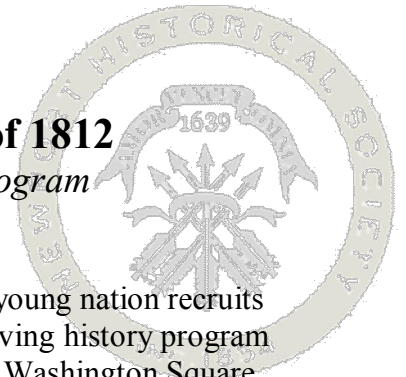


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**Join America's Navy and Fight in the War of 1812**  
*Newport Historical Society Hosts Living History Program*  
*"Recruiting for the War of 1812"*

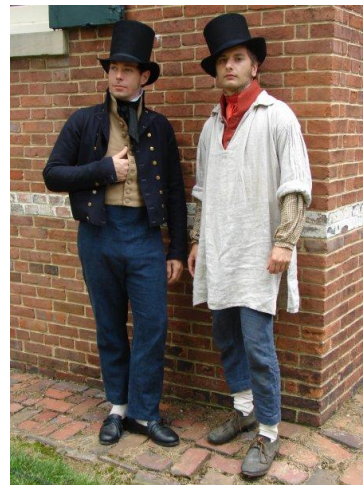
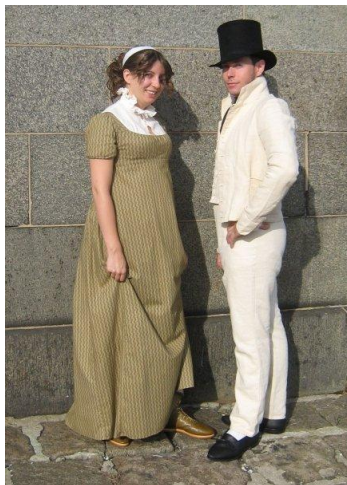


**Newport, RI – (May 2010)** – Step back in time to Newport in 1813 as the young nation recruits for the War of 1812. The Newport History Society will host a 19<sup>th</sup> century living history program on Saturday July 31, 2010 from 11am to 1pm at the 1739 Colony House on Washington Square.

Visitors will meet a group of first person historic interpreters portraying an 1813 recruiting station for the War of 1812 against Britain. A 19th century recruiting officer will ask the visitors-turned-naval-recruits a series of historically based questions to learn if they would make good sailors. An officer or surgeon's mate will "examine" the recruits. When they pass muster, they will sign shipping papers, receive a "cash bounty" (facsimile period money) and told where and when to report for duty.

"Many living history events do not actively engage the public," explains Matthew Brenckle who portray a recruiting officer. "This program aims to change that by encouraging visitors to take a central role."

Admission costs \$1 per person, \$5 maximum for families and is free for Newport Historical Society members.



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**About the Newport Historical Society**

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit [www.newporthistory.org](http://www.newporthistory.org).

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