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*Join us in commemorating the  
200th ANNIVERSARY  
of the  
WAR of 1812  
and the  
PRESERVATION OF UPPER CANADA*  
<http://www.1812niagaraonthelake.ca/>

## Up Coming Events in 2012 are:

### July 14, 15, 2012 The Navy of 1812: Sailors on the Lakes



Naval encampment on the grounds of Navy Hall, Niagara-on-the-Lake, with 5 tall ships (4 Brigantines and a schooner-1812 Squadron) and 22 longboats with 300 naval re-enactors. **Saturday July 14**, plans call for a Longboat Processional Row at noon and at 2:00

pm an Assault landing exercise at Queens Royal Park featuring Defence Force marines and a "sham battle". "The Sailors' World in 1812" encampment features period music of "Gin Lane" and dancing demonstrations by the Fort York Regency Dancers. Sat at 7:00 pm there will be "Battle through the Fort" re-enactment at Fort George. **Sunday July 15th** there will be a 10:00 am Military Parade down Queen St and at 11:00 am a Naval Salute at Queens Royal Park. 2:00 pm is a final "Battle through the Fort" re-enactment at Fort George. This is a Parks Canada/Royal Canadian Navy partnered event. Contact: Peter Martin, Parks Canada: [peter.martin@pc.gc.ca](mailto:peter.martin@pc.gc.ca)



You can find all our information on the web - just scan the code

### Niagara-on-the-Lake War of 1812 Bicentennial needs hundreds of volunteers!

Volunteering is a hard decision, and one that means a long-term commitment. Niagara-on-the-Lake's War of 1812 Bicentennial is in need of hundreds of volunteers. Volunteers from all walks of Life and skill sets; Carpenters to teachers, seamstresses to public speakers.

Volunteers that are ready to be part of our wonderful historical celebrations!

### **VOLUNTEER NOW!**

To become involved, please contact Rick Meloen:

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**July 29, 2012 -12 noon The Lincoln and Welland Regiment**

**Band** - Simcoe Park, Niagara-on-the-Lake- Free Admission

[www.musicniagara.org](http://www.musicniagara.org)

**July 30, 2012 2:00 pm The Music of 1812** at the Niagara Historical Museum - Tom Allen, Lori Gemmell and Atis Bankas (violin) present a fascinating story of the development of the harp and early 1800's Celtic music. - 43 Castlereagh St - \$30

[www.musicniagara.org](http://www.musicniagara.org)

**Aug 2, 2012 The Music of 1812 -New Works-** The premiere of two new works for string quartet, fife and drum, and aboriginal drum commissioned in honour of the 1812 Bicentennial.- straight from Russia. 7:30 pm at St. Mark's Church- Byron St - \$30

[www.musicniagara.org](http://www.musicniagara.org)

**Aug 18 & 19 Special 25th Anniversary Fife and Drum Display at Fort George** - Bicentennial Fife and Drum Muster and Soldier's Field Day. A pageant of military music by Fife and Drum corps from the United States and Canada as well as a competition of 1812 drill teams from Fort George, Fort Malden (Amherstburg), Fort York (Toronto) and Fort Erie. The 41st Regiment Fife and Drum corps will also be celebrating their 25th anniversary at Fort George. Experience the sights and sounds of the military garrison during the bicentennial of the War of 1812. – Supported by the Friends of Fort George and the Niagara Bridge Commission.

Contact: Peter Martin, [peter.martin@pc.gc.ca](mailto:peter.martin@pc.gc.ca)

**Aug 31 RCMP Musical Ride** - Sunset Ceremony in Fort George. 6:30 pm. Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 as the Friends of Fort George and Parks Canada host the world renowned RCMP Musical Ride. An evening of equestrian precision and music with an 1812 flare. Doors open at 5:30. Adults \$15; Children 6-16 \$10; Family \$45. Tickets will be available at Friends of Fort George gift shop - 905-468-6621.

**BATTLE OF QUEENSTON HEIGHTS** - October 13th, 2012

**BURIAL OF BROCK** - October 16th, 2012

**October 12 & 13 - The Battle of Queenston Heights**

October 12 is a special education day offering tours of the battlefield -contact:

[admin@friendsoffortgeorge.ca](mailto:admin@friendsoffortgeorge.ca)



**October 13** -In the morning, hundreds of re-enactors will make the historic march from Fort George to Queenston Heights. During the day there will military demonstrations, tours of the battlefield, music and period

merchants. **Starting at 3:00 pm there will be a dramatic re-enactment of the battle of Queenston Heights**, including the death of Brock, native skirmishes and the successful attack by Roger Hale Sheaffe. This followed by a ceremony at the base of the monument to commemorate those who fell during the war. At dusk, Brock's body will be taken away on a wagon, followed by a fireworks display. Food services, parking, and shuttle bus services are being arranged.

**October 14 - The Burial of Brock Re-enactment** - Funeral procession starting at 12:00 noon from Fort George for a ceremony in front of the Court House on Queen Street near the original site of the Government House where the carts carrying Brock and Macdonell will be placed in the procession. The troops will then slow march to St Mark's Church where there will be a musical commemoration. Then to Brock's bastion in Fort George by 2:30. There will be a Drumhead Service, hundreds of re-enactors, with the public participating in the parade to Fort George. Closing ceremonies will honour the 200 years of peace and friendship that has existed between Canada and the United States. For more information contact the Friends of Fort George -905-468-6621 or [www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca](http://www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca)

Battle of Queenston Heights weekend is generously supported by funding through: *Building Communities through Arts and Heritage; (Developpement des communautes par le biais des arts et du patrimoine)*The Niagara Falls Bridge Commission; Coca Cola Refreshments and private donations.