

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

The National Archives in Washington and online resources through Ancestry.com and Fold3.com are a great starting point as well as these publications:

A Chronicle of War of 1812 Soldiers, Seamen, and Marines ©1993, 2000 by Dennis F. Blizzard and Thomas L. Hollowak.
ISBN#: 0-8063-5105-5.

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The Roster and Register of the General Society of the War of 1812 4 volumes by Dennis F. Blizzard. ©1972, 1976, 1989, 1999,
ISBN#: 0-8063-4865-8.

The Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland Roster ©2011 by C. Louis Raborg Jr.

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<http://marylandsociety.thewarof1812.info>

FOR LADIES

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The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland

Founded September 14, 1814



INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS



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ANNUAL COMMEMORATIONS

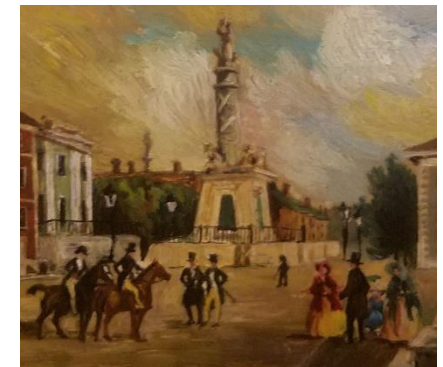
- Jan.: Andrew Jackson Day Annual Meeting and Luncheon celebrating **THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS** – January 8, 1815
- May: Old Defenders' Day Celebration - **ASSOCIATION OF THE DEFENDERS OF BALTIMORE IN 1814** founded May 14, 1842.
- Sep.: Defenders' Day Cavalcade and Ft. McHenry reenactment of the Battle with bombs bursting in air and rockets' red glare celebrating **THE BATTLE OF BALTIMORE** – September 12-14, 1814

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INSIGNIA

The insignia of the Maryland Society is a formee' cross surmounted by an eagle, and suspended from a ribbon of gold-black-gold stripes representing the Calvert arms. In the center of the medal is reproduced the Battle Monument, at the Monument Square, Baltimore. On the right of the monument is depicted two crossed guns, and on the left two crossed cannons. On the left corner is inscribed the word "Society", upper corner "War 1812", right corner "Maryland" and lower corner "Organized 1814". The finish of the medal is in gold or bronze.



PURPOSE

The objectives of the Society are the collection and preservation of rolls, records, books, and other documents relating to the War of 1812; the encouragement of research and the preservation of historical data, including memorials to patriots of that era in our national history; the caring for the graves of veterans of the War of 1812; the cherishing, maintenance and extension of the institutions of American freedom; and the fostering of true patriotism and love of country. In carrying out these objectives, the Maryland Society holds meetings and events for its members at which programs relating to the War of 1812 and intelligent patriotism are presented. We have been fortunate in attracting gentlemen of high caliber, intelligence and gracious demeanor who foster the high ideals espoused by our Founding Fathers.

OUR SOCIETY

The Society of the War of 1812 traces its origins to the American militia companies who met the British thrust at Baltimore following the burning of the National Capital. Those veterans led by **Major General Samuel Smith** repulsed the *Wellington's Invincibles* at North Point on September 12, 1814. A contemporary record related that on September 14th, after the repulse of the British by land and by sea, exulting citizen-soldiers vowed "**We will never disband**". Historically this oath marks the birth of our Society. **Francis Scott Key** penned his epic song "*The Defence of Fort M'Henry*" [sic]. On the 1st anniversary, September 12, 1815, the Defenders turned out to witness the laying of the Battle Monument cornerstone in Baltimore.

On the 14th of May 1842 the veterans received their first organizational charter in Maryland recorded in the Circuit court of Baltimore as "THE ASSOCIATION OF DEFENDERS OF BALTIMORE" and had as their purposes the encouraging of love of country, and commemoration of the war. In 1893 as the line of Old Defenders was thinning, the Maryland group reorganized to include the male descendants of veterans and was incorporated on October 25, 1893 as "The Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland of Baltimore City". On 14 April 1894 the societies from MD, CT, MA, NY, and PA formed the General Society of the War of 1812, with each of the constituent societies becoming a state society thereof.

MARYLAND BATTLEFIELDS

Our State is rich with 1812 history and our Society annually commemorates people, battles and monuments in Maryland.



Baltimore City



Baltimore County



Calvert County



Cecil County



Harford County



Kent County

We also encourage our members to honor their ancestors and mark their graves, visit historic sites, and hold fellowship among descendants.



We also honor Boy Scouts who achieve the rank of Eagle Scout with Certificates of accomplishment and a scout patch. We also award one outstanding cadet in each college ROTC program in Maryland with a medal and ribbon. If interested, please contact us for more information.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS



Regular and Life Membership is available to any male person of good moral character and reputation, who is a lineal descendant of one who served during the War of 1812, in the Army, Navy, Revenue-Marine, or Privateer service of, and who was at all times unflinching in his allegiance to, the United States, and who shall be declared acceptable to the Society by vote of the Executive Committee.

We have Junior Membership for those under 18 years old and family discounted plans are available. Also Collateral descend, limited to the descendant of either a brother or sister of the participant in the war, is also available. Please contact us for more information.

ACCEPTABLE SERVICE

The following service and no other shall be regarded as satisfying the requirements of the preceding paragraph:

- (1) Service as an officer, warrant officer or enlisted man in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue Marine, Flotilla Service or Voluntary Corps at any time between November 7, 1811, and July 18, 1815;
- (2) Service at any time between June 19, 1812, and February 18, 1815, as a member of the ship's company on any public armed vessel of the United States or any vessel sailing under Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued by the United States;
- (3) Service in the militia of any state or territory or the District of Columbia duly called out for service against an armed enemy or for coast or border defense between November 7, 1811, and July 18, 1815.
- (4) Service in the forces of the United States at the Battle of Tippecanoe on November 7, 1811.
- (5) Service as the President of the United States, Secretary of War, or Secretary of the Navy between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815.
- (6) Service as a Governor or Adjutant General of a state or territory of the United States between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815