

Battle of Fort McHenry

Date: September 13-14, 1814

Where: Baltimore (outskirts of city and harbor), Maryland



Battle of Fort McHenry: Who?



Major General Samuel Smith: Led the American ground forces outside of Baltimore.

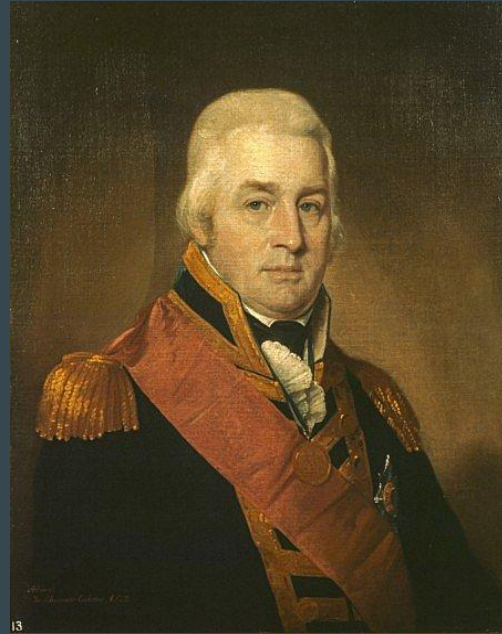


Major George Armistead: Led the American forces in Fort McHenry located in the Baltimore harbor.

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Colonel Arthur Brooke: Led the British ground forces outside Baltimore. Took over after **Major General Robert Ross** died in battle.



Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane: Led the British naval forces against Fort McHenry in Baltimore harbor.

Battle of Fort McHenry: Summary/Importance

Summary:

- British wanted to capture Baltimore to stop American privateers from attacking British ships.
- Colonel Arthur Brooke held the ground attack outside Baltimore till the fort was captured in the harbor.
- Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane showered the fort with over 1,500 rounds of ammunition over a 25 hour period, but did not take the fort.

Importance:

- Victory boosted American pride after the burning of Washington D.C.
- Victory helped with the negotiations of the Treaty of Ghent.
- Francis Scott Key wrote *Defense of Fort McHenry* becoming the *Star Spangled Banner*.

Victory flag waves over the home of the brave!

