



Perry's Victory and
International Peace Memorial

THE BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE

Bicentennial

1813 - 2013



September 10, 1813

Dear Gen'l:

*We have met the enemy, and they are
ours, two ships, two brigs, one schooner
and one sloop.*

Yours with great respect and esteem,

O. H. Perry



On September 10, 1813, the British under Commodore Robert Barclay and the Americans under Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry met in battle in Lake Erie waters, near Put-in-Bay, Ohio. Perry's flagship, *Brig Lawrence* engaged the British ships *HMS Detriot* and *HMS Queen Charlotte*, while the *Brig Niagara*, for some unknown reason, stood off. With the *Lawrence* completely battered by two hours of cannon fire and most of her crew wounded or killed, Commodore Perry bravely transferred to the undamaged *Niagara* using a longboat. Once on the *Niagara*, Perry quickly hoisted his battle flag, "Dont Give Up the Ship" and sailed the ship into close action—breaking the British battle line, and forcing Barclay to surrender. After his stunning victory over the British fleet, Commodore Perry wrote his famous report to General William Henry Harrison, "We have met the enemy and they are ours..."

Two hundred years later, we gather as friends and allies to honor all those who participated in the Battle of Lake Erie. This pivotal naval victory in the War of 1812 helped change the course of history for Great Britain, the United States of America and what would eventually become Canada. While there was no clear victor in the War of 1812, the end of the war helped bring long-lasting peace between nations once at war. Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial stands in tribute to all those who fought and died in the War of 1812 and demonstrates the value of acknowledging differing points of view while recognizing the reality of shared humanity and history.

"As we gaze on this great monument of stone, erected to the cause of peace, we find renewed hope that eventually nations, like individuals, may learn to sit around the council table and settle their differences without resorting to the bloodshed..."

- Illinois Governor Louis Emmerson, 1931

Perry's Victory

Bicentennial Program
Put-in-Bay, Ohio

Welcoming Remarks

Blanca Alvarez Stransky, Superintendent
Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial

Invocation

LCDR Jeffrey Plummer, Chaplain
U.S. Coast Guard, Ninth District

Presentation of Colors

U.S. Armed Forces Honor Guard

National Anthems

Debby Parker, Robert Bell, and Jennifer Cresswell

Native American Blessing

Tom Netz, Native American

Special Recognition of

U.S. Brig Niagara
The Royal Navy
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
United States Navy
United States Marine Corps
United States Coast Guard
United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps

Presentation of Senate Resolution

Ann Longworth Orr, Regional Representative, US Senator Sherrod Brown
Wes Fahrbach, District Representative, US Senator Rob Portman

Guest Speakers

Michael T. Reynolds, Midwest Regional Director, National Park Service
Bill Brake, Field Unit Superintendent, Parks Canada
Dr. Roy Norton, Consul General of Canada, Detroit, Michigan
Rear Admiral Joseph A. Horn, Jr. Program Executive Office for Integrated
Warfare Systems, United States Navy

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable John R. Kasich
Governor of Ohio

“Let There Be Peace”

Put-in-Bay School Children

Closing Remarks

Superintendent Stransky

Benediction

Reverend Mary Staley, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Taps

Royal Newfoundland Regiment Bugler

Gun Salute

American Legion Post 542, Put-in-Bay, Ohio

“Till the Last Shots Fired”

Debby Parker

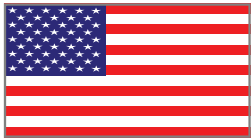
(Following a 15 minute intermission please join us for a concert)

Cannon and Musket Salute

Parks Canada, National Park Service, and Period Re-enactors

Peace Concert

Royal Newfoundland Regiment Band and
Toledo Symphony Brass Quintet



Special Thanks

The staff at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial wishes to sincerely thank the Put-in-Bay Township and the Village of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, especially all of the residents, businesses, churches, and community groups, for their outstanding support and encouragement. Your passion for history and your willingness to assist in commemorating the Bicentennial of the Battle of Lake Erie has been a constant inspiration. The community of Put-in-Bay should be very proud of what it has accomplished.

