



The Star-Spangled 200 Conference Rolls Into Frederick

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FREDERICK, MD - A busload of history buffs toured Frederick to mark the War of 1812 bicentennial.

The Star-Spangled 200 Conference started at the Frederick Visitor Center. People learned about the war and Francis Scott Key's significance to the area. The bus took the visitors to Mount Olivet Cemetery where key is buried.

Those with the Fort McHenry National Monument, where Key wrote the American National Anthem, say it's the perfect time to learn about him with the 200th anniversary of the war next year.

"There are just so many ways in which this Frederick Countian shows the kind of patriotism in the early 19th Century that is still so needed today in the early 21st Century," U.S. Park Ranger Alan Gephardt said.

The Tourism Council of Frederick County, Maryland sponsored the conference.

