

Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the American War of 1812

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 19, 2010

The Honorable M. Kirkland Cox, *Chairman*
The Honorable Stephen H. Martin, *Vice Chairman*
The Honorable Christopher K. Peace, *Advisory Council Chairman*

The Advisory Council met on October 19, 2010, in Richmond to discuss plans for the commemoration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The Council deliberated on the following matters:

- Ground Rules for Legislative Subgroups
- Commemorative Brochure
- Revised Commemorative Work Plan
- War of 1812 Documentary, Book, and Traveling Exhibit
- Update: OpSail 2012
- Historical Markers: Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail
- Montpelier: Prelude to the *Virginia Bicentennial of the War of 1812*
- 2013 Water Tour of the Chesapeake Bay
- 2014 Legacy Symposium
- Proposed Legislation
 - Commemorative License Plate
 - Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The commemorative tri-fold brochure should be revised and adopted in accordance with the changes suggested by the Advisory Council, and be considered as an initial step to publicize the bicentennial. The brochure should be distributed to:
 - Public libraries
 - Historical societies
 - Virginia Society for the War of 1812 and other War of 1812 groups
 - Professional history associations
 - State history teachers
 - Community organizations
 - Travel agencies/destinations
 - Local and state travel bureaus
2. A more inclusive and expansive brochure should be developed and distributed to promote economic development, tourism, visibility for the bicentennial.
3. Private funding should be sought for the printing and distribution of the brochure before using public funds.
4. Commission and Advisory Council members should be requested to submit suggested sites for the Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail. To assist in this endeavor, the staff should be directed to send a list of sites currently included in the Trail.
5. The staff should be requested to ascertain the costs of the exhibit provided by the Virginia War Museum, and determine who would be responsible for providing insurance for the exhibit's artifacts.
6. The Commission should distribute copies of the to be published by the Virginia War Museum to each local school division (134), a copy of the DVD to each central public library (134), and copies of the book and DVD to members of the Virginia General Assembly.