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Lake Erie Shores and Islands

United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps

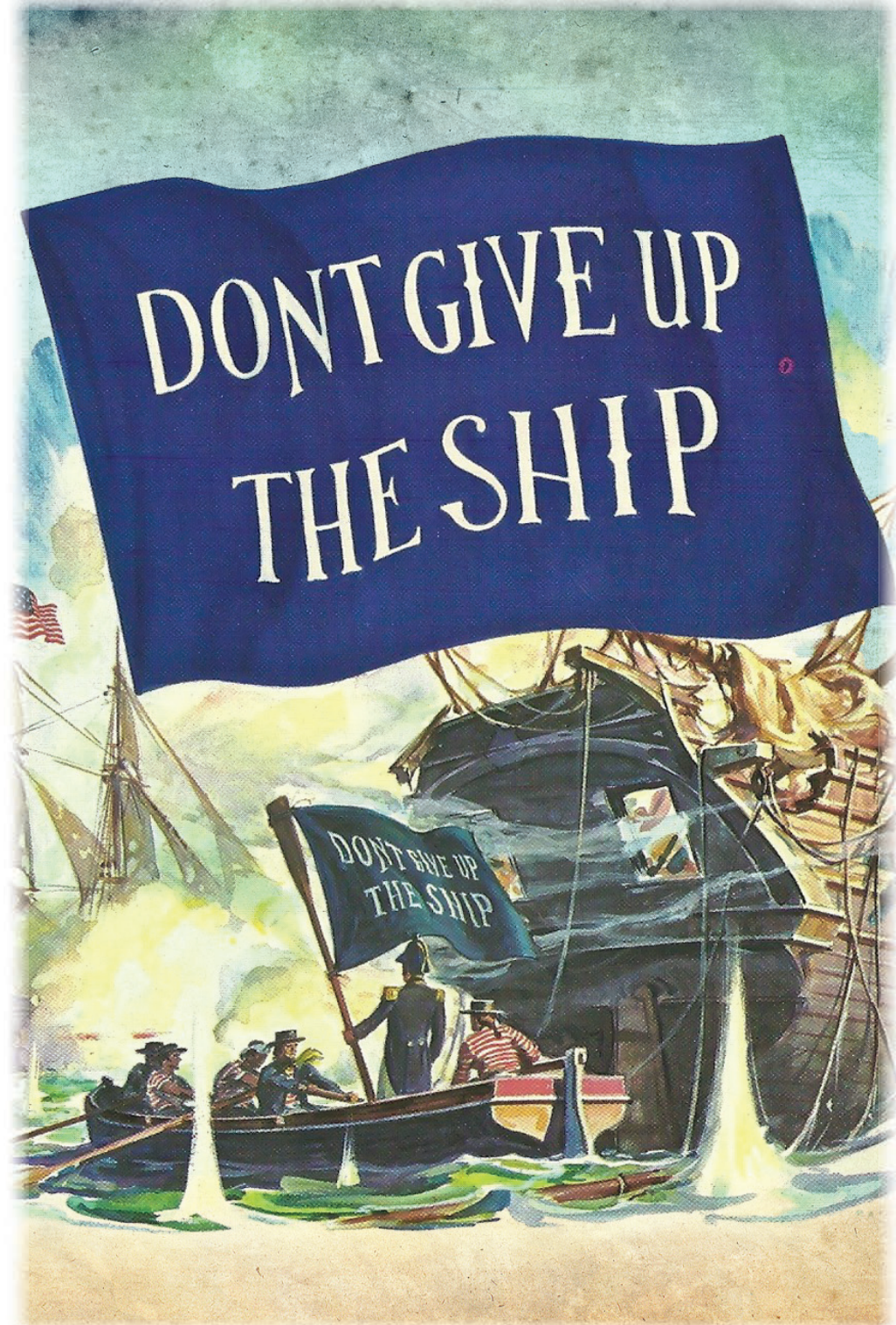
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Senior Captain Walter Rybka*





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Bicentennial Commemorative Ceremony

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Honoring ♦ Educating ♦ Preserving Our Nation's History