



## June 18, 2010: Plates A Reminder Of State's Heritage

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In commemoration of the upcoming 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 and the 100th anniversary of the MVA, the State of Maryland has announced that a new license plate featuring the bombs bursting in mid air over Fort McHenry will become standard issue through 2015.

The plate is not just a reminder of the historical significance of the war, it's the perfect reminder of our state's heritage and its role in the birth and perseverance of our nation and all of the terrific venues there are to visit. Too often we spend our summer vacations racing from ride-to-ride inside amusement parks, lying on beaches or shuttling between flights to reach far-off locations.

We tend to overlook some of the historical treasures we have here at home. We would encourage you to take time this summer and reconnect to Maryland's history.

From Fort McHenry, to the landing on St. Mary's, to the splendor of the Naval Academy, the stateliness of Annapolis, and more, our state has a rich history that's too often lost on our children and forgotten by adults.

We believe these commemorative license plates are just the thing to get Marylanders on the road to rediscovery!

