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Horseshoe Bend National Military Park and Partners Commemorate Bicentennial with Symposium at Auburn Conference Center

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University, and the Friends of Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, Inc. will present a symposium commemorating the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Creek War of 1813-14. The symposium, entitled ...Toward a Larger Stage: The War of 1812, the Creek War and the Idea of America, will focus on the pivotal events of two hundred years ago in Alabama, the Southeast, the United States, and the world. The symposium will take place at the Auburn University Conference Center on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 8:30 am CST and Saturday, March 22 at 9:45 am CST. The symposium is in addition to events taking place at Horseshoe Bend National Military Park on Thursday, March 27, 2014 through Saturday, March 29, 2014.

The symposium will focus on connecting the audience to the compelling and significant events that occurred in 1813 and 1814, in relation to the War of 1812, the Creek War and the ultimate Battle of Horseshoe Bend in March of 1814. The program will place these events in a local, national, and international context, as well as the cultural context of Indians, Americans, British and Canadians.

“We are very excited to offer this opportunity to commemorate the events that took place at Horseshoe Bend two hundred years ago,” says Doyle Sapp, Superintendent of Horseshoe Bend National Military
Park. "The opportunity to talk about the battle and its place in Alabama, the United States, and the world with our valued partners is a unique opportunity."

Fourteen presentations will be offered during the course of both days. This 1812 bicentennial symposium is free to the public. Seating is limited and registration is required. The registration form can be on the park’s website at www.nps.gov/hobe. Lunch is not provided but attendees will have one hour and fifteen minutes between the sessions in order to eat at local establishments.

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