



250th anniversary of Fort George Hos.

The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance honors the 250th anniversary of the Fort George Smallpox Hospital with three presentations and a panel discussion **Thursday, July 9**, 6:30 p.m. at the Fort William Henry Conference Center. It's **free, but requires registration** at info@lakegeorgebattlefield.org.

The discussions focus on the Continental Army's effort to stem a smallpox outbreak that "devastated its soldier population during the 1775-76 invasion of Quebec." Speakers include **Michael P. Gabriel**, author of *Major General Richard Montgomery: The Making of an American Hero*, discussing the invasion of Quebec; **Sam Huntington**, Crown Point Historic Site Manager, on the strategic impacts of ill soldiers returning to Crown Point; and

Dr. Richard Leach, an infectious disease specialist, on the nature of the virus and the Fort George hospital's response.

Gabriel's book on General Montgomery will be available for purchase and signing.

More than 3,000 soldiers were hospitalized at Lake George during the summer and early fall of 1776, the release noted.

The hospital's footprint likely spread from today's Lake George Battlefield Park out to the west, and that "it is very likely that there are hundreds of additional remains dispersed throughout the community of Lake George" — a connection to the 44 remains recently reinterred in the park's new Repose of the Fallen burial grounds.