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‘The Soul of General Abercromby’s Army’: Lord Howe the topic of upcoming program

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British Brigadier General George Howe, the eldest of the three famous military Howe Brothers, was struck down by a French musket ball in the 1758 Battle of Carillon (Ticonderoga.)

On April 12, 2025, French & Indian War Historian George A. Bray III will discuss the life and death of Howe in a presentation sponsored by the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance. The program begins at 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Resort, 2223 Canada Street, Lake George.

Bray will focus on Howe’s service during the two years he spent in the New York colony, the changes he made among British troops to adapt to wilderness warfare and Howe’s association with Rogers’s Rangers.

Lord Howe was one of the highest-ranking officers to be killed in the French & Indian War and was highly regarded by provincial forces and British regulars.

An 18th-century British military historian wrote of Howe that he was the soul of Abercromby's Army.

A bronze marker in the entranceway floor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany identifies the spot as Lord Howe's final resting place. However, new findings have brought this into question. Bray's talk will include this controversy.

George Bray is a lecturer, collector, reenactor, Fellow in the Company of Military Historians and an Army veteran. He also served on the New York French & Indian War 250th Anniversary Commission.

Admission to the program is free. Those who wish to attend may reserve a spot by contacting the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance at info@lakegeorgebattlefield.org. Bray's discussion will be recorded and made available on the Alliance YouTube Channel.

Featured image: Battle of Carillon/Abercromby's Flotilla diorama detail. The diorama, created for the Adirondack Museum in the 1950s, is now a permanent exhibit at the Lake George Battlefield Park Visitors Center.