



Lake George plans ceremony for new reinterment memorial

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LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. (NEWS10) — After discovering what officials believed were Revolutionary War soldiers in early 2019, Lake George officials announced on Wednesday that construction of the reinterment memorial is on schedule. Officials plan to inter the remains in the new “Repose of the Fallen” memorial in a public ceremony on May 22 at 11 a.m. in Lake George Battlefield State Park.

Found on private property during a construction project on Courtland Street, archaeologists from the New York State Museum and the Department of Environmental Conservation spent months excavating the remains of 44 people. All are believed to be Continental Army soldiers from the American Revolution, and the property turned out to be an 18th-century cemetery.

“DEC Agency Preservation Officer Charles “Chuck” E. Vandrei, Jr., was a champion of this effort before his passing,” DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. “DEC is honored to join our state, municipal, and nonprofit partners to remember the lives of these Continental Army Soldiers and personnel and celebrate Chuck’s legacy as we embark upon the multi-year commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.”

The memorial features multiple columbaria for the remains, seating, signage, and a new memorial plaza. Town, state, Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance war re-enactment members, and local historical groups will be in attendance.

“The town is so proud to be leading this effort to memorialize the importance of this historic finding, and to help lay these early Patriots to rest in one of the most beautiful places on earth, overlooking Lake George,” Lake George Supervisor Vincent Crocitto Jr. said.