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Author to speak on “Warships of the French & Indian War” in Lake George next week

LAKE GEORGE – The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and the French & Indian War Society at Lake George are hosting Joseph W. Zarzynski, RPA, for a presentation entitled “Warships of the French & Indian War: Naval Preludes to the American Revolution” on Thursday, June 25.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Fort William Henry Conference Center in Lake George. The event is free to the public. Those planning to attend are asked to reserve their seats in advance by registering at the following email address: info@lakegeorgebattlefield.org.

Zarzynski, a retired maritime archaeologist, will examine British and French warships during the French & Indian War (1755–1763), with an emphasis on Lake George. The talk will review how French & Indian War battle crafts were precursors to



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Henry Museum and the significance of that material culture.

Zarzynski participated in many underwater archaeology projects in Lake George, as well as at Narragansett Bay, Massachusetts, Florida, Lake Champlain, and Otsego Lake. He is also the author of eight books. Zarzynski is also a board member of the French & Indian War Society at Lake George, an advisor to the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project, and a member of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance.

Zarzynski's books will be

some waterborne activities during the War of Independence. He will also show and talk about several hull-structure artifacts from the collection of the Fort William

available for purchase and he will also be signing them at the presentation.

“The program will briefly provide background on warship design through the centuries into the mid-1700s, and then focus on battle craft that plied Lake George during the French & Indian War,” said Zarzynski in a statement. “Moreover, the talk will review the results of archaeological studies of warships on the bottomlands of the lake.”

Last year marked the beginning of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (1775–1783). However, the French & Indian War (known in Europe as the “Seven Years’ War”) witnessed significant events in North America and the high seas that influenced how warfare was contested in the Revolutionary War.