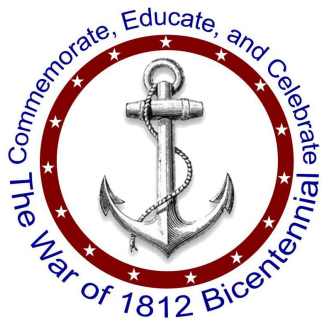
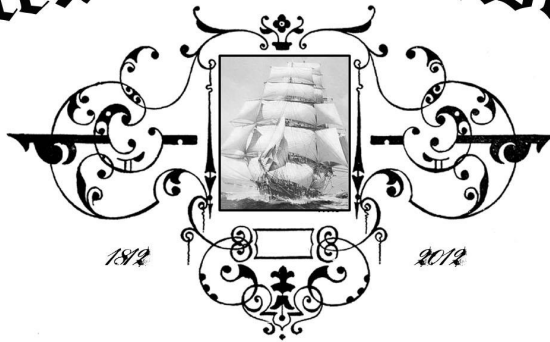


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FREE

State of New York Society President Visits Cable Carry Monuments

The original cable was used as an anchor rope for the enormous vessel, the Superior, which was stationed in Sackets Harbor in 1814. It was too big and heavy for a single cart so it was necessary to move the great cable on foot. The cable has been described as being 600 feet long, 6 inches thick and weighing 9,600 pounds. The entire carry took 3 days and once the cable reached its destination, volunteers were paid \$2.00 for their service and walked the long trip back to their homes in the Sixtown area [as told by Kamra Rowland, President, Whitney Hungerford Chapter, in the U.S.D. OF 1812 July 2012 issue, "Bicentennial Informer"]

On Friday, June 28th, Jan Johnpier, President of the State of New York Society, U.S. Daughters of 1812, visited Sackets Harbor and drove the Cable Carry Trail down to Sandy Creek. Joining her was Mary Raye Casper, Historian National; Beverly Sterling-Affinati, State of New York Society, Vice President; Kamra Rowland, State of New York Society, Chairman of Fort McHenry; and her father, Don Whitney, and mother Linda Whitney of the Whitney-Hungerford Chapter, Boni Shafer of the Gen. Jacob Brown Chapter; Janet Kral and Sharon Matyas of the Onondaga Chapter; and also joining the 1812 Daughters was Henderson Harbor Historical Society Recording Secretary, Elaine Scott and guest, Jane Benjamin. The State of New York Society was honored that Historian National, Mary Raye Casper, was able to join them for this event.

"This trail is the route taken by the Americans who carried on their shoulders the huge cable needed on a frigate then under construction at Sackets Harbor. En route to that place with the cable, the Americans' ship was engaged in battle with the British at Sandy Creek. Although successful in the battle, they were forced to abandon their ship and proceed by road. As they were unable to load the cable in a wagon, they carried it the rest of the way on their shoulders." [published in an article titled, "War of 1812 Incident To Be Commemorated" Schenectady Gazette, Fri., May 9, 1930].

Three sites on the trail of the great cable carry are marked with monuments, and are located in Ellisburg, Smithville & Sackets Harbor. A dedication ceremony took place in 1930, and the monuments paid for by the State of New York Society, United States Daughters of 1812, and the NY State Historical Society. Credit should be given particularly to (then) State President, Mrs. Frank D. Callan. Mrs. Callan was NY's 3rd State President (1924-1932). The Northern Frontier Chapter of Jefferson County would oversee the care of the markers. Donation of the land was found as follows:

"Three sites had been donated to the Daughters of 1812 for placement of the markers. The first, in Ellisburg, was donated by H Edmund and Jennie Machold (Liber 427). The second, in Smithville, was donated by Scott and Clara Carpenter (Liber 427). The third, located in Sackets Harbor, was donated by William J. and Margaret M. Fields (Liber 427)." [published in "An Analysis of the Events Surrounding The Battle of Big Sandy and the Carrying of the Great Rope in 1814 and the Ensuing 185 Years", by Blaine Bettinger].

Said President Johnpier, "It is important that we make this pilgrimage. These men carried the cable with courage and conviction. It is our duty to commemorate and celebrate this history. But, more importantly, we must strive to keep this history alive for future generations to appreciate. Education is key. We must never forget the important acts of heroism and bravery that these men demonstrated."

