



Francis Scott Key saw the Star-Spangled Banner after soldiers raised it over Fort McHenry, at dawn, following a 25-hour battle on September 14, 1814. That sight inspired Key to write the words that later became our National Anthem. Although this is Maryland's best-known War of 1812 story, it is not the only one.

The events of the Chesapeake Campaign during the War of 1812 are reflected in hundreds of sites still preserved today in Maryland—many of them in and around Baltimore. The outcome of the September 1814 battles to defend Baltimore helped preserve the United States and forge our national identity.

The War of 1812 bicentennial commemoration begins in June 2012 with maritime festivals in Baltimore and throughout the Chesapeake Bay region. Continuing throughout 2013, Baltimore and Maryland will host a series of programs and events to commemorate the bicentennial along the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail.

The festivities reach a crescendo in September 2014, when Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine takes center stage in a Star-Spangled tribute to the defense of the nation and the birth of the National Anthem.

For more information, visit www.StarSpangled200.org.



MARYLAND WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, created by Governor Martin O'Malley in 2007, is coordinating the State's multi-year schedule of Bicentennial activities and events, including the week-long maritime festival launching the bicentennial, which will feature an international flotilla of gray hulls and tall ships in Baltimore Harbor in June 2012.

Beginning in early 2012, two Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coins, issued through the U.S. Mint, will be available for sale. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the coins is authorized by the commission to support resource preservation, education and community revitalization projects related to bicentennial programs and events.

To learn more about the War of 1812 in Maryland and the State's Bicentennial plans, visit www.StarSpangled200.org.



WWW.STARSPANGLED200.ORG

DISCOVER — AMERICA IN MARYLAND —



CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE WAR OF 1812
AND THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER IN MARYLAND

HISTORICAL SITES

Take a trip back in time along the Star-Spangled Banner Trail to hundreds of sites throughout Maryland that invite you to explore the story of the War of 1812. From the ramparts of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine to the site of the Battle of Bladensburg, the State is dotted with the rich history of the war that forged our nation.

BLADENSBURG WATERFRONT PARK

BLADENSBURG

Scene of the British crossing of the Anacostia River, where they encountered the first line of American defense during the invasion of Washington, D.C. www.pgparcs.com



CONCORD POINT LIGHTHOUSE

HAVRE DE GRACE

Town bombarded and burned by British troops in 1813. The lighthouse keeper fought bravely during the raid. www.concordpointlighthouse.org



FELL'S POINT AND FEDERAL HILL

BALTIMORE

Shipyards, warehouses and privateers here were primary targets of the British invasion of Baltimore. Cannon fire from Federal Hill alerted Baltimore that the British had landed at North Point on September 12, 1814. www.preservationsociety.com



FORT MCHENRY NATIONAL MONUMENT AND HISTORIC SHRINE

BALTIMORE

Site of the Battle of Baltimore on September 14, 1814, that led to the penning of the Star-Spangled Banner. www.nps.gov/fomc



JEFFERSON PATTERSON PARK AND MUSEUM

ST. LEONARD

Portrays the story of two significant battles, including the largest naval battle on Maryland waters. www.jefspat.org

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BALTIMORE

Displays an original draft of Francis Scott Key's poem that became the National Anthem and other significant Maryland artifacts. www.mdhs.org

NORTH POINT STATE PARK

BALTIMORE COUNTY

British forces landed 4,500 troops near here on September 12, 1814. www.dnr.state.md.us

PATTERSON PARK/HAMPSTEAD HILL

BALTIMORE

Site where American defenders stopped the British army advance on September 13, 1814. www.pattersonpark.com



PRIDE OF BALTIMORE II

BALTIMORE/CHESAPEAKE BAY REGION

Reproduction of a Maryland topsail schooner, used by American privateers to harass the British merchant fleet. A scale model of *Pride II* is on display at the Baltimore Visitor Center at the Inner Harbor. www.pride2.org



STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG HOUSE

BALTIMORE

Home and place of business of Mary Pickersgill, who sewed the flag that flew over Fort McHenry. www.flaghouse.org

TODD'S INHERITANCE

EDGEMERE

Historic homestead that served as an American courier station and troop headquarters. www.toddsinheritance.org



U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY AND MUSEUM

ANNAPOLIS

Displays important War of 1812 objects such as the original *Don't Give Up the Ship* pennant and the British flag captured at Fort York (Toronto). www.usna.edu/Museum/



STAR-SPANGLED EVENTS IN 2011

FLAG DAY!

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG HOUSE, BALTIMORE

15TH ANNUAL BATTLE OF BLADENSBURG ENCAMPMENT

AUGUST 13, 2011

RIVERSDALE HOUSE MUSEUM, RIVERDALE PARK

DEFENDERS' DAY CELEBRATION AT NORTH POINT

SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

FORT HOWARD PARK, EDGEMERE

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2011

FORT MCHENRY NATIONAL MONUMENT AND HISTORIC SHRINE, BALTIMORE

1812 RE-ENACTMENT AND ENCAMPMENT

SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

JEFFERSON PATTERSON PARK & MUSEUM, ST. LEONARD

1812 TAVERN NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

JEFFERSON PATTERSON PARK & MUSEUM, ST. LEONARD

STAR-SPANGLED SIGNATURE EVENTS

NATIONAL WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL LAUNCH

JUNE 13-19, 2012 — BALTIMORE

A week-long maritime event to kick off the bicentennial celebration featuring a U.S. Navy OpSail event featuring British, Canadian and other navies plus tall ships from around the world.

ANNAPOLIS CONFERENCE

JUNE 2013 — U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY — ANNAPOLIS

Academic, diplomatic and popular programs to celebrate two centuries of peace between the U.S., Great Britain and Canada following the War of 1812.

STAR-SPANGLED SPECTACULAR 2014

SEPTEMBER 6-14, 2014 — BALTIMORE

Star-Spangled tribute to the defense of America and the birth of the National Anthem.

For more information and details about special events, including locations, times and admission fees, visit www.StarSpangled200.org.