Give Up the Ship* pennant, the British Royal standard taken from Fort York (Toronto) and objects from the maritime battle of the HMS *Shannon* and USS *Chesapeake* will be on display at the Naval Academy Museum. A statecraft component will also be part of the event.

- **Stakeholders tour Annapolis during day-long conference**

Nearly 60 people attended the Oct. 24 Annapolis Star-Spangled 200 Conference. The day-long event was presented by the Commission and supported by the Anne Arundel County War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee and Discover Annapolis Tours. The Maryland State Archives hosted the morning session where attendees were welcomed by Anne Arundel County Executive John R. Leopold and Maryland Archivist Edward C. Papenfuse. Maryland War of 1812 author and historian Ralph Eshelman provided the background of 1812 resources in Annapolis. The tour included stops at 1812 sites like Fort Nonsense, U.S. Naval Academy, and Maryland State House. This was the seventh conference in a series of one-day regional workshops, which has drawn a total of 450 participants. In addition to the Annapolis event, workshops were held in Southern Maryland, Prince George's County, the Head of the Bay, Upper Eastern Shore, North Point, and Baltimore City. The next workshop will take place in Frederick and Brookeville in December 2011.

- **'1812 flags' raise funds for nonprofits**

Now available for purchase are commemorative 15-star, 15-stripe Star-Spangled Banner flags. The U.S.A. made flags – featuring the official Star-Spangled 200 bicentennial logo – are available through F. W. Haxel, a Maryland small business, in two versions: a printed nylon flag (\$20); and a limited-edition, sewn nylon flag with appliquéd stars (\$73.50). Proceeds benefit three nonprofit (501c3) organizations: The American Flag Foundation, Friends of Fort McHenry and The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House.

- **Lewis Museum hosts annual 1812 symposium**

The 15th National War of 1812 Symposium – *The Civil War of 1812: War and Disquiet and the New Nation* – was held on Oct. 1 at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture in Baltimore. Alan Taylor, professor of history at the University of California, Davis, and author of *The Civil War of 1812: American Citizens, British Subjects, Irish Rebels, & Indian Allies*, was a featured speaker. Other presentations included: *Former Maryland Slaves and the Treaty of Ghent*; *The U.S. Raid on York, Upper Canada: April 1813*; and *Whites and Black in British Uniform: Royal Marines and Colonial Marines in the Chesapeake in 1814*.

- **Regional Updates:**

- Defenders' Day features re-enactments, new exhibit

The annual Defenders' Day re-enactment of the Battle of North Point took place on Sept. 4. Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz participated in the day in full period dress. The event also included the premiere of a new traveling exhibit – *Defense of a Nation, Maryland in the War of 1812* – coordinated by the Baltimore National Heritage Area.

- Anne Arundel historical site hosts 1812 events

John R. Leopold, Anne Arundel County executive, announced that a commemoration of the War of 1812 will occur next year at Hancock's Resolution in Pasadena. Jim Morrison, president of the Friends of Hancock's Resolution, has agreed to serve on a committee appointed by Leopold, which will plan the commemoration.

- Fort McHenry hosts summer events and presents FSK award

Fort McHenry presented a twilight tattoo ceremony – the oldest tradition in Baltimore – on Aug. 20. The ceremony featured a posting of the colors, military music, precision marching and musket-firing. Canada's Fort George Fife and Drum Corps joined the Fort McHenry Guard Fife and Drum Corps for the event. Fort McHenry also hosted its Star-Spangled Banner Weekend on Sept. 9-11, in honor of Defenders' Day – the annual tribute to the defense of the city during the Battle of Baltimore. The celebration included more than 100 War of 1812 re-enactors, parades,

musical concerts, "privateer's auction," fireworks and a ship-to-shore bombardment of the fort. During the evening program, Raymond "Chip" Mason received the Francis Scott Key Award from the friends of Fort McHenry for his leadership as chair of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission.