Local events for the "official 200 year Anniversary" of the Great Cable Carry will take place the weekend of Sat./Sun., June 7th & 8th, 2014. There are plans for both local chapters, General Jacob Brown and Whitney-Hungerford, to participate. Three of its members, Beverly Sterling-Affinati, Anne Davis & Kamra Rowland, sit on the planning committee for the 2014 Cable Carry event, along with Elaine Scott, Don Whitney, Debbie



Quick and Constance Barone.

Shown L-R: Elaine Scott, Jane Benjamin, Beverly Sterling-Affinati, Jack Johnpier, Sharon Matyas, Jan Johnpier and daughter, Brooke Johnpier, Mary Raye Casper, Boni Shafer, Don Whitney, Linda Whitney, Kaeden and (mom) Kamra Rowland & Janet Kral.



AREA EVENTS

Occurring in New York State

WAR OF 1812 PRESENTATION

Sunday, July 21, 2013 - Sunday, July 21, 2013 - Fineview, Wellesley Island, NY - Minna Anthony Common Nature Center, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Reenactors from the Sackets Harbor Battlefield will be at the Nature Center to talk about the War of 1812 and its effect on Northern New York. Phone: 315-482-2479
www.friendsofthenaturecenter.com

TWO-WEEK CELEBRATION



August 29 - September 10, 2013 - The Battle of Lake Erie Bicentennial Celebration will bring together hundreds of thousands of people from the U.S., Canada and abroad, and will include a large fleet of Tall Ships in an historic reenactment of the Battle of Lake Erie, a grand Parade of Sail and Port Festivals in waterfront cities in the U.S. and Canada. Visitors will be able to tour the Ships, enlist as Crew Members in the reenactment, or be part of the Bicentennial Fleet or Militia
<http://battleoflakeerie-bicentennial.com/events/bicentennial-events/>

BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION Battle of Sodus Point



Saturday, July 13, 2013 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, War of 1812 Encampment, Oscar Fuerst Ball Park, Grieg St., Sodus Point. For more information phone: 315-483-4936.

Summer in Buffalo / Niagara

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The following Buffalo Events were listed on the "I Love NY" public internet site: <http://thebeat.iloveny.com/dozens-of-2013-events-to-commemorate-war-of-1812-bicentennial-6465.html>

"We are thrilled to launch these events and raise awareness that the commemorations for the War of 1812 bicentennial are in full swing," said Brian Merrett, CEO of the Niagara 1812 Bicentennial Legacy Council. "Our cannons are still loaded for 2013 and will be until the end of 2014, bringing history alive for people on both sides of the peaceful border that is a result of the conflict 200 years ago."

Said Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, "Though not many locals may know it, 2013 marks the bicentennial of Buffalo being burned to the ground by the British during the War of 1812."

BUFFALO EVENT: 1812 Themed Cemetery Tours

Date & Time: Weekly, Fridays, June to September; 2 p.m.

Forest Lawn Cemetery, 411 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY

Description: Forest Lawn Historian Patrick Kavanagh will share the many fascinating stories connecting Forest Lawn to this historic time on the Niagara Frontier. Learn about the Granger family's role in the War of 1812 and more. Phone # and website:

716.885.1600; www.forest-lawn.com

BUFFALO EVENT: War of 1812 Candlelight Tours

Date & Time: July 18th, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Hull Family Home & Farmstead, 5976 Genesee St., Lancaster, NY

Description: The Hull Family was greatly impacted by their proximity to this early conflict across the Niagara Frontier. Timed tours include theatrical presentations throughout the house and grounds based on factual events. Reservations required as space is limited: 741-7032. Admission: \$12 per person. Not recommended for very small children. Phone # and Website: 716.868.1423; www.hullfamilyhome.org

NIAGARA EVENT: War of 1812 Encampment

Date & Time: Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: Old Fort Niagara, Fort Niagara State Park, Youngstown, NY

Description: Encampment of British, US and Native warriors throughout the park, 1812 programming including musket firings, children's programs, cannon firings, music demonstrations, educational activities and the Saturday evening reenactment of the Night Battle of Dec. 18, 1813. Named one of the top 100 events in North America by the American Bus Association.

Phone # and Website: 716.745.7611; www.oldfortniagara.org

BUFFALO EVENT: Burning of Buffalo Commemoration

Date: Dec. 7, 6 p.m.

