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War of 1812 Bicentennial Advisory Committee Formed

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During Tuesday's North Point Star-Spangled 200 Conference, Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith introduced the Baltimore County War of 1812 Bicentennial Advisory Committee. Francis Taylor, of the North Point Peninsula Community Coordinating Council, will chair the Bicentennial Advisory Committee and Carolyn Mroz, President of Todd's Inheritance, will serve as vice-chair. As the state of Maryland celebrates the bicentennial, the committee will seek to educate, engage and celebrate Baltimore County's War of 1812 heritage.

"The people of Baltimore County continue to display extraordinary pride, creativity and commitment when honoring our nation's heritage," said County Executive Smith. The Bicentennial Advisory Committee is a subcommittee of the Baltimore County Conference and Tourism Advisory Committee. Its members include historians, historic preservationists, educators and researchers, citizens developing water, bike and trail pathways, and community leaders. Most were in attendance at the North Point Star-Spangled 200 Conference at North Point State Park. Similar conferences have been held in Southern Maryland, Prince George's County, the Head of the bay region and the Upper Eastern Shore.

The conference included a series of speakers who spoke on the War of 1812, The Battle of North Point,



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The British Perspective during the War of 1812 and Maryland DNR Plans for North Point War of 1812 Resources. Conference participants also attended tours of Fort Howard, Todd's Inheritance, Aquila Randall Monument, Battle of Acre Park and Battlefield State Park.

"The War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration is an opportunity for the entire state to share our heritage. Visitors from across the country will come to Maryland to learn about our history and celebrate the American spirit," said Bill Peneck, executive director of the

Maryland Star Spangled 200 Commission. For more information on the Maryland War of 1812 visit www.starspangled200.org and www.warof1812.org.

Baltimore County War of 1812 Bicentennial Advisory Committee
Francis Taylor (chair), North Point Peninsula Community Coordinating Council
Carolyn Mroz (vice chair), Todd's Inheritance

Jim DeArmey, Baltimore County Public Library

Ralph Eshelman, Cultural Resource Consultant

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Scott Sheads, National Park Service
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Harry Wujek, North Point Peninsula Community Coordinating Council

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