- Battle of Bladensburg Task Force unveils 1812 projects
During the August re-enactment of the Battle of Bladensburg at Riversdale Historic House Museum, the Battle of Bladensburg Task Force revealed plans for a visitor's center, memorial monument, walking tours, exhibits, festivals and other activities that will commemorate the Aug. 24, 1814 conflict. The Task Force, a committee of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, created a new web site - www.battleofbladensburg1812.com – that features a brief history of the battle and significant battle locations. The web site also includes information about upcoming commemoration events and programs, and a list of partners. A walking tour – with a narrative available through brochure and cell phones – leads visitors from Bladensburg Waterfront Park to Cottage City/Bunker Hill Road and Colmar Manor/Dueling Creek. The group will install banners, trail markers and possibly war-related objects, such as cannons along town streets. The group has also developed a new logo that incorporates American and British flags crossed over each other with the words "Undaunted, Battle of Bladensburg, 1814" below.
- New 1812 group formed in Somerset
Somerset County established a committee to organize and oversee all activities related to the local commemoration of the War of 1812 bicentennial. Warner Sumpter – director of public safety at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore – chairs the committee. Sumpter is a former assistant adjutant general and commander of the Maryland Army National Guard.
- St. Michaels holds meeting to address local bicentennial plans
Citizens of Easton, St. Michaels and Talbot County met on Sept. 24 to consider events and activities for the bicentennial period. The local commemoration will culminate with the 200-year anniversary of the British attack on St. Michaels, Aug. 10, 2013. Representatives from the Historical Society of Talbot County, St. Michaels Business Association, and St. Michaels Museum were among those at the meeting.
- Bicentennial events planned for the Eastern Shore
The Queen Anne's County commissioners approved preliminary plans for two bicentennial events. The first, to take place in 2012, will be a "Bash of the Bands." Regional colleges and high schools, and Queen Anne's County middle schools, will be invited to perform a musical work from the 1812 period. The second event, set for August 2013, includes two half-marathons. Participants will race concurrently from opposite directions, mirroring the 1813 British attack on Queenstown. The runners can choose the British route that starts on Kent Island, or the American route that begins in Centreville. Though the British route is relatively flat, the American route goes through rolling farm land and passes several 1812-era properties. More than 5,000 runners are expected.
- Online site features Upper Bay connections to 1812
A group representing Cecil and Harford counties developed a new web site - www.upperbay1812.com - that features the history, people and places associated with the region's involvement in the War of 1812. Led by Sandi Maruchi-Turner, Tourism Coordinator for Cecil County, and Wini Roche, Tourism Manager for Harford County, the group includes representatives of Perryville, Port Deposit, North East, Charlestown, Earleville, Havre de Grace, Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, and Aberdeen Proving Ground. Upper Bay locations, such as the Concord Point Lighthouse, Principio Furnace, Elk Landing and Rodgers Tavern are tangible links to the local stories that resonate from the Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812.

- Havre de Grace museums showcase 1812-era
Six heritage museums of Havre de Grace – Concord Point Lighthouse and Keeper’s House; Havre de Grace Maritime Museum; Havre de Grace Decoy Museum; Steppingstone Museum; Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House; and the skipjack Martha Lewis – planned a free Community History Day on Saturday, Oct. 29 to highlight early 19th-century history through demonstrations of period music, dance and craftsmanship. The six heritage museums are also launching a joint effort to educate the public about the impact of the War of 1812 on Havre de Grace. Called *The War of 1812: Havre de Grace Under Fire*, the project has received funding from Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network and Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.
- Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum offers free 1812 audio tour
Archaeology students at Huntingtown High School in Calvert County prepared an audio tour of Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum that illustrates the impact of the War of 1812 in Southern Maryland. The tour, *1812 Remembered*, is available by cell phone (410-246-1966) to museum visitors free of charge, seven days a week. Huntingtown students researched, wrote and recorded the tour.

TRANSPORTATION AND CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The Transportation and Capital Infrastructure Committee will work with the Resource Stewardship and Visitor Experience Committee to help realize the desired visitor experience.

- **Key Bridge public art project selects designer**

Using the proceeds of a federal Scenic Byway grant, the Commission and the Maryland Commission on Public Art are coordinating the design and installation of a new work of public art on the Key Bridge in time for the June 2012 maritime festival. The span crosses the Patapsco River near the site where Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry on September 13-14, 1814. That battle inspired Key to write the words of the Star Spangled Banner. A selection panel comprised of local, state and federal agency representatives short listed four designs from almost 40 nationwide applications. The four finalists were asked to develop a concept design and give a presentation on how they would enhance the Byway with a project that would celebrate the significance of the Star-Spangled Banner and the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake. After careful review, the panel selected woman-owned Narduli Studio, which is currently developing the design.

- **Search for *Scorpion* continues in Patuxent**

Archaeologists from the Maryland Historical Trust, U.S. Navy and Maryland State Highway Administration – in partnership with the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission –initiated a second season of searching for a War of 1812 shipwreck in the Patuxent River near Upper Marlboro in Prince George’s County. The archeologists are closer to identifying what could be Commodore Joshua Barney’s flagship, the *Scorpion*. Current plans call for an excavation of the ship in 2012. Underwater filmmaker Nick Caloyianis recorded portions of the excavation as part of a Maryland Public Television 30-minute documentary about the project. A second crew, YAP Films, also filmed the excavation for a Canadian documentary about the War of 1812. The search for the *Scorpion* is partially funded through the federal Transportation Enhancement Program, which funds non-traditional, community-based transportation-related projects.