Location: Squaw Island, just northwest of the Peace Bridge

Description: The Black Rock Militia will build a huge bonfire of wood pallets with a wooden replica of the Village of Black Rock to commemorate the burning of Buffalo, which visually infuses meaning into the historical significance of the burning of Buffalo and Black Rock in December 1813. The bonfire is held in sync with the Canadian side at Fort Erie Park. Phone # & Website:

www.blackrockhistoricalsociety.com

NIAGARA EVENT: Tuscarora Heroes Monument Unveiling

Date: Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Historical Association of Lewiston, 469 Plain Street, Lewiston, NY

Description: The spectacular unveiling of a monument to commemorate a small band of Tuscarora men who bravely halted the British attack on Lewiston and enabled dozens of Lewiston citizens to escape, 200 years, to the day, after it happened. An abbreviated Burning of the Town of Lewiston will be part of the commemoration. Phone # & Website: 716-754-4214; www.tuscaroraheroes.com

NIAGARA EVENT: 200th Anniversary Commemoration of Capture of Fort Niagara

Date & Time: Dec. 19, 2013, 3 a.m.

Location: Old Fort Niagara, Fort Niagara State Park, Youngstown, NY

Description: Proposed to recreate as closely as possible, the events as they happened in "real" time; including a possible early morning boat landing and march from Four Mile Meadow to the Fort, followed by the daybreak capture of the fort and its garrison and concluding with a brief memorial ceremony.

Phone # and Website: 716.745.7611; www.oldfortniagara.org



The War of 1812 Along The Great Lakes Seaway Trail

Battles of the War of 1812 explained. Visit:

www.seawaytrail.com/warof1812



WANTED: Your Articles & Photos

1812 DAUGHTERS: If you attend a War of 1812 Special Commemorative Event or Re-enactment during the Bicentennial Years [2012-2015], please send your article and photos to harborside@twcny.rr.com so we may include the information in our new "Bicentennial Informer".

Thank you in advance!

Simonson Awarded National 1812 Honor



Lewiston's volunteer director for the War of 1812 Bicentennial, Lee Simonson, has been awarded the "Spirit of 1812" medal by the United States Daughters of 1812. Simonson is shown here with State of NY Society President, Jan Jonhpier.



200 YEARS AGO: 1813

July 5, Raid on Fort Schlosser
(New York, US)

July 11, Raid of Black Rock
(New York, US)

**July 20, Battle of Cranberry Creek/
Goose Creek**
(New York, US)

July 29, Plattsburg
(New York, US)

**August 7 -10 U.S. fleet vs.
British fleet**
(Lake Ontario)

**August 8, USS Hamilton and USS
Scourge sunk in storm**
(Lake Ontario)

**August 10, USS Julia and USS Prowler
captured**
(Lake Ontario)

1812 BICENTENNIAL MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED For Sat., September 14th

The General Jacob Brown Chapter, Sackets Harbor, have tentatively scheduled their 1812

Bicentennial Marker

Dedication for Saturday, September 14th, at Lakeside Cemetery, in the

Village of Sackets Harbor, NY. **As the date is not confirmed**, email to President, Beverly Sterling-Affinati, for specifics:

beverlyk@twcny.rr.com.



Summer in Plattsburgh...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Lake Champlain Region Commemorates the Bicentennial of the War of 1812

Visit website for specifics: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2013/4/prweb10661639.htm>



2013 Schedule of Events

(revised 5-22-13)

Friday, September 6

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - British Invasion Dinner, live music, American Legion Post 20, Quarry Road, Plattsburgh

Saturday, September 7

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Dewey's Tavern memorial ceremony and dedication, intersection of Rte. 276 and Prospect Hill Rd., Champlain, NY

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Culver Hill memorial ceremony and dedication, Culver Hill Historic Park, in Beekmantown (State Rt. 22, 2 miles north of intersection of Rte. 374)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Halsey's Corners memorial ceremony, corner of Halsey Court and Boynton Ave., Plattsburgh, NY

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Welcome ceremony at the encampment of British re-enactors at the Scott House, the site of General Prevost's temporary headquarters, in Chazy, NY

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - *Towne Meeting* concert, Chazy Central Rural School, Chazy, NY

