



Kentucky's War of 1812: The Kentucky War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) is the administrative agency for the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, an 18 member body established by the Kentucky Legislature in 2010.

Kentucky played a major role in the conflict, which lasted from 1812 to 1815. Approximately 60 percent of the war's total casualties were Kentuckians, and the commonwealth suffered more men killed and wounded than all other states combined. Nearly 25,000 Kentuckians (one in six) had some sort of military service. The conflict also placed a national focus on Kentuckians like Henry Clay and Richard M. Johnson, who were influential soldiers and political leaders. The War of 1812 was the first major event after Kentucky statehood that solidified the identity of the state.

Today, the Kentucky War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission is working to raise awareness about Kentucky's role in the conflict, to assist communities in discovering their own 1812 story and to encourage statewide programming.