

America's Second War for Independence

The War of 1812 is often termed the "Second War for Independence" as it marked the second time the U.S. had engaged in a major conflict with Great Britain. In the years following the American Revolution, tension between England and the United States did not end. Great Britain refused to withdraw from land along the Great Lakes and also interfered with American shipping, seizing U.S. sailors and forcing them into British service. The War of 1812 lasted three years from June 18, 1812, until February 18, 1815.

Did You Know?

The effort to designate the Star-Spangled Banner as the official National Anthem of the United States began with the United States Daughters of 1812, with it being signed into law on March 3, 1931.

O Say Can You See?



Francis Scott Key, on September 13, 1814, while observing the Battle of Baltimore, penned the poem that became our national anthem. The original Star-Spangled Banner that flew at Fort McHenry and inspired Key, hangs in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Do you have a War of 1812 Ancestor in your family tree?

Would you like to be part of a vibrant group of women who all share in a love for American history, preservation, & patriotism?

Contact us today!



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National Society
United States Daughters of 1812
is a non-profit, non-political,
women's service organization,
headquartered in Washington, D.C.



What Do Our Daughters Do?

For more than a century, members of the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 have dedicated themselves to patriotism, preservation of documents and relics, and education. These goals are as relevant in today's society as they were when the organization was founded in 1892. Some of the things our Daughters do include:

- ★ Promote War of 1812 historical sites
- ★ Support America's veterans
- ★ Educate about the American flag
- ★ Support the American Merchant Marine Library Association
- ★ Support schools for underprivileged children
- ★ Award ROTC and JROTC medals
- ★ Learn about War of 1812 events
- ★ Build relationships
- ★ Gain leadership skills



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The National Society United States Daughters of 1812 is a non-profit, non-political, women's service organization for descendants of patriots who aided the American cause during the War of 1812.

Who Can Join?

Membership is available to women age eighteen and over who can offer satisfactory proof that they are lineal descendants of an ancestor who, during the period of 1784-1815 inclusive, rendered civil, military, or naval service to our country, rendered material aid to the U.S. Army or Navy, or who participated in the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Junior membership is available to girls and boys from birth through age 21. See the website for a list of "Approved Service for Patriots."



How Do You Join?

Go to our webpage: USDaughters1812.org/join
Get connected to a local chapter by completing the "Join" form at the bottom of the webpage. Chapters will assist you with the application process.



The 1812 Museum is in a 1884 late-Victorian house at headquarters. For almost a century, dedicated members have donated historical artifacts, memorabilia, and period furniture to tell the story of the War of 1812 and their ancestors' service.



The 1812 Memorial Library

is the only collection in Washington, D.C. that is focused from the end of the American Revolution through the ratification of the Treaty of Ghent in 1815. There are more than 5,000 titles in the collection representing some 6,000 volumes.