



Memorial Day Weekend on the Lake

Lake George Battlefield Park

A plaque in Lake George Battlefield Park commemorates four soldiers who died in that 1755 battle - the oldest officially recognized site honoring Unknown Soldiers in the United States. On Memorial Day, May 29, the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance will honor them at the gravesite.

Proceedings, which start at

10:30 am, include: an invocation by Pastor Ali Trowbridge of Lake George Village's Caldwell Presbyterian Church; a keynote address by Assemblyman Matt Simpson; and a tribute to the four soldiers by Alliance member and historian Mark Silo, author of a new, groundbreaking study of the Battle of Lake George.

According to the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance,

the soldiers whose remains were found during the construction of a road near the battlefield in the 1930s and were reburied in the park at that time -were American provincials fighting on behalf of the British

king.

Sir William Johnson's victory over the French at the Battle of Lake George "provided the British with an initial victory against their adversaries after a string of setbacks earlier that year in the early stages of the French & Indian War," the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance stated.

"The extended morning fight on September 8, 1755 gave British troops at Lake George valuable time to effectively build makeshift defenses and ultimately prevail that day," said historian, Lake George resident and Alliance trustee Bruce Venter.

The May 29 ceremonies will also include a presentation of colors from the Lake George Volunteer Fire Department, the laying of a memorial wreath by Lake George American Legion Post 374 and a military salute by reenactors from Fort William Henry. Ceremonies will conclude with the playing of "Taps" by Amy Baker.