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"Could Not Have Been Better": Knox & Atkinson at Lake George

By Nancy Hawley

In early December 1775, Henry Knox and a determined band of patriots launched the audacious Noble Train of Artillery, floating 60 tons of cannon south on Lake George to begin the long journey to Boston and, eventually, America's independence.

Two hundred fifty years later—on December 12, 2025—the Lake George community came together at the invitation of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and the Warren County Commission for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, with historians, nonprofits, elected officials, teachers, musicians, students, law enforcement, media, and volunteers joining forces to honor Knox's achievement with four commemorative events.

At each gathering, crowds cheered, listened, and learned about the courage that unfolded here as America fought to cast off authoritarian rule. An estimated 900 people attended—perhaps more, but we were too busy celebrating history to count. In terms of the historical tributes and the public's enjoyment, "It could not have been better!" in the judgment of the Glens Falls *Chronicle's* **Mark Frost**.

From Page to Classroom: Students Engage a Master Historian



The day began with historian and author **Rick Atkinson** at Lake George Junior/Senior High School, where students who had read his books about the Revolution, *The British Are Coming* and *The Fate of the Day*, peppered him with thoughtful questions. Moderated by school librarian **Sarah Olson**, the conversation ranged from the Boston Tea Party to untold historical details—and even how it feels to win a Pulitzer Prize. (Rick has three!)

Rick later joined the student journalists of *The Lake Take* for lunch. In January, the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance donated \$200 to the school newspaper, funded by proceeds from the afternoon reception with the author at the Holiday Inn.

Knox Returns: A Winter Re-enactment Brings History Ashore



A biting afternoon wind lent authenticity as living historians rowed a bateau carrying a cannon and Henry Knox himself (as played by **Christopher Ruckert**) from Wiawaka Center on the lake's east shore to Dog Beach at its head. Temperatures hovered at 28°F, yet more than 200 spectators lined Beach Road undeterred to witness this vivid re-creation.

Musicians from the Glens Falls Symphony set the tone with fife and drum. **Senator Dan Stec** spoke to the importance of Knox's journey, while Lake FM's **Walt Adams** narrated the re-enactment with historical context.

Upon landing, Knox presented a replica linstock to **John Berry**, Chair of the County 250th Commission. Soldiers then transferred the cannon from the bateau to a sled built by area BOCES students using 18th-century tools and techniques. After a musket salute, the

horse-drawn sled proceeded down Fort George Road, followed by Knox, his men, and the crowd. At the entrance to Fort George, Knox recounted the perilous transport of the artillery, concluding to resounding huzzahs: "Lake George is an indispensable link in this logistical chain...The eyes of all America are upon us."

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President's Welcome

By John DiNuzzo

The editors of the *Fort George Post*, **Diane and Tim Cordell**, had some tough choices to make on what to include and not include in this issue. I suspect they'll be faced with a similar dilemma with the Summer/Fall edition: the Alliance just has so many great stories to share!

Since last summer we've tackled and fulfilled a number of very ambitious goals we set for 2025. Of course, sponsorship of the Henry Knox/**Rick Atkinson** events on December 12 was our highest aspiration—and, with the help of dozens of Alliance volunteers, we knocked it out of the park! Each phase of that day was a milestone event, met with universal praise by the hundreds of attendees. On a more low-key level, the Alliance also conducted tributes earlier that week at four of Warren County's Knox monuments, in conjunction with the County's Commission for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

A number of other well-received initiatives were also held during the second half of 2025. The refurbishment of Lake George Battlefield Park's three bronze sculptures is a source of great pride to us, their now-restored magnificence befitting the site's important history. We also read the Declaration of Independence on July 4 at the ruins of Fort George—a Continental Army fortification that actually existed when the Declaration was composed in 1776!

Last summer we repeated the innovative "Floating History Tours", covering both the northern and southern halves of our beloved lake. In September we commemorated the Battle of Lake George by hosting a guided tour of each area of battle, led by expert historian-members.

And a new series of unforgettable events is on the horizon! Most prominent of these will be the Repose of the Fallen ceremony on May 22, through which the remains of 44 early patriots who perished at the Fort George smallpox hospital in 1776 will be reinterred at our site, near where they drew their final breaths.

Be prepared for another year of memorable, and very meaningful, history with the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance! ■

Knox "Noble Train" Salutes at Monuments

In addition to the December 12 series of tributes to Henry Knox and his artillery transport from Ticonderoga to Boston, the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and the Warren County Commission for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution conducted tributes earlier that week at Knox monuments in Glens Falls/Queensbury, Lake George, Bolton Landing and Sabbath Day Point. County Historian **Dr. Stan Cianfarano** and County Commission Chair **John Berry** joined town supervisors, mayors, municipal historians, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Alliance Trustees in recognizing the historic feat our communities witnessed in December 1775.



Hague Town Supervisor **Joshua Patchett** and Town Historian **Sally DeLarm Rypkema** with the Knox monument at Sabbath Day Point.

Capturing the 2025 Archaeology in the Battlefield Park

By Dr. Siobhan Hart, Professor, Skidmore College Anthropology Department

In June 2025, a team led by Dr. Siobhan Hart conducted archaeological research in Lake George Battlefield Park, building on work she started in 2024 and previous research directed by **Dr. David Starbuck**. Hart was assisted by two Skidmore students, **Lauren Attwell '26** and **Lia Donahue '26**, and volunteers from the Alliance including **Marie Ellsworth, Matt & Thomas Foley, Larry Handy, Lyn Hohmann, John Lehet, Joanne Morrison, John Schroeter, and Larry Turner**.

The team conducted a ground penetrating radar (GPR) survey of 2,100m² at the north end of the Park, continuing the “survey more, dig less” approach that guides the project. In 2016, Starbuck’s team found a large trash deposit with evidence of 18th century military occupation and French & Indian War artifacts there, but they were unable to determine how large the trash pit was.

The 2025 GPR survey showed some interesting anomalies that the team investigated through excavation of three 1 x 1 m test units. A variety of artifacts including Euroamerican and Indigenous-produced materials spanning from the 18th century (and possibly earlier) to the modern era were recovered and three cultural features were identified.

