

The War of 1812



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Origins

“Founded on September 14, 1814, the General Society War of 1812 traces its origins to the huge collection of American militia companies which were called to meet the British thrust at Baltimore following the occupation of the National Capital.

Many of these separate state organizations came together forty years after the Battle of New Orleans to lobby for land grants and other benefits for the veterans. "On January 9, 1854, (a day after the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans), a group of over 1,500 War of 1812 veterans from across the United States met in convention in Congress Hall in Philadelphia, having responded to a call issued by Joel Barlow Sutherland (1792-1861), an 1812 veteran and former Congressman from Philadelphia.

Ostensibly called to draft resolutions pertaining to bounty land benefit legislation, the veterans assembled in Philadelphia acknowledged the need for an organization for mutual support and to perpetuate the history of the War of 1812. From this convention, the Society of the War of 1812 was founded and Sutherland was elected its first President.”

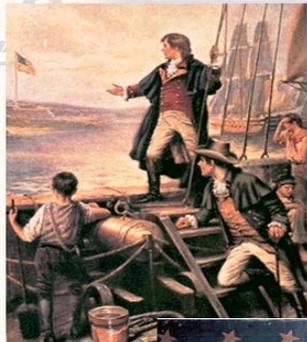


Utah Society of the War of 1812

Our Mission

The Utah Society of the War of 1812 is a registered 501-c-3 charitable organization that educates about and promotes the exceptional valor and sacrifice made in the defense of our country by citizen patriots during the War of 1812, responding to the call to maintain our way of life and freedoms at a critical time in our history. Through our programs, commemorations, and gatherings we share with each other and with our neighbors a personal perspective about our own forebears who participated in this important conflict. We seek to inspire the hearts of young and old alike with the same love of liberty, duty toward God and Country, and uncompromising dedication to our loved ones.

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2. Battle at Fort McHenry

- a. **Francis Scott Key:** an American lawyer and prisoner of the British
- b. Saw an American flag flying over Ft. McHenry after the battle
- c. The flag inspired Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner"

How do I find out my documented descent from an 1812 warrior?

Many of our members have relatives who are already proven descendants of an 1812 warrior, and the application will be a matter of simple documentation. To determine your ancestry and their participation in the War of 1812, excellent resources are:

familysearch.org, ancestry.com, fold3.com

and the national archives at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>.

Additionally, our State Registrar/Genealogist can assist in the documentation process.

Membership Application for the Society of the War of 1812:

<http://utahsocietywar1812.org/memapp.pdf>

Fees

Membership Fee = \$37.50

Annual Dues = \$27.00

Fee for Supplemental Applications = \$20.00 for the General Society). For more information please contact our State Registrar at:

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Do I Qualify?

Males 14 years of age or older and who are a lineal, documented descendant of one who served during the War of 1812 in any military service of the United States, and who is of good moral character and reputation, may make application for membership. Military service for your ancestor can be as an officer, warrant officer, enlisted man, militia, or member of a ship's company on a public, armed vessel between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815. Other options include those serving as President, Secretary of War, and State Governors during that time. Those who descend from a brother or sister of our 1812 warriors, as well as those that are 14 who are descendants of a Society Member are eligible to apply.

