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JOIN AUTHOR DONALD R. HICKEY FOR A DISCUSSION OF HIS LATEST BOOK
“DON’T GIVE UP THE SHIP: MYTHS OF THE WAR OF 1812”
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

DETROIT – The Detroit Historical Society continues its Scholar Series with Donald R. Hickey, professor at Wayne State College in Nebraska, and author of “Don’t Give Up the Ship: Myths of the War of 1812” on Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum.

In this book, Hickey, tackles many of the misconceptions that distort our view of the War of 1812, including aspects of both how the war was fought and remembered. He embraces military, naval, political, economic and diplomatic analyses, while exploring why certain myths gained currency and how they contributed to the way that the United States and Canada view themselves and each other.

The book seeks answers to many questions, including:

- Was the original declaration of war a bluff?
- What were the real roles of Canadian traitor Joseph Willcocks, Mohawk leader John Norton, pirate Jean Laffite, and American naval hero Lucy Baker?
- Who killed the Shawnee chief Tecumseh and who shot the British general Isaac Brock?
- Who actually won the war, and what is its lasting legacy?

One of the nation’s leading experts on the War of 1812, Hickey also authored “The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict,” which won the National Historical Society Book Prize and the American Military Institute Best Book Award.

The cost of the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and $10 for guests. Advance registration is requested, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register for the event, please call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

The primary sponsor of this program is the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, a unit of the Michigan Department
of Natural Resources. The series is co-sponsored by the Michigan Council for History Education.

**Be sure to check out Hickey’s additional presentations on the War of 1812:**

- **On Tuesday, March 6 in Grand Rapids** - “James Madison: War President” - presented in cooperation with the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. For more information, visit www.allpresidents.org.

- **On Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in Lansing** – “Forgotten Conflict: The War of 1812” – presented in cooperation with the Historical Society of Michigan. For more information, visit www.hsmichigan.org.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public, but is available for group tours by calling **(313) 833-1733.** Adult admission is $6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay $4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum’s lot is $4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit; Frontiers to Factories; The Motor City;* and *The Glancy Trains.* New exhibits include *Detroit Toy Stories, Fabulous 5: Detroit's Destinations,* a display featuring the works of inventor William B. Stout, and a 1914 Anderson Detroit Electric car in our *Automotive Showplace.*

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