



Details announced today for bicentennial celebration

Commemoration planned for 1812 bicentennial

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BALTIMORE - Maryland officials hope to draw more than one million people to the birthplace of the "Star-Spangled Banner" next summer as they open the bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812 with an international maritime festival.

Baltimore and state officials will announce details Thursday. The June festival at Baltimore's harbor includes a Naval fleet week featuring tall ships, gray hull ships and an air show will coincide with the 200th anniversary of the nation's first declaration of war.



The event will be accompanied by arts projects including a giant mesh of spangles in the form of a flag that will fly from the Francis Scott Key Bridge and a new symphonic work. Maryland Public Television is producing a travelogue and accompanying coffee table book.