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Foreword

The commemoration of our Nation's 200th Anniversary has a very special meaning in Maryland. It was Maryland which provided much of the provisions and ammunition for the Continental Army . . . and it was in Maryland that the American Revolution officially ended and the independence of the United States formally acknowledged.

Reminders of Maryland's rich heritage include such places as St. Mary's City, where Lord Baltimore planted the seeds of religious toleration in 1634,

. . . and the Old Senate Chamber in the Annapolis State House where General George Washington resigned his commission and the Treaty of Paris later was signed, ending the Revolutionary War

. . . and the restored dwellings of Maryland's four signers of the Declaration of Independence—Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone and Charles Carroll of Carrollton

. . . and at Catoctin Furnace, where cannon and ammunition were produced for the Continental Army.

History is alive at Fort Frederick whose stone walls served as a protector for westward expansion . . . and at Fort McHenry where the Star Spangled Banner inspired Francis Scott Key to write our National Anthem

. . . and aboard the U.S. Frigate "Constellation," first ship of the U.S. Navy, now retired to her Baltimore birthplace.

Today, Marylanders in each of the 23 Counties and Baltimore City are commemorating their rich heritage through hundreds of Bicentennial projects and events.

The Bicentennial is for *everyone*. Historic and patriotic societies, service clubs, business and industry, together with labor organizations, educational institutions, religious groups, government, ethnic groups, senior citizen and youth organizations all have a role to play by developing their own Bicentennial projects.

We invite every Marylander to join us in commemorating our Nation's 200th Anniversary.

Louise Gore
Chairman

Organization

The Maryland Bicentennial Commission for the Commemoration of the American Revolution was established by the State Legislature in 1968.

The Commission was created to ensure appropriate efforts were made at the State level to arouse interest throughout Maryland in properly celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the founding of our Nation.

Local Bicentennial Committees have also been formed throughout the State to plan and carry out appropriate activities within their respective areas. (Note: a list of these committees, together with the name of the chairman of each, appears in this brochure)

Objectives

Among Bicentennial objectives in Maryland are three major themes which parallel those recommended for the Nation by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration:

HERITAGE '76



Focuses on activities which recall our Nation's heritage and give us historical perspective. Heritage includes those values and traditions established by our founding fathers and supplemented by succeeding generations of Americans. Heritage '76 is also concerned with the houses, churches, parks and documents that form our man-made environment.

FESTIVAL USA



Involves sharing with other Americans and the peoples of the world our traditions, culture and hospitality. Festival USA includes the arts, athletics, education, travel, hospitality,

exhibits and fairs involving all members of the community.

These activities may include craft shows and work-shops, folk music and dance performances and the establishment of visitor information centers.

HORIZONS '76



Includes activities through which we commemorate our past by looking to the future as a challenge and an opportunity for individuals and organizations to define and dedicate themselves to worthy purposes and to proceed with the attainment of these goals through various activities intended to improve the quality of life.

Theme concentrates on education, citizenship, community development, communications, transportation, learning, health, leisure, and the environment, together with human values and understanding to assure a better future for all mankind.

LEVELS OF SUPPORT

The Maryland Bicentennial Commission has defined three levels of support which the Commission will give to the various Bicentennial activities seeking its support.

The levels of support are as follows:

SPONSORSHIP

The Commission will sponsor a limited number of projects. These projects will serve to generate interest in the Bicentennial commemoration, will be of state-wide significance and will focus on Maryland and its role in the development of the nation.

Projects sponsored by the Maryland Bicentennial Commission will bear the official logo of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission.

ENDORSEMENT

The Commission will endorse projects submitted by State agencies, County Bicentennial Committees, private enterprise, and civic,

patriotic and cultural associations throughout the State which meet State Commission standards and conform to national ARBA themes: Heritage '76, Festivals USA, Horizons '76.

Projects endorsed by the Maryland Bicentennial Commission are entitled to use the official logo of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission along with an inscription stating: "Endorsed by the Maryland Bicentennial Commission."

RECOGNITION

The Commission will recognize projects submitted by any organization or individual which meet State Commission standards and conform to national ARBA themes: Heritage '76, Festivals USA, Horizons '76.

Recognition will be communicated to initiators of said projects in letter form. Advertising may contain contents of letter or the statement: "Recognized by the Maryland Bicentennial Commission." However, the official logo of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission may not be used.

