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Carlton Raid marker unveiled; Benedict Arnold, Henry Knox programs planned

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There's a new Historical Marker in Lake George's Battlefield Park. The sign commemorates the capture and burning of Fort George by Major Carleton's forces on Oct. 11, 1780. The marker, set near the park's entrance on Fort George Road, was unveiled on Sunday, October 8 with a ceremony that included speeches by State Senator Dan Stec, historian Pat Niles, Lake George Town Historian Margy Mannix and NY DEC Historic Preservation Officer Charles Vandrei. The marker is funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

The unveiling was hosted by the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and the Washington County Historical Society. Following the ceremony, Pat Niles led a

tour of sites in Battlefield Park that played a part in Carlton's raids. Niles has been leading the effort to install markers about the raids throughout the region.

The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance has also announced two programs coming this winter. On Saturday, Dec. 9, Author Jack Kelly will discuss his new book, "God Save Benedict Arnold". This program will be held at the Lake George Holiday Inn Resort on Canada Street at 11 a.m. On Saturday, Jan. 13, Historian Phillip Hamilton will share the contents of letters sent by Henry Knox to his wife, Lucy, during his incredible transport of artillery from Ticonderoga through Lake George and on to Boston during the winter of 1775-76 (co-sponsored by the Warren County Commission on the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.) This program will be held at 11 a.m. at Lake George Junior-Senior High School.

Visit the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance YouTube page to view past programs. The Lake George Battlefield Park Visitors Center will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through the end of October. Business hours at the Center are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featured photo: ***Lake George Deputy Town Supervisor Vinnie Crocitto (left) and Senator Daniel Stec upon unveiling the new Fort George historical marker/ courtesy Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance***