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LG Battlefield unveils its own 1776 soldier 'model,' Tues.

Chronicle Managing Editor Cathy DeDe writes: The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance will unveil its newest acquisition — a composite 3D model of a 1st Pennsylvania Battalion soldier "such as those reinterred this spring at the Battlefield Park's Repose of the Fallen memorial," they say — this Tuesday, July 21, at 11 a.m. at the Battlefield Park Visitor Center on Fort George Road.

"Since the memorial's dedication on May 22, hundreds of visitors have streamed to the site to pay respects to the 44 soldiers and others associated with the Continental Army whose remains are now permanently encased there in newly installed columbaria," said the Alliance.

"Those reinterred are believed to have perished from smallpox in 1776 at the army's general hospital. It extended "from today's Lake George Battlefield Park westward to the area of Fort William Henry," said the group.

This is the second such model created for the Repose of the Fallen project by forensic artist Jenny Kenyon.

The first was commissioned by the New York State Museum, where the 1776 remains were held and researched after their discovery and archaeological removal from a Lake George construction site in 2019.

It belongs to the NYS Museum, and is not currently on public display.

Reconstructed soldier's face — The original. The Lake George Battlefield Alliance gets its own version for the Battlefield Park Visitor Center this week.

The Battlefield Alliance's model was made in the same way as the first: "Working with anthropologists from the State Museum, Ms. Kenyon used a 3D print of a nearly complete skull found among the remains to build the facial approximation," said the Alliance.

"She used anatomical markers and tissue depth information to create the shape of the face and its distinctive features," sculpted it in oil-based clay, then scanned the piece and processed files for the 3D print, which she then painted.

Longtime Alliance members Rosemary and Frank Pusateri of Cleverdale underwrote the purchase of the model and its display case, said info.

Visitor Center hours are Thursday to Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and all day Tuesday after the unveiling.

Info: lakegeorgebattlefield.org.