All three test units had evidence of the trash pit feature that Starbuck’s team found. Artifacts recovered included ball clay pipe stems, salt glazed stoneware, and blue-and-white and polychrome delft. Indigenous-produced artifacts include a red jasper stone flake, chert flakes, a sharpening stone, and Indigenous ceramics. Based on the stratigraphy and artifact content of the deposit, this trash pit likely dates to the 1760s-1770s. The 2025 investigations show that the trash deposit extends across the site and is

not confined to the border of the Old Military Road. This feature was related to the domestic activities (e.g., food and drink preparation, storage, consumption, disposal) of regiment encampments between the French & Indian and Revolutionary Wars. It may have been an area near officer tents, due to the higher value ascribed to the types of ceramics (e.g., delft, porcelain, stoneware).

Another cultural deposit was found below the 1760s-1770s trash pit in an area where the GPR showed a large anomaly. This deposit had very few artifacts aside from charcoal, a few bone fragments, and a decorated ball clay pipe bowl fragment. Deep in the deposit, however, several interesting artifacts were recovered, including an iron rod fragment (possibly part of cannon bar shot) and a 0.5 cm diameter lead ball (buck shot). This appears to be an earlier feature, possibly from the French & Indian War or shortly thereafter (1750s-early 1760s).

The 2025 investigations yielded evidence of Indigenous material in association with non-Indigenous made materials, demonstrating that the old assumption that the Indigenous materials are “prehistoric” and distinct from military occupations is flawed. The evidence indicates that these objects were disposed of at the same time as the Euroamerican materials they were found with.

Through our partnership with the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and the visibility of the research area, the team was able to engage with interested Park visitors daily. Dr. Hart presented preliminary results at the Lake George Historical Society and Hillview Library in summer 2025, and the Skidmore team gave a poster presentation of results at the Society for Historical Archaeology conference in January 2026. Lab work continues at Skidmore as the team completes the cataloging for the 2025 artifacts and re-cataloging of collections on loan from the New York State Museum from earlier excavations at the Park, so that they are more accessible for research.

Siobhan Hart received a Ph. D. and M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts, after earning a B.A. in Sociology from Colgate University. As an anthropological archaeologist, she is interested in what we know about the past, how we know it, and how it matters to people today. Her research is unified by a concern with using archaeology, material culture, and community collaboration to address inequities in the world today. Engaging with contemporary communities about past lives and experiences through heritage work provides a focal point for dialogue and action that can improve quality of life, increase sociopolitical power, and contribute to dismantling structural inequalities. ■



(left to right) **Professor Siobhan Hart, Lauren Attwell, and Lia Donahue** exhibit on Battlefield Park archaeology at the Society for Historical Archaeology conference in Detroit.

My Favorite History

In each edition of the *Fort George Post*, we present this feature, through which Alliance members share their most memorable history experiences. This list is furnished by **John Strough** of Queensbury.

My favorite historic spot in Lake George Battlefield Park is Lake George Battlefield Park Visitor Center.

Other Favorite Historic Sites:

- 1) Saratoga National Historical Park (Saratoga Battlefield)
- 2) Fort William Henry
- 3) Fort Ticonderoga

Favorite History Books

- 1) *Founding Martyr: The Life and Death of Dr. Joseph Warren, the American Revolution's Lost Hero*, Christian Di Spigna, Crown, 2019.
- 2) *Betrays: Fort William Henry and the Massacre*, Ian K. Steele, Oxford University Press, 1993.
- 3) *War on the Run: The Epic Story of Robert Rogers and the Conquest of America's First Frontier*, John F. Ross, Bantam, 2011.

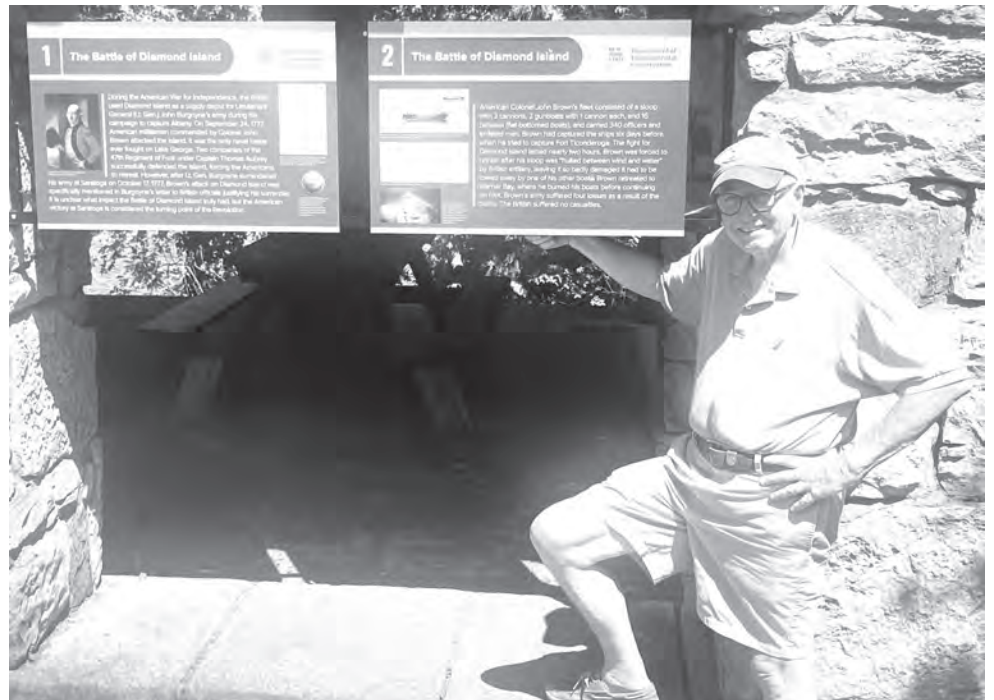


John Strough as Dr. Joseph Warren

Historical Signage on Diamond Island!

Much like the Twelve Labors of Hercules which took as many years to complete, Alliance Trustee **Bruce Venter** finally succeeded in getting historical signs installed on Diamond Island last June. Venter had been stymied for at least ten years by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation staff who didn't recognize the historical significance of the Battle of Diamond Island during British general John Burgoyne's 1777 campaign. But it was a fight worth having because the engagement between American militia and British redcoats on September 24, 1777 was the only naval action ever fought on Lake George.

