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War of 1812 Virtual Tours Launched

Hamilton, ON – May 28, 2013 – The City of Hamilton is pleased to announce the launch of a new War of 1812 Virtual Tour series aimed at increasing public awareness of the historical events that helped shape Canada's identity and the 200 years of peace between Canada and the United States. The three video installations can be found at www.1812hamilton.com by clicking on the War of 1812 Virtual Tour link.

The tours showcase:

1. **The Battle of Stoney Creek** - Learn how a force of 700 British soldiers defeated a much larger force of 3,500 Americans and what Dundurn Park looked like 200 years ago
2. **The Encampment at Burlington Heights** – Learn why this significant British base of operations was so strategically important and the lengths the British Army went to defend it.
3. **The *Hamilton & Scourge*** - Learn what the sunken warships, which lie 300 feet underwater, would have looked like when they fought in the US Navy fleet, and what they look like today at the bottom of Lake Ontario.

The tours were created using a combination of photography, video and virtual environment development.

These engaging and interactive tours make it possible to virtually visit and explore historically important sites that are not normally accessible to the public, or which no longer exist as they did 200 years ago.

For additional information about Hamilton's history of the War of 1812 and the Bicentennial commemorative events, visit www.1812hamilton.ca.

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