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New Website Launches for the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812

Hamilton, ON-August 12, 2011 - The Western Corridor War of 1812 Bicentennial Alliance (WCA) has launched a new website for visitors to access information about events and initiatives surrounding the Bicentennial for the War of 1812 in the Western Corridor of Southern Ontario.

The Bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812 has been identified as a key tourism opportunity for the region, and the new WCA portal will allow new visitors to easily plan their entire 1812 Bicentennial trip and educational experience from one central website.

The website www.westerncorridor1812.com

- has an Events Database, searchable by location, time and type of event
- shows a Video highlighting the history and events of the war in this Region
- provides timely updates on any 1812 news nationally and internationally
- links to Partner's sites so visitors learn about local initiatives marking the war

The site will also link to many other sites relating to the Bicentennial and the history of the war, including the documentary *Rural Raids and Divided Loyalties*, a three part series telling of the raids by American General McArthur in October of 1814. Visitors can follow McArthur's path by travelling along *Route 1812*. This historic driving trail highlights museums, historic sites and battlefields involved in the War of 1812.

The story of the war in this region is one of courageous settlers and First Nations willing to stand up and defend their homes from the invading force of American raiding parties and traitors as they burned mills and stole supplies.

The WCA is a partnership of all the municipalities within the Western Corridor as it extends from Halton Hills through Hamilton, Brantford and London, ending at Middlesex County, it also includes the counties along the North shore of Lake Erie; Haldimand, Norfolk and Elgin. This website was made possible by generous support from the Hamilton Halton Brant Regional Tourism Organization and the Government of Ontario.

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