Finally, two supportive DEC staffers, **Andy Niles** and **Luke Dague**, stepped up last year to get Diamond Island's signs made and installed. "It was so refreshing to have two sympathetic DEC folks understand the significance of the island's history and want to contribute to America's 250th birthday," Venter acknowledged. "I wrote the text for the signs with Alliance members **Russ Bellico** and **Lyn Hohmann** helping with the illustrations. So, it all ended well," he added. ■



Bruce Venter and "Battle of Diamond Island" signs



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Sold-Out Reception Honors History and Its Storyteller



Spirits and conversation ran high as the celebration continued with a sold-out reception for Rick Atkinson at the Holiday Inn Resort Lake George. Guests enjoyed the chance to chat with Rick, receive signed copies of *The Fate of the Day*, and share in the camaraderie sparked by the afternoon's events.

Remarks were offered by Rick Atkinson, Lake George Town Supervisor **Vinnie**

Crocitto, Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance President **John DiNuzzo**, and Alliance Trustee **Bruce Venter**, a longtime friend of Rick's.

A Full House for the American Revolution



With a stirring introduction by Lake George Junior/Senior High School Principal (and Alliance Vice President) **Francis Cocozza**, the day concluded with a public conversation between Rick Atkinson and WMHT Public Media Senior Producer **Matt Rogowicz** before a full house at the school's auditorium. After 45 minutes, Matt opened the discussion to questions from the audience, moderated by Bruce Venter. Queries ranged from the origins of the Noble Train (Rick credits George Washington) to the

fate of the cannons after Boston (they went to New York with General Washington), Knox's choice to travel on Lake George, and why the Revolution lacks a defining feature film ("Mel Gibson didn't do it for you?" Rick quipped).

A book signing followed, with a long line of attendees eager to meet Rick and cap off a remarkable day.

A Lake George native, Alliance member **Nancy Hawley** built her career as an editor in Boston and New York City. She worked with leading media companies, including Condé Nast, Time Inc., and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. Now back home in Lake George, she continues her content work for a range of clients and makes a point of visiting the Mohawk Warrior statue in Lake George Battlefield Park on a regular basis. ■

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UPCOMING EVENTS

***MARCH 19 - 7PM** "Underwater Archaeology of the American Revolution on Lake Champlain." **Chris Sabick**, Executive Director, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Holiday Inn Resort Lake George.

****APRIL 30 - 10AM MEMBERS ONLY** "The American Revolution in Washington County-South." Driving tour led by Alliance Trustee and Washington 250 Committee Co-chair **Pat Niles** of sites of importance during the Revolution in southern Washington County.

***MAY 9 - 11AM & 1PM** "Sir William, Where Exactly Were Your Lines?" Walking tour led by **Mark Silo** of British lines during Battle of Lake George. Meet at Lake George Battlefield Park Visitor Center.

*****MAY 22 - 10AM to 4PM** Lake George Battlefield Park Visitor Center opens for the season.

*****MAY 22 - 11AM** "Repose of the Fallen" ceremony to reinter 44 individuals who died of smallpox in 1776 at the Continental Army hospital at Fort George. Lake George Battlefield Park.

*****MAY 23 - 10AM - 5PM** Living historian encampment by 1st Pennsylvania Battalion. Lake George Battlefield Park.

**** JUNE 25 - 9:30AM & 1PM MEMBERS ONLY** "Floating History Tours-North." See military history from the water. Tour guides Captain **Todd Earl** and **John-Eric Nelson**. Depart from Silver Bay.

***JUNE 25 - 7PM** "Warships of the French & Indian War: Naval Prelude to the American Revolution." **Joseph W. Zarzynski, RPA**. Co-sponsored by French and Indian War Society at Lake George. Fort William Henry Conference Center.

* Free event. Registration requested to info@lakegeorgebattlefield.org

** Members-only event; for details info@lakegeorgebattlefield.org

*** Free event. Registration not required.

Provincial Chaplains: Divided Loyalties of 1776

By Jeff Brozyna

The recently televised Ken Burns documentary on the American Revolution captured the great dilemma faced by Americans who were uncomfortable with the ideology and actions of those supporting the Patriot cause. Despite misgivings about certain Crown policies, many people were unable or unwilling to break with their sovereign due to their personal beliefs or the economic benefits they enjoyed under the existing colonial system. They remained Loyalists. However, failure to support the Patriot cause could lead to retaliation, violence, property confiscation and even physical harm. Some tried to avoid the controversy by adopting a neutral position. However, this became increasingly difficult for high profile community leaders. They were caught in the middle with no place to hide. My research indicates this was particularly true for ministers who were expected to be the community's spiritual and opinion leaders.

Several years ago, I developed a database of chaplains who served in the colonial provincial regiments on the New York frontier during the French and Indian War (1754-1763). Each regiment employed a chaplain to service the spiritual needs of the men. Most of these ministers served at Lake George during that war. Just over half of the 45 chaplains in my database were still active as ministers in their hometowns when the Revolution began. A substantial majority of those ministers favored the Patriot cause and contributed to the formation of the United States. One of our chaplains, Robert Treat Payne, even signed the Declaration of Independence! However, some of our chaplains supported the Crown. We can learn a great deal from studying both Patriots and Loyalists as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Revolution.

Who was likely to support the Patriot cause? According to historian Kevin Phillips, the answers trace back to the time of the English Civil War and

the 1640s. The strong anti-Crown sentiments of the Calvinists, who believed in traditional Anglo-Saxon rights, had been transplanted to colonial New England and nearby colonies. This eventually provided fertile soil for protest and even revolution. In 1973, I did an undergraduate independent study project entitled, "New York Colony, Who Were the Loyalists, Who Were the Patriots?". My quantitative analysis involved 60 Patriot leaders and 40 Tory leaders. My study verified that New York Patriot leaders were more likely to be Calvinists (Congregationalists or Presbyterians), be of English, Dutch, German, or Scots Irish descent, and work as lawyers, tradesmen and small farmers. The Loyalist leaders were more likely to be Anglicans, large landowners and merchants of English descent. The Loyalist leaders were part of the existing colonial governmental establishment. The Patriots tended not to be insiders in the existing colonial system. Despite the risks, the Patriot cause offered great opportunities for upward social mobility.

