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Local Officials to Pay Tribute to Revolutionary Hero Knox at Monuments

Lake George, NY:

As the region prepares for a series of events on December 12 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the heroic “Noble Artillery Train” led by Colonel Henry Knox from Ticonderoga to Boston, Warren County and municipal officials are taking time on **Tuesday, December 9** to call public attention to the **Knox memorials in their communities** and recall the sacrifices that eventually produced America’s independence. These events are presented by the **Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and the Warren County Commission for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.**

Warren County is home to five of the 59 bronze plaques embedded in granite that were placed, beginning in 1926, along the path in upstate New York and Massachusetts taken by Knox and his teamsters to move 60 tons of artillery to General George Washington. This weaponry was the key factor in the Continental Army’s causing British troops to abandon Boston in March 1776, never to return.

The **Warren County commemorations on December 9** are scheduled at four of the monument sites as follows, with expected participants listed:

- 10 AM, Lake George Battlefield Park, Fort George Road: Town Supervisor Vinnie Crocitto, Jr., Mayor Ray Perry, municipal Historian Margy Mannix, NY State DAR Custodian Heather Mabee, County Historian Stan Cianfarano, Warren County 250 Commission Chair John Berry
- 11 AM, Route 9 in Queensbury just north of Crandall Park: Queensbury Supervisor John Strough, Glens Falls Mayor Bill Collins, Glens Falls City Historian Wayne Wright, Jane McCrea DAR Chapter Regent Mary Jane Sotanski, County Historian Stan Cianfarano, Warren County 250 Commission Chair & Queensbury Town Historian John Berry

- Noon, Town pier/beach at Bolton Landing: Bolton Town Supervisor Ron Conover, Town Historian Ted Caldwell, County Historian Stan Cianfarano, Warren County 250 Commission Chair John Berry
- 1 PM, 44 Sabbath Day Point Road, Silver Bay (private property--photos with permission from homeowner): Hague Town Supervisor Joshua Patchett, Town Historian Sally DeLarm, County Historian Stan Cianfarano, Warren County 250 Commission Chair John Berry

(The fifth Warren County monument, on Route 9 near the Queensbury-Lake George boundary, will not be the site of a ceremony because of heavy vehicular traffic in the area.)

A **replica linstock**, historically used to ignite cannons during 18th Century battles, will be a part of the ceremony to recall the functional importance of Knox's artillery transport.

The public is welcome to attend the 15-minute ceremonies.

Dr. Stan Cianfarano, Warren County Historian, connects the Noble Artillery Train to the ultimate impacts it had on the patriot cause: "When the colonies began considering the role England played in 'ruling' them, and thoughts turned to the idea of breaking away from English rule, enter Henry Knox. George Washington needed help, and it came through here! The 60 tons of artillery Henry Knox brought from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston enabled the colonists to rout the British."

Warren County Commission for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution John Berry, who is also the Queensbury Town Historian, notes that "Knox's achievement of hauling heavy artillery over 300 miles to Boston in winter was a feat of military logistics not seen since Hannibal crossed the Alps with war elephants". He adds, "It's only fitting that, as we usher in the 250th anniversary of the Revolution, we showcase Knox's undertaking at these markers of his route".

The December 9 ceremonies at the Knox monuments are preliminary to a series of programs sponsored by the Alliance and the County 250th Commission on December 12 to commemorate Knox and the American Revolution. A separate release detailing those events will be distributed on December 7-8.

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About the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance: The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance is a not-for-profit organization of volunteers who have an abiding interest in the Lake George Region's critical role in the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. The Alliance manages the Battlefield Park's Visitor Center and sponsors events throughout the year that educate the public about the site and its unique history. It is also working closely with the Town of Lake George and State of New York on the "Repose of the Fallen" project, which will reinter

in 2026 the remains of 44 Continental Army soldiers and support personnel in the Battlefield Park. For more information, visit www.lakegeorgebattlefield.org.

About the Warren County Commission for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution: Authorized by the Warren County Board of Supervisors in 2022, the Commission is composed of an eclectic group of volunteers whose varying degrees of experience all meld in their love for history and its presentation. Our aim is to show and educate the public on the region's part in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. Our area was indeed the "*Gateway to Independence*". For more information, visit our website at www.warrenny250.com .