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U.S. Army Gen'l David Sheppard (ret.) to Address Memorial Day Ceremony

A plaque in Lake George Battlefield Park commemorates four soldiers who died in the 1755 Battle of Lake George - the oldest officially recognized site honoring Unknown Soldiers in the United States. On Memorial Day, May 27, the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance will honor them at the gravesite. Proceedings, which start at 10:30 am, will feature addresses by retired US Army Brigadier General F. David Sheppard, the former Director of the New York State Office of Homeland Security, and historian Bruce Venter, who will discuss the historical importance of the 1755 battle. Pastor Ali Trowbridge of Lake George Village's Caldwell Presbyterian Church will deliver the invocation.



General F. David Sheppard.

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

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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 Bruce Venter.

The May 27 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.