How did our former French and Indian War provincial chaplains react during the 1776 political crisis? Twenty-six of our 45 chaplains were still active as ministers when the Revolution began and 22 of them became Patriots. Some preached pro-Patriot sermons. Others served as Patriot army chaplains during the early campaigns around Boston and New York. All were Calvinists except for one Baptist. Eight of the 22 were New Lights, and only one was an Old Light who opposed the Great Awakening spiritual movement in the 1740s. As to Loyalists, there were three chaplains who became Loyalists in the Revolution and possibly four. They were all Calvinists but only one (Rev. Stephen Williams) was a New Light. My survey results are consistent with the views of historian Jerome D. Mahaffey regarding the impact that the Great Awakening movement of the 1740s had on the decisions of 1776. Mahaffey believed

the New Light reliance on a personal connection to God for salvation rather than adherence to existing religious and governmental structures inadvertently provided a strong intellectual framework for revolution even three decades after the Great Awakening.

Three or four Loyalists among 26 active chaplains sounds like a small number but this must be placed in context. The experiences of the Loyalist chaplains shed light on the risks and consequences inherent in the political decisions made by many people during the Revolution.

What became of our Loyalist chaplains? Jonathan Ingersoll, Jr., chaplain of David Wooster's Conn. Regt. in 1758 and 1759, was a strong Loyalist although his daughter was a Patriot. Ingersoll's Loyalist beliefs were well known to his mostly Patriot congregation in the Town of Ridgefield. Ingersoll risked being dismissed from his church and run out of town like the Anglican minister. However, since he was a respected old clergyman, had Patriot kin, and was still popular due to his French War service, he remained at his church and was apparently not molested by Patriot neighbors.

Rev. Jonathan Leavitt, chaplain of John Goffe's New Hampshire regiment in 1762, ran into trouble with his Patriot congregation in the Berkshires in 1777. His support of the Crown, refusal to take Patriot paper currency as pay, and cold demeanor caused a rift with his congregation. He was dismissed. Leavitt sued for back wages, and he was turned out by the town in retaliation. Litigation continued well past the end of the Revolution. Despite winning a partial payment in court, he became an isolated, ineffective, bitter old man.

Eli Forbes (a/k/a Forbush), chaplain of Timothy Ruggles' Regt. in 1758 and 1759, was fired from the 2nd Brookfield Church in 1776 due to his lack of support for the Patriot cause. He was then hired at

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the Gloucester, Mass. church despite the opposition of some influential Patriot as well as Loyalist members. He continued his conservative preaching and politics throughout the Revolution and remained there until his death. Forbes was included on a list of Loyalists published by Lorenzo Sabine in 1864. Some people wondered whether including Forbes on the list of Loyalists was incorrect since he behaved as a Neutral at times. My impression is that Forbes was a man who would never break with the Crown, but who could survive politically by walking the narrow path between the warring parties.

Rev. Stephen Williams, chaplain of Ephraim Williams' and Timothy Ruggles' Regiments in 1755, was also an interesting case. Most of the Williams Family were Loyalists, and Stephen had strong Loyalist leanings. However, fleeing to Canada was impractical, as much of his wealth was tied up in land. Fortunately, he was very respected by his Longmeadow, Mass. congregation. This allowed him to walk a complicated tightrope of beliefs as recorded in his personal journal of 1776. On one hand, he characterized the actions of the King as tyrannical and arbitrary, prayed for the success of Henry Knox's cannon at Boston, and referred to Patriot forces as "our people". On the other hand, he saw the unrest and turmoil of 1776 as God's punishment for a sinful people who he believed had strayed from the true religion and needed revival. He prayed for the just treatment of Loyalists and was offended by greedy Patriot profiteers. His August 11th entry stated he read the Declaration of Independence out loud in public but apparently only because it was required by the Provincial Council. He prayed that God would restrain the King's wrath and cause him to praise God. He did not pray for the King's defeat. Although he supported his Patriot community and shared many of its values, I believe that in 1776 Williams may well have accepted a reconciliation with the Crown if the King would have

renounced his behavior and policies.



Rev. Stephen Williams (Courtesy Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Hall Museum, Deerfield, MA)

In conclusion, we can clearly see how the divisive days leading up to our Revolution forced most Americans to make brutally difficult choices that would impact their livelihoods, their families and even their safety. Our Provincial chaplains, although predominantly Patriot in their political views when the Revolution came, were no different. Regardless of whether they chose to become Patriots or Loyalists, they faced great risks and hardships. If you had lived in those times, which side would you choose and what would be the consequences? We do well to remember the difficulties and consequences of these personal choices as we celebrate our history.

Jeff Brozyna graduated from Hobart College as a history major and worked as a tour guide at Fort William Henry Museum in the early 1970s. He became a year-round resident of Lake George after retiring from a career in law and business. Jeff is a long-time student of local history and a member and supporter of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance.

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Historian's Corner

Best-selling author **Rick Atkinson** was a principal participant in the Henry Knox and American Revolution events in December at Lake George, co-sponsored by the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and the Warren County Commission for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. While in town, Rick sat with Alliance member **Nancy Hawley** and shared his views on his work and historic preservation.

Two volumes of your American Revolutionary trilogy, *The British Are Coming* and *The Fate of the Day*, have now been published to great acclaim. How do you organize to produce such comprehensive histories? Do you have a timetable for publishing part three of the trilogy?

I don't have a timetable, though I have a general idea of how long it will take me because the first two books each took six years to research, write, and publish. And I'm older and slower so it's not going to be any quicker. Partly because I've spent since March 2025 traveling incessantly promoting the book [*The Fate of the Day*] and participating with Ken Burns in helping promote his [*The American Revolution*] film.

I'm now working on book number nine (in my career) so I've got organizational ideas that have proven to be pretty effective. I set a mark on the calendar and say I'm going to stop researching there. That's usually about a three-year window. I try to prioritize the archives that I need to spend time with, for example the New York Historical and the Clements Library in Ann Arbor, which is a fabulous repository of Revolutionary Era stuff. And I try to do the reading I need to do.