- **Plans continue for Bladensburg Green Street project**

The Town of Bladensburg has continued its planning for a Green Street along MD Route 450. Following an October 2010 design charrette, the Town commissioned a Community Green Street Task-Force comprised of local citizens and business owners including members of the Battle of Bladensburg Task Force, Port Towns Community Health Initiative Group, and Bladensburg Local Development Corporation. The project also received two grants from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to support the planning and design of the Green Street and storm water remediation. Discussions on 1812 site markings along the street included sidewalk plaques or clusters of cannon balls. Design completion is expected by Dec. 18, 2013 and construction is slated to begin April 1, 2014.

- **Free bus shuttle in Baltimore to add Fort McHenry line**
Baltimore received a nearly \$1.6 million federal grant to implement a third route on its free Charm City Circulator bus system, which will connect downtown with Fort McHenry. The new line, the “Star-Spangled Route,” is expected to relieve traffic congestion and make it easier for visitors to get around during the War of 1812 bicentennial period. In operation since 2010, the Circulator currently runs two routes, Purple (north-south) and Orange (east-west).

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

The Communications and Marketing Committee will promote Maryland’s War of 1812 bicentennial celebration nationally and internationally and provide leadership for and coordinate efforts with other groups and partners.

- **Pride promotes Maryland on North America trip**
The *Pride of Baltimore II*, a reproduction of an 1812-era Maryland schooner privateer, embarked on Memorial Day weekend on a five-month goodwill voyage to promote Star-Spangled 200, Maryland’s upcoming War of 1812 bicentennial commemoration. During the trip, over 50,000 people crossed the decks of the *Pride* as the ship visited dozens of port cities in the U.S. and Canada, including Detroit, Chicago, Toronto, Montreal, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. A new brochure created for the journey highlights 1812 sites in Maryland and the signature events.

- **Star-Spangled 200 logo and website unveiled**



A new Star-Spangled 200 logo and website were unveiled on Mar. 3 during a reception at the Fort McHenry Visitor Center dedication. The website – www.starspangled200.com - introduces the Commission’s non-profit affiliate Star-Spangled 200, Inc. and will be used for fundraising purposes. The new logo became the official logo for upcoming bicentennial programs and events.

- **Commission’s website and e-newsletter**
The Commission’s website, www.starspangled200.org, features news and information about upcoming programs and events. The website saw over 16,760 unique visitors from Nov. 1, 2010 through Oct. 31, 2011. *Key Notes*, the Commission’s monthly e-newsletter, publicizes Commission and 1812-partner updates and highlights upcoming events, grant deadlines, and recent news. More than 3,500 people subscribe to the e-newsletter.
- **PBS Premiere draws crowd**
Nearly 300 people joined Gov. Martin O’Malley, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and State Sen. President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. at the Landmark Theatres Harbor East Cinema in Baltimore, Sept. 26, for a highlighted version of *The War of 1812*, a new two-hour PBS documentary that aired nationwide on Oct. 10. The film included re-enactments, animation and commentary from American, British, Canadian and Native American historians. Filmmaker Larry Hott of Florentine Films was also present for a Q&A session. The event was made possible by a generous contribution from AT&T.
- **Star-Spangled 200 video created**
Maryland Public Television created a seven-minute “sizzle reel” to support the fundraising efforts of the Commission. The eye-catching video showcases the history of the war in Maryland and plans for the upcoming bicentennial. The video includes interviews with Gov. Martin O’Malley and Commission Chair Raymond “Chip” Mason and is featured on the Commission’s YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/user/starspangled200.
- **Star-Spangled Weekend brings UK film crew to Baltimore**
Travel Channel (International) came to Baltimore, Sept. 9-10, to film a War of 1812 re-enactment at Fort McHenry. The re-enactment was part of the Fort’s Star-Spangled Banner Weekend. Footage

will be used for shows about the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and Star-Spangled Sailabration 2012. Both shows will air in spring 2012. Based in London, Travel Channel broadcasts 24 hours a day in 19 languages to 60 million households across Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Asia Pacific region.

- **Southern Maryland releases 1812 guide**

A new Southern Maryland War of 1812 Travel Map and Guide has been created to illustrate the role that Southern Maryland had during the War of 1812. Historian and author Ralph Eshelman wrote the guide and Calvert Marine Museum coordinated the project with tourism offices in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties, and other stakeholders that included Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, and Sotterley Plantation. The project was funded through a matching-funds award from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

- **1812 license plate named among best by collectors**

The Automobile License Plate Collectors Association voted Maryland's Star-Spangled Banner license plate as one of North America's top three new plates for 2010. Association members selected a dozen plates as nominees for their annual Best Plate Award, which pays tribute to new plate designs. License plates from New Mexico and Rhode Island were the top two finishers.

