

Naval Historical Foundation War of 1812 Speakers List

The below growing list is a sampling of the NHF's talent pool of subject-matter-experts who could be made available to talk at a gathering. Most are willing to travel if reimbursed. Please contact Dr. Winkler dwinkler@navyhistory.org for additional speaker options to address the War of 1812 or other topics.

Joseph – James Ahern: South Jersey/SE Pennsylvania - has an M.A. in Public History and serves as Senior Archivist at University Archives and Records Center, University of Pennsylvania and can discuss USS *Constitution*; Age of Sail; Philadelphia and related naval/maritime connections; development of the US Navy in the Early Republic, Political issues leading up to the war.

Joseph F. Callo: New York Metro area – is a retired Rear Admiral who has written an acclaimed biography on John Paul Jones and has published numerous articles on the U.S. Navy and the age of sail including the “War of 1812: A New Look” in the Winter 2011-2012 edition of *Pull Together*.

George C. Daughan: Maine – is a former professor of history at the University of New Hampshire, University of Colorado, and Wesleyan after earning his Ph.D. at Harvard. His books include *If By Sea: The Forging of the American Navy From the Revolution to the War of 1812* (2008) and *1812: The Navy's War* (2011)

William S. Dudley: Eastern Shore Maryland – is the former Director of Naval History who has familiarity with this era dating from his tenure as head of the Naval Historical Center's Early History Branch and his editing of the first two volumes of *War of 1812, : A Documentary History*.

George W. Emery: Maine – is a retired Vice Admiral who has researched documents on early U.S. naval history and is publishing a series of biographical pieces on naval officers who forged the U.S. Navy's early heritage in the Naval Historical Foundation's *Pull Together* newsletter.

David Fitz-Enz: Upstate New York/Lake Placid – is a retired U.S. Army Colonel who has written extensively on both the land and naval aspects of the War of 1812. Books include *The Final Invasion, Plattsburgh – The War of 1812's Most Decisive Battle; Old Ironsides, Eagle of the Sea; and Hacks, Sycophants, Adventurers, and Heroes – Madison's Commanders in the War of 1812*.

Mark Lardas: Houston/Galveston area – has a background in Architecture & Marine Engineering and has ten published books including topics on War of 1812 Frigate Duels, Great Lakes Warships, and Federal Navy Frigates along with several articles on War of 1812 naval battles, naval weapons, and modeling War of 1812-era ships.

Rebecca Whitman Koford: Maryland – a Professional Genealogist with a specialization in “Researching Ancestors in the War of 1812.” This topic covers the myriad of documents available online and offline to researchers looking for their “Second Revolution” Patriots. Focuses heavily on the resources available at the National Archives and discusses ongoing digitization projects.

Steven E. Maffeo: Western Colorado – is a retired Navy Captain who is the Associate Library Director at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has published *The Perfect Wreck: Old Ironsides and HMS Java – A Story of 1812* (2011) and authored the USS Constitution timeline for www.ussconstitution.navy.mil along with other studies on Lord Nelson and Trafalgar.

Ty Martin: Western North Carolina – is a retired Navy commander who once commanded USS *Constitution* and has written extensively on the subject. His *A Most Fortunate Ship* – won the USS

Constitution Bicentennial Book competition and received the Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor Medal and the National Maritime Historical Society's Albion Award. Other titles include *Undeafed; Creating A Legend; A Signal Honor; Constitution's Finest Fight; and Constitution Close Up.*

Carey Roberts: Northern Virginia - is an award-winning author whose latest title is *Star-Spangled Sailors: A Novel of the Brave Watermen Defenders of Chesapeake Bay in the War of 1812.*

Michael Rutstein: New England — is the owner and captain of the schooner FAME, a recreation of the first American privateer to send in a prize during the War of 1812. Has written *FAME: The Salem Privateer* (2006) and *The Privateering Stroke* (2012). Speaking topics include the War of 1812, Privateering, the building and sailing of traditional vessels. Has worked extensively with the Salem Maritime National Heritage Site on education and programming for both adults and children. For more on the schooner FAME, please visit SchoonerFame.com.

Jeff Seiken: Virginia Tidewater Region – earned a Ph.D. from Ohio State and is an Air Force historian whose War of 1812 publications include: “Thomas Jefferson and the Tripolitan War, 1801-1805,” in *American Involvement with the Mediterranean in the 18th and 19th Centuries* (2010) “American Naval Operations and Options at the Start of the War of 1812” in *New Interpretations of Naval History* (2001) "The United States and the Contest for Lakes Erie and Ontario, 1812-1815" in *60 Years' War for the Great Lakes, 1754-1814*, (2001); Biographical essays on Stephen Decatur and Thomas Macdonough in *Encyclopedia of the War of 1812* (2004) Entry on Battle of Lake Erie in *Encyclopedia of the Midwest* (2006). His current manuscript projects include: “The Founders’ Navy: American Naval Policy and Practice in an Age of Atlantic War” (revision of dissertation) and “In Unequal Battle: The United States Navy in the War of 1812.”

David C. Skaggs: Professor emeritus at Bowling Green State University, has published on Oliver Hazard Perry, Thomas Macdonough, and William Henry Harrison and studies on the Battle of Lake Erie and Lake Champlain. He lives in Michigan and North Carolina

Chuck Steele: Western Colorado – earned his Ph.D. from West Virginia University and teaches history at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Presented a paper titled “Courageous Captains: The Naval War of 1812: A Legacy of Valor” at the Denver Council of the Navy League in November 2011.

William White: New Jersey – has published 7 books (6 novels 1 non-fiction) including 5 on War of 1812. The non-fiction book was written for Navy 1812 bicentennial entitled “. . . our flag was still there” due out in Feb 2012 and published by Sea History Press. He has written more than 30 magazine articles on maritime history including a series on War of 1812 and another series on some of the major players involved in the maritime aspect of it.

William A. Whittenbury is the youngest participant in the Naval Heritage Speakers Program, a dynamic teenage presenter in the Southern California area who has incorporated outstanding research to develop entertaining power-point presentations that have been delivered to multiple audiences in the region. Titles of naval history presentations he has given include *The War of 1812: Celebrating 200 Years of the Rise of the US Navy* and *The Fleet That Never Sailed: Cancelled Battleships of World War Two and the Difference They Might Have Made*. He can also speak about the trials by fire of the early US Navy, including the Quasi War and Tripolitan War, and the major battleship actions of WWII.