My books-to-get list for the recent volume was about 2,500 titles; I own about half of them. I read the papers of George Washington related to the American Revolution, volumes 1-24, because that's the best way to get inside Washington's head. The University of Virginia has been curating those papers since 1968 and they are almost finished. I think they are up to volume 36 now, just for the Revolution. That's a lot of reading. I do most of the research myself because it

has to go through my eyes and my brain.

Then I sit down and make a big outline — it takes me months — of what the book will look like; it provides a roadmap. Then I start writing.

As a historian, what's your sense of Lake George's most important role(s) during the military conflicts of the 18th century?

This was the frontier, this was sort of a hinge-point between the French and the British for a long time. In the French and Indian War, and even before that, there were conflicts that played out in and around Lake George. Like Lake Champlain, it provides a pathway from north to south or south to north. Its military significance is a consequence of providing that pathway through what was then very dense wilderness. It's almost a collision of civilizations here between the French and the British. There were lots of Indian skirmishes and Indian raids, basically out of the north to the south. And then, of course, Henry Knox comes through here with the cannons that are so critically important that he's retrieved from Fort Ticonderoga and is taking back to [General] Washington outside of Boston. That is a singular moment in our Revolution.

Please share your impressions of the Lake George students you spoke with while you were here and how that generation's interest in history might be nurtured.

They were fantastic. Three different classes of three grade levels and a small group of them at lunch. I was impressed with the quality of the questions they

asked, both about history and about life. They were extraordinarily attentive, more attentive than I would have ever been at that age in those circumstances.

For some of them you can detect a seriousness of purpose that I think is quite remarkable. They know they are on the verge of something, and they are moving into adulthood soon. Watching that, watching their intellectual interest blossom even in the brief conversations I had with them is wonderful. I can see what a great school it is and how committed the teachers are, and how committed the principal is.

What recommendations do you have for history-lovers to get greater support for historic preservation and awareness?

You all up here take history seriously, and that's important. It's got to start at the grassroots. It can't be top-down. I would hope from the state or the feds you get financial support, but you don't want them telling you what you should be preserving or how you should be thinking about your local history. That needs to be local. That requires leadership, like most local initiatives. It requires a commitment from a broad spectrum of people. And it requires persistence, because it can be a long, painful thing to try to bring something back out of the deep past, either to rebuild it or to commemorate it or to otherwise recognize this is an important part of who we are and we want to preserve this for subsequent generations. I've seen here people who are passionate about it, this community and the things that have happened here over the past 300 years. That's where it has to start. ■



Lieutenant Paul Revere at Lake George, Part 2

By Mark Silo

(Continued from Summer/Fall 2025 Issue)

In August 1756 Lord Loudoun, who had arrived in America and taken over from Massachusetts royal Governor William Shirley as British commander-in-chief, sent Lt. Col. Ralph Burton to check on the provincial forces at Lake George. Burton found the Massachusetts troops camped on a line that stretched from the present Fort William Henry Hotel southward to the marsh that lines West Brook, according to early historian Francis Parkman. In addition, every one of Capt. Bacon's diary entries from October 1 through November 17 starts with the notation, "at the camp **near** (author's emphasis) fort wm Henry," so it is clear that Revere's regiment camped in the hotel area for a long time.¹ It is possible that Revere and the lone artillery company camped elsewhere in the fort complex, but certainly the area described by Burton, which would encompass the modern-day hotel, parking lots, and the conference center, would have been frequented by Revere.

Burton also found the fort and camps "nastier than anything I could conceive" with hundreds sick and five to eight deaths among the troops daily. Capt. Bacon also noted getting word of men of the regiment dying in Halfmoon. As in all crowded colonial camps, the health of the troops worsened the longer the stay in stationary locations. Some data exist for the 1756 Massachusetts regiments that show a death rate of 57.4 per thousand soldiers and total casualties at 283.5/1,000. The soldiers died at a rate twice as high as that of contemporary citizens in Boston.²

Mundane fatigue duties most often occupied the troops during their stays at the fort and camp. As historian Fred Anderson concludes: "Immense amounts of labor were required to keep an army functioning in the wilderness, and provincials, far more than the highly trained and hard-to-replace regulars, supplied the muscle that built roads, dug trenches, cut wood, constructed vessels,

and hauled supplies."³ For Col. Gridley's regiment, Capt. Bacon's diary records some such fatigue duties, including working "upone the collonals house," "foling tres," guard duty, and loading carts.⁴ Did such duties fall to Lt. Revere, or did his status as an artilleryman keep him busy elsewhere?

Fort William Henry guarded the edge of the frontier between Britain's American colonies and France's Canada. Only the length of Lake George separated it from the southernmost French outpost at Carillon and scouts were a "routine affair." Patrols were constantly out seeking intelligence and monitoring enemy strength and movements. Capt. Bacon's diary records the arrival and departure of numerous scouting parties. The fort often served as a base for Rogers' Rangers. Provincial soldiers occasionally joined Ranger forays and provincial regiments also conducted their own scouts. In fact, more scouts involved the provincial soldiers than the Rangers. Capt. Joseph Hodges of one of Gridley's companies led a scout up the west side of Lake George that was nearly wiped out in an ambush in September 1756, near today's Bolton Landing. Forty-four of 48 men were either killed or taken north in captivity.⁵ It is not known whether Paul Revere participated in any scouts during his time at Lake George; perhaps his position as an artilleryman would have prevented it. But he would have been witness to the near-continuous scouting activity that moved in and out of Fort William Henry.