Sunday, September 8

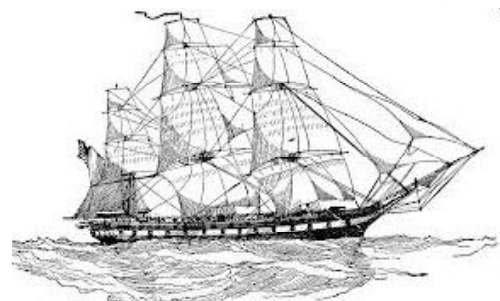
Monday, September 9

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - *Compass Rose* concert (formerly Back Porch Band), Stafford Theater, Clinton Community College, 136 Clinton Point Road, Plattsburgh, NY



Summer in Sackets Harbor...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



JULY

All Month - "Weapons of the War" loaned exhibit in Lieutenant's House gallery

4th (1pm) - **Cannon Firing**

4th (2pm) - **Linda Russell musician / storyteller, "Remember the Women"**

4th (9:30pm) - Village fireworks

6th (1-3pm), 6th (4-6pm) & 7th (9-11am) - **Caroline Abbott, American Girl Sackets Harbor Doll & Books author Kathleen Ernst, Tea Party, doll raffles, book sales.** (Notice: Reservations are now closed. Should you wish to be on a waiting list for the first seating, please indicate that in your reservation request.) Details>>

8th-11th (9am - noon) & 15th-18th (9am - noon) - **Adventures in History the War of 1812 (Grades 2-4).** Learn about the War of 1812! The goal is to expose kids to topics related to the War of 1812. The instructor will lead their groups through interactive history lessons. Participants will see reenactments and complete an age appropriate craft or project before the close of the session. Fee: \$10.

AUGUST

All Month - "Weapons of the War" loaned exhibit in Lieutenant's House gallery

2nd (6pm) - **Author's presentation: Don Graves -**

2nd (7:30pm) - Sackets Harbor Historical Society's, **Bicentennial Remembrance Dinner**

3rd (11am) - **Author's presentation: Dianne Graves**

3rd (1pm) - Crown Forces Memorial dedication

3rd (9am-5pm) - **Grand War of 1812 bicentennial re-enactment**

3rd (6pm) - **Presentation: Professor Donald Hickey -**

4th (9am-3pm) - **Grand War of 1812 bicentennial re-enactment**

* BICENTENNIAL REMEMBRANCE DINNER

Friday, August 2, 2013

The Sackets Harbor Historical Society cordially invites you to an al fresco picnic barbecue on the grounds of the Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site, with our guests historians Donald and Dianne Graves, and Professor Donald Hickey.

Cash Bar Social Hour at 7:00, Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
\$20.00 per person

RSVP: *Kindly respond no later than July 19 via email to shhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or by telephone to Terrie Nelson at (315) 408-9169*

ATTIRE: *Historic Period Dress or Business Casual, Civilian Uniform of the Day, Military*

Donald Graves's program, "The British and Canadian Attack on Sackets Harbor, May 29, 1813" will be presented at the Battlefield at 6:00 p.m. The talk is free and open to the public.

NOTICE - The Board of Trustees of the Sackets Harbor Historical Society kindly extend an invitation to attend the **Bicentennial Remembrance Dinner** to ALL New York State U.S. Daughters of 1812. To confirm, email to Terrie Nelson: sacketstick@gmail.com

~ Past Event ~
Scenes From Past Event - Wreath Laying Ceremony

Preceding The Re-Dedication of the Centennial Monument, Sackets Harbor, NY

~ May 29, 2013 ~



TOP PHOTO: (L-R) LEFT: U.S. Daughters of 1812 held a Wreath Laying Ceremony, preceding the Re-Dedication of the Centennial Monument event, sponsored by the Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site; MIDDLE: Boni Shafer and Lorraine Wiggins; RIGHT: Whitney-Hungerford President Kamra Rowland (and son) stand with 4th Vice President National, Jacquelynne Schulman, beside the Centennial Monument. This monument was originally dedicated by the Northern Frontier Chapter of Jefferson County, U.S. Daughters of 1812, May 29, 1813.

BOTTOM PHOTO: On May 29, 2013, exactly one hundred years after the original dedication ceremony took place [May 29, 1913], the United States Daughters of 1812 held a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Re-Dedication of the Centennial Monument site in Sackets Harbor, NY. They are L-R: Anne Davis, Recording Secretary, State of NY Society; Lorraine Wiggins, Whitney Hungerford Chapter, Treasurer; Linda Whitney, Whitney-Hungerford Chapter, Historian; Kamra Rowland, Chairman of Fort McHenry, State of New York Society; Jacquelynne Schulman, 4th Vice President National; Mary Raye Casper, Historian National; Jeanette Brooks, Past Recording Secretary National; Jan Johnpier, President, State of New York Society; Beverly Sterling-Affinati, Vice President, State of NY Society; Phila Ibaugh (in rear), Chaplain, State of NY Society; Boni Shafer, General Jacob Brown Chapter Librarian; and Tammy Plantz (in rear), General Jacob Brown Chapter.