Bicentennial Projects

Hundreds of Bicentennial projects are planned or underway throughout the State of Maryland. Many festival events have already been held, and many more are planned for 1976. Among the over 600 projects in which the Maryland Bicentennial Commission is directly involved are:

- awarding incentive grants to each of the Bicentennial Committees in the 23 counties and Baltimore City
- working with the State Department of Education to plan viable educational programs related to the Bicentennial for school children
- appointed a Racial, Ethnic and Native American Advisory Committee to provide community input on matters of ethnic/cultural involvement in Bicentennial programs
- sponsoring ceremonies commemorating the

signing of the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the Revolutionary War on January 14, 1784

- provided a grant for the development of a multi-media presentation in a Fells Point Visitors' Center
- provided funds enabling participation of Maryland High School students in national debates sponsored by the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States at Williamsburg, Virginia
- provided a grant to help the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore to present prominent national scholars during 1975-1976 to lecture on the philosophical foundations of the Declaration of Independence
- helping to raise matching funds for the restoration of the U.S. Frigate Constellation
- sponsored or endorsed a collection of publications and articles focusing on Maryland's role in the Revolutionary Era. To date, twelve volumes have been published in the Bicentennial Bookshelf series and more are scheduled for publication before the end of 1976
- encourages Baltimore City and all County Bicentennial Committees to compile and/or update their local histories
- provided a grant to the Maryland Academy of Sciences for a unique exhibition on Maryland scientists, "Explorers of Time and Space"
- sponsored archaeological studies of old barracks at Fort Frederick and provided a grant for an interpretive trail at Fort Cumberland
- participates in "Our Country — Bicentennial" ceremonies held on the Fourth of July at Fort McHenry
- provided funding support for Black History and Cultural Exhibits in Baltimore and Annapolis
- developing an environmental improvement program with the Maryland Environmental Trust, Jaycees, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts



- provided fellowship grants to graduate students and instructors to aid County Bicentennial Committees with Horizons '76 projects
- funded a pilot program in Western Maryland for a Maryland Bicentennial Trail
- sponsoring special projects to highlight the important historical roles of Benjamin Banneker and Frederick Douglass
- endorsed and provided awards for the First Annual Maryland School Film Festival
- supporting national programs including the American Issues Forum, Wagon Train Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania, Operation Sail '76 and the Freedom Train
- sponsoring the writing of a Historical Drama about Maryland's heritage
- contracted with a Maryland manufacturer to reproduce 14 furniture pieces originally crafted by 18th century cabinetmakers
- arranged for a Maryland Bicentennial Medal to be sold through banks and savings and loans offices
- arranged for a distinctive set of Armetale pewterware reproductions in a traditional design
- provided two delegates to the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States — an independent group formed in 1971 to focus specifically on the collective interests of the Thirteen Original States and to develop cooperative programs of common benefit
- developed a Bicentennial logo and flag for our State
- cooperated with the Afro-American Music Opportunities Association in sponsoring a series of music programs during the Bicentennial era
- publishes at regular intervals a Bicentennial newsletter, *The Contemporary Maryland Continental*
- provides speakers, films and slide programs for Bicentennial meetings throughout the State
- published a thoroughly researched series of four *Guidebooks to Revolutionary Era Landmarks in Maryland*
- produced a film about Maryland history from 1634 through the Revolutionary Era

Bicentennial Communities and Campuses

The Maryland Bicentennial Commission and the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration sponsor Bicentennial Community and Campus programs to encourage communities, colleges and universities to plan and carry out projects which, when taken together, will be the major portion of the Nation's Bicentennial commemoration.

To receive this national recognition, the community, college or university must have established a program based on the three thematic areas of Heritage, Festivals and Horizons, including at least one lasting reminder of the special effort undertaken for the Bicentennial. This could include physical objects such as monuments, buildings, restorations or significant and attainable programs in the Horizons theme area.

The community or campus also must establish a Bicentennial planning committee representative of all of its elements. Approval of the application by both the local governing body and the Maryland Bicentennial Commission is required prior to ARBA consideration.

Each newly designated Bicentennial Community or Campus is presented an ARBA flag and certificate and is given permission to use the ARBA and MBC logos in its activities.

To date, there are over 100 Bicentennial Communities and more than 10 Bicentennial Campuses in Maryland.



City and County Groups Formed

The following City and County Bicentennial Committees established at the request of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission are charged with the responsibility for developing and coordinating local Bicentennial programs.

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