In addition to scouts and fatigue duties, Bacon records the arrival of prisoners captured by the scouts and captives escaped from the French, including a "Duch man who was taken near Aaswago." He also reports on the frequent arrival of supply wagons; courts-martial and punishments; divine services; soldier deaths, and evacuations of sick men. The absence of any mentions of food indicates that victuals were not in short supply. Capt. Bacon does register a

couple of complaints about not receiving the expected ration of rum.⁶

In early August Gen. John Winslow, overall commander of the Massachusetts troops, wrote that he believed the force at Fort William Henry was ready for its intended advance toward Ticonderoga and Crown Point. It was not to be. That spring the Marquis de Montcalm arrived in Canada to take over the French war effort and quickly made French control of the Great Lakes his priority, starting with the recently reinforced and resupplied British presence at Oswego. In July the Marquis personally led a French offensive against Oswego which defeated British forces by mid-August. As a result of this defeat and a plethora of issues that marred relations among Lord Loudoun and colonial leaders at all levels, Loudoun ordered Winslow to terminate the Crown Point expedition and place the troops at Lake George on a purely defensive posture. But neither the French nor the British-Americans launched further assaults and the majority of troops withdrew for winter.⁷

Following the French victory at Oswego, Montcalm was appalled when his Indian allies plundered through the British camps and forts, took captives and scalps, and killed 30-100 prisoners. Montcalm succeeded in stopping the carnage but omitted any mention of the incident in his report on the campaign.⁸ One year later Montcalm warned his native allies against such behavior during the siege at Fort William Henry, to no avail. The Indians perpetrated a similar massacre, mostly within what is now the Lake George Battlefield Park, as Montcalm tried in vain to stop them. The 1757 incident, however, became fodder for widespread propaganda by the British-Americans. Similarly, Paul Revere's sensationalized engraving of the 1770 Boston Massacre became an effective propaganda tool that helped foment a revolution.

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Lieutenant Paul Revere at Lake George, Part 2

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In his diary entry for October 20, 1756, Capt. Bacon states that “the artillery men set out with the canon and mortar and shot and shells to fort Edward.” On November 12, he notes that “General Winslow with the artillery set off this morning for Albany.” And on November 17, he records that the entire regiment broke camp and headed away from Lake George.⁹ Lt. Revere started his journey home on one of these dates, probably November 12, and completed his service with a second 200-mile walk after a dreary and largely uneventful time at the south end of Lake George. He returned to his shop, married Sara Orne of Boston in 1757, fathered eight children, became active in the revolutionary movement that arose in the aftermath of the French and Indian War, and made his indelible mark on American history in April 1775.¹⁰



Mark Silo is a native of Yonkers who relocated to the Albany area after receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and his master's degree from Cornell University, both in civil engineering. He spent his professional career in transportation engineering, most recently as an Assistant Commissioner at the N.Y.S. Department of Transportation in Albany. He has served his local community as a member of the Town of Colonie Planning Board and Conservation Council, and as a board member of Friends of the New York State Military Museum, Capital District Civil War Round Table, Southern Adirondack Audubon Society, volunteer builder at Habitat for Humanity, and his Church Council. Silo is an avid student of American history and is the author of *The 115th New York in the*

Civil War (McFarland Publishing, 2007), the unit history of a local civil war regiment. He and his wife, Kathy, split their time among their home in Loudonville, their log cabin on the Schroon River in the Adirondacks, and various bucket-list locales. They have two grown children and two grandsons.

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“Majestic” Battlefield Park Sculptures Refurbished, Inspire Awe

The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance hosted a rededication ceremony for the site's iconic bronze sculptures on June 27, 2025 before an appreciative crowd of members, benefactors, and the general public.

The facelifts given to the sculptures and their surroundings furnish a freshness to the *Battle of Lake George* (dedicated 1903), *Mohawk Warrior* (1921), and *Isaac Jogues* (1939) at a time when visitation to the Battlefield Park is expected to mushroom with the completion of the *Repose of the Fallen* memorial plaza in the spring of 2026.

The refurbishment of the statues, orchestrated by the late sculptor (and Lake George native) **Dan George** and undertaken by Workshop Art Fabrication of Kingston, generated praise from those who attended the ceremony. **J. Barclay Collins II**, Governor General of the Society of Colonial Wars, remarked, “I am in awe of all your association has accomplished in a very short time.” Added longtime Alliance member **Ciro Matrecano** of Shohola, PA: “Everything about them looks majestic!” Member **Lorna Hainesworth** of

Randallstown, MD noted, “The fact that this ambitious effort took less than a year is truly astonishing.”

Financing for the revitalization of the sculptures was provided by 19 different donors, with major support from the **Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York**, Lorna Hainesworth, the **Lake George Park Commission**, **Richard Brown, Frank & Rosemary Pusateri**, the **Fort William Henry Corporation**, **Kathy Taylor & Don Pompliano**, **Ann & Jerry Eichin**, **Jane Murphy**, and **Erica Marks**. A plaque containing the names of all contributors is posted on the wall of the Battlefield Park Visitor Center. ■



Mohawk Warrior, new plants and pool



Society of Colonial Wars representatives at *Battle of Lake George* sculpture



Admiring a refreshed *Isaac Jogues*

Trustee Profile: Pat Niles



Upon graduating from Greenwich Central High School in 1976, **Pat Niles** attended Bethany College and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Education. After teaching and coaching for thirty-plus years, he retired in 2012.

In the fall of 2012, Pat was asked to help plan and implement the marking of a Baum Trail through southern Washington County into Rensselaer County. Lt. Colonel Frederick

Baum's path from Fort Miller to Walloomsac in 1777 was part of British General John Burgoyne's strategy to confiscate supplies from the American Continental storehouse in Bennington, Vermont. As a result of Pat's contributions to the Baum Trail, he was asked to serve on the Washington County Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Pat's son, Brad, got him back into volunteering at the Saratoga Battlefield in 2012 where he had previously served in the 1980s and 1990s. There Pat met a current Alliance Board member, **Larry Arnold**, started visiting other historic sites, and began attending history conferences on the French and Indian War and the American Revolution.

Pat returned to being a student at SUNY Albany and in 2014 was awarded a second Master's degree, in History. He conducted architectural and historical tours for the Washington County Historical Society and went on to serve two terms as President of that organization.

In 2015, Pat spent a summer working with **David Starbuck** on an archaeological exploration at the Lake George Battlefield

Park. He returned in 2016, and, on the next-to-last day of the dig, was thrilled to uncover an officers' area. Participating in those digs led Pat to pursue a non-credit degree in Archaeology at Schenectady County Community College.

Pat became a Licensed Guide at the Saratoga Battlefield in 2021. He joined the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance Board of Trustees in 2022 and is now in his second term.

Pat has served as a Co-chair of the Washington County 250th Committee since its inception in 2024. In this role, he collaborated with four other counties in the December 2025 re-enactment of Knox's Noble Artillery Train from Crown Point to the Massachusetts border. The sled used in the re-enactment was built by area high school students and is currently traveling across Massachusetts, en route to Boston for "Evacuation Day" in March.

