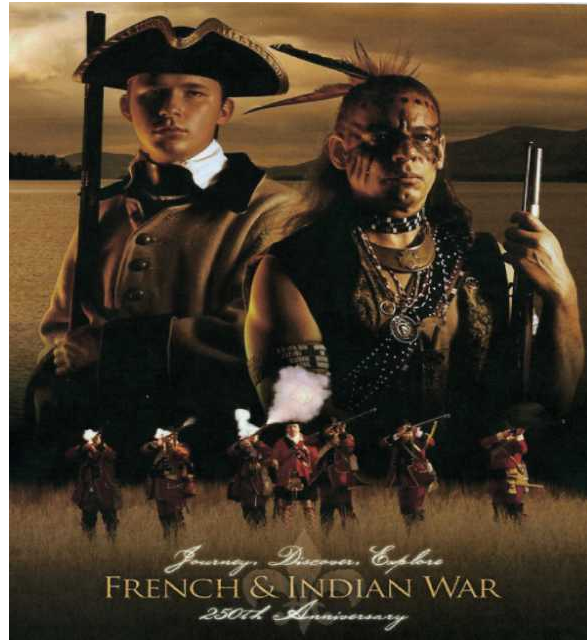


# Schuyler Flatts Cultural Park French & Indian War Encampment



Saturday, May 31, 2008. 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Two hundred and fifty years ago thousands of British and Colonial troops assembled at the Schuyler Farm at the Flatts for what would be the largest campaign of the Seven Years War in hopes of capturing French Fort Carillon at Ticonderoga. Although the French, under Montcalm, had only about 3,000 men at the fort, and the British had about 15,000 troops at the northern end of Lake George, the British did not expect an easy victory.

When the battle ended on July 8, 1758, the British had lost about 2,000 men killed and wounded and were forced to flee back to Albany in disgrace. A hospital was set up in the barn at the Flatts to treat the wounded. It was the bloodiest battle in America until the American Civil War and the largest loss of life on New York soil until the terrorist attack on New York on 9/11/01.

The encampment is expected to include British Regulars, Colonial Provincial Troops, Militia, and Native American re-enactors. There will be drill and weapon demonstrations including explanations of uniforms and equipment. The re-enactors will be happy to explain what life was like in an army camp 250 years ago. Re-enactors use meticulous research, education and imagination to recreate the sights and sounds of military camp life in Colonial America.

The event is sponsored by the Historical Society of the Town of Colonie and is free and open to the public. Schuyler Flatts Park is located on Rt. 32 Broadway between Menands and the City of Watervliet.

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