



Whitman Announces Special Collaboration with the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

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[Whitman Coin & Collectibles Expo](#) announced today it will enter into a special collaboration with the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission at the Whitman Baltimore Expo in March. Whitman General Manager David Crenshaw said the two organizations will work together to foster awareness of the Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coins (see above), as well as the events of the War of 1812 that took place in and near Baltimore.



"We all know that coin dealers and collectors are among the most historically minded people you'll find anywhere. We believe this collaboration with the Commission will be mutually beneficial to both of us, while also creating value for everyone who attends our Whitman Baltimore Expo in March of next year," Mr. Crenshaw said.

Mr. Crenshaw said the Commission will have a Special Exhibitor Booth at the March Expo and will also provide an educational presentation featuring the critical events of the War that took place in Maryland, including the penning of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key as he witnessed the Battle of Baltimore at Fort McHenry.

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Kate Marks, who represents the Commission in its cooperative work with Whitman said commemorative coins are an important part of the funding mechanism that will allow her organization to support bicentennial activities, assist in educational outreach, and preserve sites and structures relating to the War of 1812.

“The War of 1812 was a pivotal moment in our nation’s history. So, it’s important we commemorate these events, and one way we can afford to do that is through the Commemorative Coins,” Ms. Marks said.

Marks said coin surcharges will help fund \$8.5 million of the Commission’s work, if all coins are sold.

For more information about the events and activities of the Commission, visit www.starspangled200.org.