Pat and his wife, Shirley, have one son, Bradley, who followed in their footsteps and became a History teacher at Fort Plain Central School. Brad and his wife, Brittany, welcomed a daughter in 2025, and Pat is looking forward to spending more time with his family. ■

"Repose of the Fallen" May 22 Dedication Ceremony Nears

By Dan Barusch, AICP, Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance Board of Trustees



Progress continues on the construction of the "Repose of the Fallen" project, through which 44 individuals who perished of smallpox in 1776 at the Fort George military hospital will be reinterred at Lake George Battlefield Park on May 22 at 11 AM.

Primary contractors Peak Environmental and Eickhof Columbaria are scheduled to finish construction of the memorial plaza and the six granite columbaria in which these early Patriots will be reinterred by the first or second week of May. Sign design and fabrication is being finalized in early spring, with landscaping occurring during the weeks leading up to the ceremony.

The May 22 dedication will draw luminaries from the highest levels of

government to pay homage to some of the earliest heroes of the American Revolution. Honor guards from the military, religious and living history communities are serving as the backbone of the tributes that day. Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance members and the general public are invited to attend and will be furnished keepsake programs as mementos of this latest milestone in our park's history.

Private fundraising for the project has eclipsed \$150,000 as of February 2026. Additional donations are expected to arrive throughout late winter and spring.

More details on the Repose of the Fallen dedication event will be shared as May 22 becomes closer. We hope to see all of you there! ■

Annual Report of Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance Board of Trustees

John DiNuzzo, President

As Presented at the Alliance's Membership Meeting, August 9, 2025

It's a pleasure to present to our membership the great accomplishments that the Board of Trustees and all of you have produced together over the past 12 months!

Starting with our Battlefield Park Visitor Center, we're running slightly higher than last year's visitation total of 3,500. We believe that this unusually small increase is due to factors beyond our control so far this summer—bad weather, an uncertain economy, and the lower numbers of international tourists, especially from Canada.

For those who visit, the displays are more impressive than ever. We are currently awaiting new displays of 18th Century cannonballs, under the coordination of Alliance Trustees **Margy Mannix** and **Bruce Venter**. Our supporters from the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York are giving us the broken arrow that their Governor, **J. Barclay Collins II**, used during the rededication ceremony in June of the park's bronze sculptures. Additionally, longtime Trustees **Russ Bellico** and **Jay Levenson** are arranging a Native American display, including a mannequin representing the Mohawks who were such an integral part of our history at Lake George.

By all accounts, what has been presented in our Visitor Center over the past four years is a museum-quality experience for novices, historians, and everyone in-between!

While it's not easy to quantify, we believe that the public's awareness of the Battlefield Park and the Alliance is higher than ever. If you measure that by stories in the media, it's pretty convincing: there were 26 articles about the Alliance in all of 2022, 46 in '23, and 50 last year. Already this year, about halfway through our official season, there have been 44 stories about us! (By the way, all of the articles that appear in print or online media are posted on our website.) This year the media's coverage has been driven by key areas like archaeology and the sculpture

restorations. I'm sure there will be much more coverage on our December 12 Knox commemorations and next year's reinterment in the park.

We're deeply appreciative of the media's interest in what we're doing, as well as their financial support. We especially thank the **Examiner**, the **Chronicle**, the **Mirror**, and **Lake FM** for their partnerships.

A significant aspect of the publicity we generate is through our external programs which are drawing amazing and appreciative crowds. These initiatives are often held in conjunction with other history associations like the Warren County Commission for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and Fort William Henry.

What's become a calling card program is our "Floating History Tours"—this year, for the first time, showcasing the northern half of our historic lake. The collaborations to make this happen by **Todd Earl**, **John-Eric Nelson**, **Peter Wuerdeman**, **Russ Bellico**, **Mark Silo** and **Bruce Venter** have elicited incredible praise—comments such as "It was the highlight of my summer!" are evidences of sincere gratitude for the efforts by our volunteers to provide unforgettable history experiences.

I'm personally very proud of the evolution of our **Fort George Post** into a true history journal. Our members are pleased with the combination of quality presentations in the Post about Lake George's history and Alliance "news". It can be challenging to consistently produce 16 pages of interesting material, but the contributions of our member-historians and skilled editing by **Diane & Tim Cordell** make for a great combination.

There's great news also on our membership numbers. Over the past 12 months we've grown from 231 paid members to 306—a 32% increase! As I've recited our accomplishments I've also furnished the reasons for this growth—we deliver outstanding programmatic and preservation activities. Given the love our

membership has for what the Alliance is doing, the enthusiasm becomes contagious and, in turn, generates new members. Please continue to be missionaries!

Last year's physical improvements in the Battlefield Park by DEC have also made visiting our historic site much more pleasant. The Alliance's work to install orientation signs outside our Visitor Center's entrance, through **Russ Bellico** and the Lake George Park Commission, furnish public awareness of the site's history regardless of when people visit. The promise of new restrooms and reconstructed walkways on the east side of the park, in conjunction with the build-out of the reinterment area, are bound to make the visitor experience that much more comfortable.

As you can see from the reports that were shared by our Treasurer, **Rosemarie Earl**, our finances are sound, have been validated by our CPA, **Jody Chwiecko**, and separately audited under the leadership of Alliance Vice President **Fran Coccozza**. That said, we continue to gratefully accept donations to both maintain our stellar programming and for special initiatives such as the sculpture refurbishments and the Repose of the Fallen project.

As everyone who participates in the Alliance knows, we have worked on a number of very ambitious initiatives over the past year, and have realized substantial progress. The restorations of our iconic sculptures have produced a sense of wonder about these world-class works of art and history. So many groups and individuals stepped up quickly to help realize this goal. We thank all of them—particularly the early large grantors such as the Lake George Park Commission and the Society of Colonial Wars, and major individual donors including **Lorna Hainesworth**, **Jerry & Ann Eichin**, **Jane Murphy** and **Richard Brown**.

We were pleased again this year to host Professor **Siobhan Hart** of Skidmore

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College and her students, plus a half-dozen Alliance member-volunteers, in a three-week archaeological exploration in the park. We look forward to learning of their findings—early indications are that they found some “fertile ground”!

