

War of 1812 Bicentennial Meeting  
21 September 2010  
NHHC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
1000 EDT

National Museum of the U.S. Navy

- Naval Historical Foundation has submitted a grant application to NEH to fund public programs in the National Museum of the United States Navy.
- Museum interns have researched beers tied to the War of 1812, Ed Furgol can provide a copy to interested parties. They also produced a menu with recipes and program for a Dining In themed to the war with possible dates (suitable for the United States).
- One of the museum's Oxford interns wrote a play about the burning of the Washington Navy Yard and the script for a Punch and Judy style puppet show about the Battle of Bladensburg and the burning of Washington, DC., which are also available.
- The museum has begun collecting information on the Sailors of the Chesapeake Flotilla, and have added fifty names to the list published by Don Shomette.
- Navy Art Collection has scanned its collection of 1812 images, which it will post online.
- Design work has begun on pop up displays to be given to about 200 sites. Sandy Doyle and Morgan Wilbur have begun work on a ten foot timeline of the war that will be available for reproduction.
- The historic sites in DC, Prince George's County and northern Virginia will have a passport program linking their 1812 sites.

Navy Commemorations Office

- USN developing a unified theme and message for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. All 2012 Fleet Weeks, Navy Weeks, and official U.S. Navy Museum's special exhibits will promote the unified theme across the nation.
- Signature events in partnership with OpSail to be held in New York City, Boston, Baltimore, Norfolk, New Orleans, Chicago/Toronto/Great Lakes.
- USN will be extending an invite to 112 nations to participate in 2012 events.

City of Hamilton & Scourge National Historic Site of Canada

- Ideas for a *Hamilton & Scourge* commemoration to date include an event on the water at the site of the sinking of *Hamilton & Scourge* -- two American warships that sank on 8 August 1813.
- Willing to be flexible on that date and go with a late August / early September 2012 date for the memorial on the water, given that a partnership and plan already exists between the two navies and coast guards and Opsail to visit Toronto at that time.

Niagara Park Commission

- New visitor Center.
- Capital improvements being made to War of 1812 historic sites.

#### New York

- [Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site](#) commemorates a battle and the contribution of the area to the United States defense during the [War of 1812](#). 6,500 visitors watched the Grand Tactical there this year.
- Burchenal Green, National Maritime Historical Society, will promote events and exhibits.

#### Pennsylvania

- Linda Bolla, Erie Maritime Museum held a dress rehearsal in 2010 for its 2013 waterfront festival.

#### Indiana

- Kicks off their Bicentennial of the War of 1812 with a conference in June 2011 and event in September 2011.
- Launched new website: [www.thefirstvolley.com](http://www.thefirstvolley.com).

#### Michigan

- The Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 is enlisting the support of private citizens, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in the planning and promotion of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. Eager to host visiting ships. 8 April 2014 Fort Mackinac event.

#### Ohio

- Bowling Green State University is bidding for an opportunity to host a conference in May 2013.
- Ft. Mies has many initiatives in support of the War of 1812 Bicentennial, including battle of the beers (American ale vs. British ale consumption to determine who would win the war today), and museum education curriculum. May 2013 re-enactment.

Blanca Stransky, Perry Peace Memorial, Put-in-Bay, National Park Service

- Hosting international planning meeting on 1 October 2010.
- Planning a wreath laying at the site of the Battle of Lake Erie, and recruiting for re-enactment.
- May 2011 Youth Summit
- 2011 Native American Powwow
- Art Across the Water campaign will continue beyond the Bicentennial and will promote the theme of international peace.
- Reminder that NPS grants are due at the end of the year.

#### Anne Rand, USS *Constitution* Museum

- Completed new interactive exhibit on the life of enlisted sailors.

- New online educational program under development.

Bill Pencek, State of Maryland

- War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission's website: [www.starspangled200.org](http://www.starspangled200.org)
- 7 advisory committees stood up.
- 6,500 attended battle of North Point re-enactment.
- Planning on spending \$20 Million on Bicentennial events.
- Opening new visitors center at Ft. McHenry on 3 March 2011.
- Initiatives include The Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, Star-Spangled By-Way, Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemorative Coin, and the Star-Spangled Banner Trail: War of 1812 Chesapeake Campaign Map and Guide.

Jack Spinnler, Baltimore National Heritage Area

- Developing 2 traveling War of 1812 exhibits on the Chesapeake campaign – one for MD and one for elsewhere.

Anna von Lunz, Fort McHenry, Baltimore, MD, NPS

- Producing game with Living Classrooms Foundation.
- 20,000 attended this year's Defenders' Day events in September.
- 3 March 2011 (anniversary of adoption of Star-Spangled Banner as National Anthem in 1931) new visitor center opens.

Michael Crawford and Christine Hughes, Naval History & Heritage Command

- 2-day War of 1812 academic conference planned in Fall 2012: 1<sup>st</sup> day will be a scholarly conference and the 2<sup>nd</sup> day will be tours/re-enactments.
- Volume 4 of the War of 1812 document series will be published in Spring 2012.

New Orleans, LA

- Louisiana has established two commissions: Commission for the Bicentennial of Statehood and the Battle of New Orleans Commission. 7 October 2012 re-enactment parade for statehood bicentennial. 11-13 March 2011 new event to build interest in bicentennial.
- Needs 5 gun boats to re-enact Battle of Lake Borgne – has identified three.

Sub-Committees

- Re-enactment standards: NPS and PC will post period manuals and vendors online for re-enactment units.
- Conferences and Publications: send information to National Maritime Historical Society for posting on its website ([nmhs@seahistory.org](mailto:nmhs@seahistory.org)).
- Events: Kevin Windsor will circulate current events list for sites to add/subtract events.

Royal Armouries is willing to lend artifacts.

**Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting December 7, 2010 1000 EST.**

