



Motorcade to transport remains of Continental Army soldiers to memorial in Lake George

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LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. (NEWS 10)— Remains of Revolutionary War soldiers will receive a dignified transfer and motorcade to their final resting place in Lake George. The remains were found in early 2019 during a construction project and have been at the New York State Museum where scientists have spent seven years identifying and reconstructing the remains.

“We have spent the past seven years painstakingly working to piece together the story of the individuals whose unmarked graves were destroyed,” Lisa Anderson, New York State Museum Curator of Bioarcheology, said. “As we close this chapter, it’s hard to put into words the gratitude my team and I have for being part of this project. It has been a privilege to help uncover the story of these veterans and we look forward to them finally having the dignified burial they deserve.”

The transport will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20 at the state museum with a dignified transfer of wooden caskets to the vehicles that will take the remains to Lake George Battlefield Park for internment.

The motorcade for the “Repose of the Fallen” will include New York State Police leading nine Korean War and Vietnam-era military trucks operated by members of the NY-Penn Military Vehicle Collectors Club. The convoy will include an escort provided by New York members of the Patriot Guard Riders.

Traveling on Route 9, the motorcade will go from Madison Avenue in downtown Albany to Colonie, Halfmoon, Clifton Park, Round Lake, Malta, and Saratoga Springs. The motorcade will halt S10)

for a brief observance in front of City Hall.

It will then continue through Wilton, Moreau, South Glens Falls, and Glens Falls where another observance will take place at the intersection of Route 9 and Bacon Street. The procession will continue through Queensbury and into the town of Lake George.

Once in Lake George, the motorcade will turn north onto Elizabeth O'Connor Little Boulevard, then head east on Beach Road for a short distance before turning onto Fort George Road and stopping at the memorial site in Lake George Battlefield Park. It is expected to arrive between noon and 1 p.m.

Lake George Battlefield Park is located at 75 Fort George Rd. All are welcome to watch the procession.

Upon arrival, most of the caskets will be immediately interred in the memorial. The remaining four caskets will be taken to a nearby church to be safeguarded until the formal internment ceremony on May 22.

Lake George town officials said volunteers will serve 24/7 as honor sentinels at the church until the morning of the formal ceremony. The four remaining caskets will then be placed on a horse-drawn wagon and brought to the memorial site. The site will be formally dedicated at the 11 a.m. ceremony. Federal, state and local officials will be in attendance for the internment.

The remains were found in February 2019 on private property on Courtland Street in Lake George. Recovery and analysis by the New York State Museum and the Department of Environmental Conservation determined the remains belonged to American soldiers or associated personnel, who likely died in 1776 when a large Continental Army hospital was located near the lake's southern end.

Forty-four distinct people were determined to be among the remains.

Hundreds of Continental Army soldiers, who fought in the failed invasion of Canada launched in late 1775, are known to have died from smallpox in 1776 at Lake George. They were buried in unmarked cemeteries in and near what is now the village of Lake George. Although the identities of the remains are unknown, several uniform buttons found with the remains indicate that at least one of them served in the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion, known to have fought in the Quebec campaign.

Construction on the nearly \$700,000 reinternment memorial began in October. It includes several secured columbaria for the remains, seating, interpretive signage, and a new memorial plaza. It was funded through the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative and private donations.