



Lake George students honor Revolutionary War procession

Students got a first-row seat to honor the “Repose of the Fallen” funeral procession

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LAKE GEORGE | On Friday, Lake George Jr.-Sr. High School students experienced history in a way few ever do, not through textbooks or documentaries, but firsthand in their own community.

Students lined the front of the school dressed in red, white, and blue, waving American flags as the “Repose of the Fallen” funeral procession passed by, carrying the remains of 44 Revolutionary War soldiers. The soldiers were being transported to Lake George Battlefield Park for a formal reinterment ceremony honoring lives lost more than 250 years ago during the fight for America’s independence.

The procession traveled from Sacred Heart Church down Ottawa Street, onto Mountain Drive, and along Canada Street aboard a horse-drawn hearse. Adding to the significance of the moment, Lake George Band teacher Alex Miller and members of the Lake George band performed the “Star-Spangled Banner” followed by “Taps” as the procession moved past the school.

For students, the experience served as a powerful reminder that the history of the Revolutionary War is deeply rooted in the very ground beneath their feet. Lake George played a critical role during the French and Indian War and the American Revolution, making this moment not only historic for the region, but deeply personal for the local community.

“History isn’t something distant for our students, it happened right here,” said Principal Francis Coccozza. “Watching this procession pass our school reminded us that the freedoms we enjoy today were fought for by young patriots on this very land more than 250 years ago. It was an unforgettable moment of reflection, respect, and connection to our community’s history.”

Mr. Coccozza has served on the Courtland Street Reinterment Committee since 2020 and is the Vice President of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance since 2018.