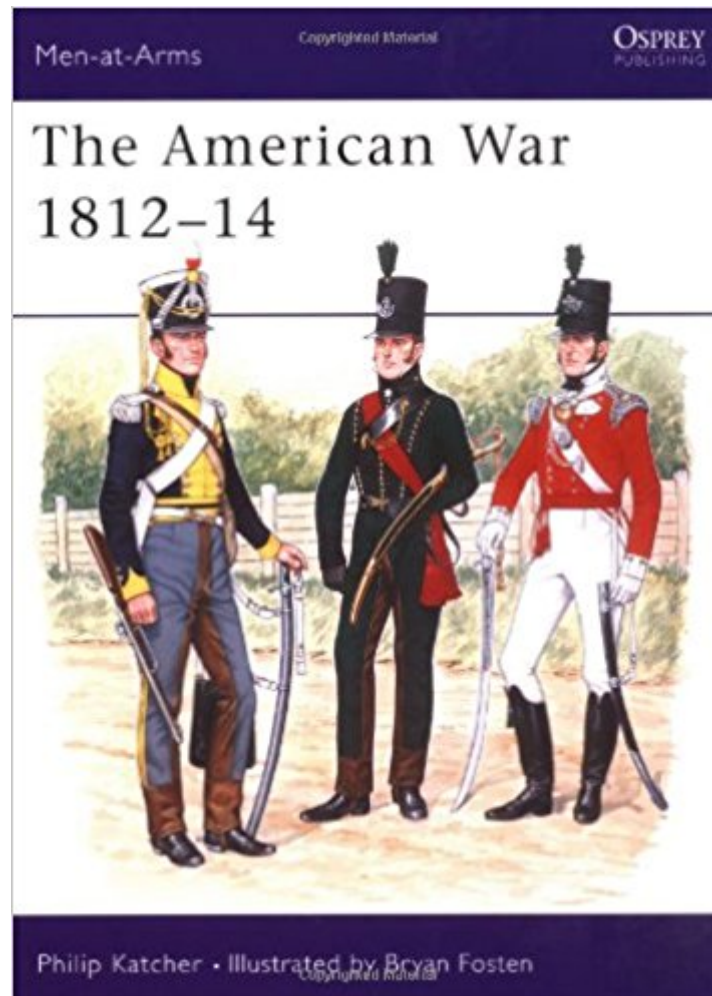




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# The American War 1812-14 (Men-at-Arms)



## Synopsis

Typically the United States is said to have declared war on Great Britain in 1812 because of the Royal Navy's impressment of American seamen and the British desire to create an Indian buffer state. An Englishman William Cobbett, described the real cause of the conflict: 'There seemed to be wanting just such a war as this to complete the separation of England from America; and to make the latter feel that she had no safety against the former but in the arms of her free citizens.'

Regardless of the reasons, however, on 4 June 1812, U.S. President James Madison, asked Congress to declare war.

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## Customer Reviews

Packed with specially commissioned artwork, maps and diagrams, the Men-at-Arms series is an unrivalled illustrated reference on the history, organisation, uniforms and equipment of the world's military forces, past and present.

Philip Katcher lives and works in Pennsylvania USA, and has written over 20 titles in the Men-at-Arms Series including the highly successful five-volume set on Armies of the American Civil War.

The War of 1812 brought the young United States back into open conflict with Great Britain, which had few troops in North America at the time. On the other hand, the United States had no standing

army, and its lack of professionalism showed in the early going. This Osprey Men-at-Arms Series book offers a quick but very readable summary of the American War, and a look at the two armies that fought it. Author Philip Katcher must have scoured the available museums for surviving uniform and equipment items, while the color plates show off uniforms as they must have looked at the time. There are no maps, but the book offers a concise but very decent introduction to the conflict. Recommended.

No Index. No examples of Militia uniforms. The author is British or Canadian and writes from an Anglo-Canadian perspective. No unit histories. It would've been good if there was a unit by unit listing and a brief description of the uniforms of every unit in the war. Color illustrations of every unit would be too much to ask, but I would've gladly paid more for more details of every unit. On the other hand He does describe the war crimes of both sides. He has included fairly detailed accounts of some of the battles. There is much information on the regular units on both sides. There are circa a dozen nice color illustrations of some of the regular units, including such obscure units as the Ethiopian unit and there is information on some of the lesser known theaters of the war, as well several photographs of rare antiques and mementos from the war. The book is a good introduction to this much neglected conflict.

This is just one of the many Osprey reference manuals that I use to hand paint 54mm toy soldiers for ebay and for customer orders - superb color renderings and quick easy text to accompany the plates!!

This book has more organizational information concerning the War of 1812, but is primarily concerned with the history of the war rather than the units.

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Was hoping to find some reference to blacks that served either with the British Colonial Marines or those that served with Jackson in the defense of New Orleans. No blacks or mention of them, so the book did not meet my purpose.

Osprey's Men-At-Arms series always presents a concise description of the soldiers reference on the cover, together with excellent colored renderings of unit uniforms, insignia and equipment, and this volume is typically well done! A must have for the individual modeling miniature figures from this conflict, or just interested in the dress code and history of the troops involved in the conflict!

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