

A FIRST STEP TO A FINAL RESTING PLACE



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Above and below, state and local officials gather Friday at Lake George Battleground.

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State and local officials gathered at Lake George Battlefield State Park Friday, June 14, 2024, to consecrate the grounds where the remains of 44 early Americans who presumably died of Smallpox during the summer of 1776 will be reinterred along with others found in the area.

Those in attendance included Dan Barusch, director of Planning and Zoning for the town and village of Lake George; Sean Mahar, interim

commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Steve Mann, capital district director for Sen. Charles Schumer; Dan Stec, New York State senator for District 42; Matt Simpson, assembly member for District 114; Vincent Crocitto, supervisor for the town of Lake George; Ray Perry, mayor of the village of Lake George; Lisa Anderson, curator of Bioarcheology at the New Yorks State Museum; Charles Vandrei, Historic Preservation officer for the New York State DEC; John DiNuzzo,

president of the Lake George Battlefield Alliance; Margaret Mannix, historian for the town of Lake George; Major Robert Volk, chaplain for the New York 42nd Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade; and Larry Handy, portraying Colonel Peter Ganesvoort, Commander of Fort George in 1776.

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