

# War of 1812 Timeline



## 1812

June 18 . . . . . United States declares war on Great Britain.

## 1813

May 3 . . . . . British burn most of Havre de Grace, MD, ushering in two years of destructive Chesapeake raids.

Summer . . . . . Mary Pickersgill hired to make two flags for Fort McHenry.

## 1814

June 8-10  
& 26 . . . . . Battles of St. Leonard Creek, Calvert County, MD.

August 19 . . . . . British land 4,000 soldiers in Benedict, MD.

August 24 . . . . . Battle of Bladensburg, MD.

August 24-25 . . . . . British occupy Washington, D.C. and burn public buildings.

September 12 . . . . . British land 4,500 troops at North Point, Baltimore County, MD. Battle of North Point. British commanding officer General Robert Ross killed by American riflemen.

September 13 . . . . . British advance to Hampstead Hill (Patterson Park), Baltimore City, then retreat.

September 13-14 . . . . . Bombardment of Fort McHenry.

September 14 . . . . . Francis Scott Key observes U.S. flag flying over Fort McHenry after bombardment and is inspired to write "Defence of Fort McHenry."

September 17 . . . . . First copies of Key's song are printed and dispersed in Baltimore City. The song, "The Star-Spangled Banner," immediately is a nationwide hit and becomes the national anthem in 1931.

## 1815

January 8 . . . . . Battle of New Orleans.

February 17 . . . . . Treaty of Ghent is signed by President James Madison in Octagon House, Washington, D.C., ending the War of 1812.