- **Exhibits**

- Maryland Historical Society opens 1812 exhibit

The original manuscript of The Star-Spangled Banner – with Francis Scott Key's penned corrections – is on display as part of the Maryland Historical Society's new exhibit, *With Broad Stripes and Bright Stars*, a collection that focuses on Baltimore's role in the War of 1812. Other items in the exhibit include Rembrandt Peale's portraits of four of "Baltimore's Defenders of 1814" – Samuel Smith, George Armistead, John Stricker and Isaac McKim. Also on display is the "Etting Cup," a blackened tankard that was etched with the signatures of the militia men who were at North Point and Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore. This exhibition is a sneak preview of an extensive War of 1812 collection. Additional items will be displayed during Maryland's War of 1812 bicentennial period, 2012 through 2014.

- New traveling exhibit now available

Two versions of the Baltimore National Heritage Area traveling exhibit – *Defense of the Nation: Maryland in the War of 1812* – are available for display at venues in both the Baltimore area and the region. The exhibit also features an accompanying video. The Baltimore National Heritage Area created the exhibits with grants from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority and the National Park Service

- Fort McHenry opens new exhibit

Fort McHenry dedicated a new archeology exhibit on Oct. 27. The display provides a glimpse of daily life for the soldiers at the fort during the Battle of Baltimore in 1814.

- 1812 Exhibit opens at JPPM

In April, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum opened a new permanent exhibit — *Farmers, Patriots and Traitors: Southern Maryland and the War of 1812*. Historians Ralph Eshelman and Don Shomette arranged the exhibit, which includes a depiction of the role of Joshua Barney and his Chesapeake Flotilla during the Battles of St. Leonard Creek in June 1814. JPPM is located on a peninsula along the Patuxent River in Calvert County, where the battles occurred.

- Museum prepares 1812 firefighting exhibit

The Fire Museum of Maryland, located in Baltimore County, is planning an exhibit depicting how volunteer firefighters in Baltimore promoted fire safety during the War of 1812 era - a time when buckets and blankets were the first line of defense. Volunteer fire companies, which existed prior to the war, will be highlighted. In honor of the 250th anniversary of Mechanical Company No. 1 in 2013, the museum will display rare artifacts provided by private collectors that relate to this company. Also, the museum is completing the restoration of an 1806 hand-drawn pumping

engine that was started 20 years ago by members of Independent Company No. 2 of Annapolis. This piece of equipment is the only fire engine in Maryland known to have been in service during the War of 1812.

- 1812 partners develop exhibits in St. Mary's County
In a joint effort with the St. Mary's County War of 1812 Committee, the St. Mary's County Historical Society and Patuxent River Naval Air Museum are creating War of 1812 exhibits that will serve as orientation points for bicentennial visitors by early 2012. The Historical Society's display at Tudor Hall in Leonardtown will illustrate the town's role in the war. An exhibit at the museum will depict the Battle of Cedar Point, which occurred nearby. Funding for the project came from a Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium grant.
- New 1812 exhibits at the Baltimore Visitor Center
The Baltimore Visitor Center in the Inner Harbor unveiled two new 1812 exhibits in 2011. The first is a handcrafted 7-ft.-scale model of the *Pride of Baltimore II*. The other exhibit, *In the Footsteps of Giants*, - showcases three commemorations that will be taking place over the next five years - The Civil War sesquicentennial, Harriet Tubman centennial, and the War of 1812 bicentennial. Approximately 400,000 people walk through the visitor center each year.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

The Operations and Management Committee will ensure sufficient human and financial resources for the Commission and its Committees to function to accomplish its vision, mission and goals.

- **Coppin State senior interns for commission**

Nkenge Kirton, a rising senior at Coppin State University, joined the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission as a summer intern through the 2011 Governor's Summer Internship Program. She assisted the commission with web-site upgrades and social-media marketing through the commission's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Kirton is a Global Studies major and interested in pursuing a professional career in travel and tourism marketing.

- **Pencek named chair SSB National Historic Trail Council**

Ken Salazar, secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, appointed Bill Pencek to a two-year term as chair of the new Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Advisory Council. The council, which includes up to 35 members, will consult with Salazar on matters relating to the historic trail, such as rights-of-way, standards for markers, interpretation and administration. Members of the council represent federal departments or agencies that administer lands where the trail passes through; private organizations that have interests in the trail; and Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

- **Fort McHenry hires new Superintendent**

Tina Orcutt became the new superintendent of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in August. Orcutt has worked for the Park Service for 23 years and some of her past assignments have included superintendent of the Women's Rights National Historical Park (New York); acting superintendent at Jewel Cave National Monument (South Dakota); and acting deputy superintendent at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park (Maryland). She is a graduate of the University of Maryland. Orcutt replaces Gay Vietzke who took a new job as deputy regional director for park operations in the Philadelphia-based Northeast Regional Office of the National Park Service.