~ Past Event ~

**Following The Re-Dedication of the Centennial Monument
 Sackets Harbor, NY, May 29, 2013**

Archeology and the Second Battle of Sackets Harbor:

Why the Militia Deserves Its Due

**Archeologists working at Sackets Harbor
 (Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc. 2009)**

A lecture by Matthew Kirk, and hosted by the Battlefield)

During the War of 1812, Sackets Harbor, New York served as the principal American shipbuilding facility on Lake Ontario. A rag-tag team of volunteers, militia, and American regulars repulsed attacking British-Canadian forces in May 1813. The battle left numerous casualties, American ships and stores burned, and no clear victor. Later testimonies placed some of the blame for British advances on the American volunteers who "rose from their cover and fled." A soldier at the battle later remarked, however, that "the truth is never more than half told--that the most important held back." The presenter directed an archeological study of the battlefield sponsored by the National Park Service. Metal detecting and later high-tech analyses of the artifacts provide alternative archeological evidence at odds with the historical record. A PowerPoint presentation illustrates the history of the battle, the archeological fieldwork and analysis, and the recovered artifacts.



Matthew Kirk

New York was very lucky to have the following 1812 Daughters in attendance for this lecture: 4th Vice President National, Jacquelynne Schulman; Vice President, State of NY Society, Beverly Sterling-Affinati; and Chairman of Fort McHenry, Kamra Rowland, as well as her mom, Linda Whitney, Whitney-Hungerford Chapter, Historian.

Scenes From U.S. Daughters of 1812 Spring Bicentennial Events

~ Past Events ~



President National, Virginia Apyar and State of NY Society President, Jan Johnpier, observe the location where the **Battle of Queenston Heights** occurred (Niagara River - overlooking Canada).



1814 NEWSPAPER - BURNING OF LEWISTON

Presented to President of Historic Lewiston Association

By U.S. Daughters of 1812, President National Virginia Apyar and State of New York Society President, Jan Johnpier.

On May 4th, State of NY Society President, Jan Johnpier (left) and President National Virginia Apyar (right) presented an **1814 Newspaper** featuring a lengthy article about the **Burning of Lewiston, NY**, and the horrific British attack, to the President of the Historical Association of Lewiston, Bruce Sutherland (center).



Tuscarora Heroes Monument: President National, Virginia Apyar, stands beside State of NY Society President, Jan Johnpier, both viewing the bronze plaque that the U.S.D of 1812 graciously purchased. Also in photo: Shirley Canfield, State of NY Society Veterans Rehabilitation Chairman; Phila Ibaugh, State of NY Society, Chaplain; and Jeanette Brooks, Past Recording Secretary National, as well as President of the Historical Association of Lewiston, Bruce Sutherland.



The **Battle of York Commemoration** at Toronto, ON, was attended by President National, Virginia Apyar, and Historian National, Mary Raye Casper, United States Daughters of 1812, on April 27, 2013 during the Re-Dedication of Plaque Honoring Zebulon Pike (which was originally dedicated by the 1812 Daughters in 1934, and placed at "Fort York", today called Toronto).

GENERAL JACOB BROWN CHAPTER DISCUSSES "WAR OF 1812 IN THE NORTH COUNTRY"

April 17th at the John Wells Platt House located in Fulton, NY



State of NY Society President, Jan Johnpier, speaks during the "**Commemoration of the War of 1812 - The Blockhouse**", Held April 27, 2013 at Central Park in NYC, "The North Woods". A reception was later held at the home of Peter Hein & Anne Farley, State of NY Society, Treasurer.



Beverly Sterling-Affinati (left) and Anne Davis (right), President and Vice President of the Sackets Harbor Chapter, "General Jacob Brown", U.S. Daughters of 1812, spoke to members and guests of the John Wells Platt House Historical Association on April 17th in Fulton, NY, sharing their presentation, "**The War of 1812 in the North Country.**"

~ Past Events ~