



## CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

December 8, 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 December 8, 2010, in Richmond to discuss plans for the commemoration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The Council deliberated on the following matters:

- Commemorative Brochure
- Additions to the Commemorative Work Plan
- War of 1812 Documentary, Book, and Traveling Exhibit
- Montpelier: Prelude to the *Virginia Bicentennial of the War of 1812*
- Fort Meigs and African Americans in War of 1812
- Proposed Legislation
  - Commemorative License Plate
  - Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The brochure should be approved with the following modifications:
  - Reposition images and add Zachary Taylor
  - Include the name and title under each image
  - Delete the "s" in Ash Lawn Highlands
  - Insert language at the beginning of the description of Fort Monroe to capture the Fort's significance as the original Homeland Security defense strategy
  - Include the website at the end of historical site description
  - Add the new description for the City of Hampton (Sack of Hampton Campaign), which will be provided by Dr. Quarstein
  - Correct the number of encounters with the British in Virginia (provided by Admiral Lyman)
2. Legislation to provide for a commemorative War of 1812 license plate should be introduced in the 2011 Session. Discussion with the Department of Motor Vehicles concerning the special license plate should commence as soon as possible.
3. Legislation establishing the Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail should be introduced, as amended by the Advisory Council, in the 2011 Session.
4. In working with the U.S. Army Center of Military History, the staff should also contact Dr. James Kelley at Fort McNair to request his assistance in using his exhibit on the War of 1812.
5. Collaboration with the State of Ohio for the erection of an historical marker at the site of interred Virginians who defended Fort Meigs should be continued to conclusion.

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6. Efforts to acknowledge the active role of African Americans in the War of 1812 should be made, such as commemorating the contributions a significant/specific location, and including the topic in the 2014 Legacy Symposium.
7. A Commission/Advisory Council meeting should be held for coordination purposes prior to the Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony at Montpelier on March 16, 2011.

**Other Suggestions**

A member of the Advisory Council would like the Commission to consider placing a marker within Shockoe Hill Cemetery to recognize 350 veterans of the War of 1812. It is believed that more veterans of the War of 1812 are buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery than at any other place in the nation.