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THE WAR OF 1812 DISCUSSED AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (October 23, 2006) – On Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., join writer A.J. Langguth as he discusses his latest book, *Union 1812: The Americans Who Fought the Second War of Independence*. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Union 1812: The Americans Who Fought the Second War of Independence is the story of the men behind the second war against Great Britain that established the nation's enduring independence from Europe and its claim to the entire continent. It put the young country on the road to becoming a world power, and it was a war the United States almost lost. "Some 200 years ago," says Langguth, "the first Americans were learning lessons about waging war and keeping the peace that might benefit us today."

A.J. Langguth is a journalist, professor, novelist, and non-fiction writer. As a *New York Times* reporter, he covered many of the defining events of the second half of the twentieth century, from the Jack Ruby murder trial to the civil rights movement to the Tet Offensive in Vietnam. In addition to *Union 1812*, A.J. Langguth wrote *Patriots*, the story of the men who started the American Revolution.

A book sale and signing will follow the event, courtesy of the Joseph Fox Bookshop.

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The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The National Constitution Center's programs earned the organization a 2006 Best of Philly® award from *Philadelphia* magazine as the "Best Place To Smarten Up". For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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