Our Trustee Bruce Venter finally hit paydirt this year with the installation of signs on Diamond Island, commemorating the battle fought there in September 1777 as Burgoyne was in a quagmire further south in Saratoga. Bruce understandably is very proud of the signs, and thankful for the help of the individuals from DEC who helped make it happen.

While we'll continue our series of programs for the rest of the summer and into fall, the commemorations of Henry Knox's Noble Artillery Train on December 12 are a major focus of our energies over the next four months. We appreciate the help of our co-sponsors at Warren County and the army of volunteers being amassed to successfully pull this off.

Similarly, arrangements continue for the Repose of the Fallen reinterment project scheduled for next May, under **Dan Barusch's** leadership. With all the work we've done over the past four years since our Visitor Center opened, the Repose project is the one that will put Lake George Battlefield Park into a whole new level of heritage tourism notoriety. I am certain that the “Lake George” brand will be—if it isn't already—on par with Ticonderoga, Saratoga and other major destinations once these heroes from 1776 are permanently at rest in our hallowed grounds. PONDER THAT!

Members who attend our annual meeting know that I enjoy sharing with them a few sample compliments we receive for our events. Here are some of my favorites so far this year:

- (From our beloved inspiration, sculptor **Dan George**, as quoted by the **Mirror** shortly before his passing): “Name me another town the size of Lake George that has bronze statues as wonderful as these, monuments that kids can learn from and an entire community can appreciate.”

- (Pulitzer Prize-winning author) “(re the **Fort George Post**) As an old newspaperman, I'm impressed by what a

substantial periodical this is!”

- (re the sculpture restoration, from a benefactor) “I am in awe of all your Association has accomplished in a very short time.”

- (re Floating History) “Another great event for the Alliance. You guys made it happen by sharing your particular knowledge and skills, and that is greatly appreciated.”

Regarding governance, our 2025-26 budget vs. the prior year's was emailed at the start of our fiscal year (April 1) and prior to this meeting. It's available in hard-copy for your review here today. Please let Rosemarie Earl or me know if you have any questions.

Our required filings to the Attorney General, the State Education Department, and the Internal Revenue Service have all been made on time.

We always look forward to our members' input and questions. The Alliance Board of Trustees' gameplan for the year ahead will be to continue to expand the organization's profile, and develop attractive programs for our members and for the general public—while not losing sight of what's made us grow to this point. Specifically:

- Innovative programs such as Floating History; tangible projects like sculpture restorations and the reinterment; organizing visits to important historic sites; first-rate speakers

- Upcoming events: Floating History (Sept. 2); Battle of Lake George sites (co-sponsored by the Warren County Historical Society, Sept. 14); **Scott Haefner** on William Johnson (co-sponsored by Fort William Henry—Sept. 18); “The Majestic Sculptures of Lake George Battlefield Park” tour (Oct. 12)

- THE BIGGIE AND THE ONE ON WHICH WE REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT: Dec. 12 at Lake George, reenacting Knox's arrival and transport down Fort George Rd; reception with **Rick Atkinson** at Holiday Inn; public event with Rick at Lake George Junior/Senior High School.

- May 22, 2026: reinterment of 44 human remains at LGBP

The Alliance is in a position of prominence and influence in the history community, and as an important voice in preserving our cultural pursuits at Lake George. We can all take pride in where we've arrived, and how we're positioned in the near-term AND long-term.

THANK YOU!



*Battlefield Park Alliance Annual Membership Meeting, Aug. 9, 2025,
Fort William Henry Conference Center*

Program Highlights, Sept. 2025–Jan. 2026



"Magnificent Sculptures" Tour
Peter Wuerdeman



"Battle of Lake George" Tour
Jay Levenson,
John Strough



"Battle of Lake George" Tour - **John-Eric Nelson**



July 4 Reading of Declaration - **Andrew Menzie, Bob Wilcox**

Program Highlights, Sept. 2025–Jan. 2026



"Johnson's Battle Lines"
Mark Silo



"Magnificent Sculptures" Tour
Richard Vietor

Where Alliance Members Live

Back in the summer of 2024, when the Alliance's membership level had eclipsed the 200 plateau for the first time, we ran an article in the Post that gave a bit of data on where our members lived (or where their addresses of record were). At the time, we reported that members all came from the US, in 17 states plus Washington, DC. And we pleaded with our Quebec neighbors to join the fun!

In 2024 we also shared that Warren County residents provided 46% of the Alliance's constituency, followed by Saratoga and Albany Counties. A total of 19 counties in our home state were represented. Lake George led the way among our municipalities, followed closely by Queensbury and Glens Falls.

As we go to press the Alliance's membership has swelled to 323! Is our footprint the same as before?

Well, firstly, we were joined last year by the Chateau Ramezay, a fabulous historic site and museum in Montreal led by our colleague **Andre Delisle**. Box checked—and we benefitted from Andre's commentary throughout 2025.

The membership coverage among states has expanded to 18, while retaining DC's presence on our rolls as well. New York State now accounts for fully 80% of the membership, up from 77%, with New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia the next in line.

And here's the surprise: of the 155 Alliance members living in Warren County, the highest percentage is

from Queensbury! Residents of our neighbor to the south and east—it's a HUGE town, folks—now make up 37% (formerly 34%) of the Alliance's Warren County membership. The town of Lake George is close behind with 34% (previously 42%), followed by Glens Falls, Bolton and Warrensburg.

Well done, Queensbury! Come on in, Ontario! ■



NOTICE: *Please Renew Your Alliance Membership!*

April 1 is the beginning of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance's fiscal and membership year. We ask all whose Alliance membership cards indicate a 3/31/26 expiration date to renew their commitment by returning the enclosed remittance envelope with their payment or by going online (<https://lakegeorgebattlefield.org/join-support/>) to do so. (If not sure of your Alliance membership expiration date, email us.)

2026 looms as another landmark year, beginning with exciting early programs and the Repose of the Fallen reinterment dedication on May 22. Additionally, we have plans for more unique "members-only" events this year, which we hope almost everyone can join in on. Our customary series of public programs is already underway, with many additional highlights to come. Even for those events, Alliance members are the ones who receive the first notices.

The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, allowing contributions to be tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Thank you again for your support!

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