



THE 2014
OSWEGO WAR OF 1812 SYMPOSIUM
at the
LAKE ONTARIO EVENT AND CONFERENCE CENTER
Oswego, New York
APRIL 4 - 6, 2014

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

4:00pm – 9:00 pm - Exhibit Set-up

6:30pm – 9:30 pm - Early Registration, Meet & Greet Social (cash bar) and Exhibits open.

6:30pm – 8: 45pm – Presentation of student papers



SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - MORNING

8:30 am – 9:00 am – Registration & Refreshments -

9:00 am – 9:10 am – Welcome & Acknowledgements

◆ Paul A. Lear, Superintendent, Fort Ontario SHS and Chair of the
Oswego War of 1812 Steering Committee

9:10 am - 9:50 am ◆ *“Alarm and Apprehension”: Civilian and Women’s Experiences Along the
St. Lawrence-Lake Ontario Corridor* ◆

◆ Dianne Graves, Historian and Author, Ottawa, ON

9:50 am – 10:30 am ◆ *Army versus Navy: Lieutenant-General Prevost, Commodore Yeo and the
Unity of the British War Effort in the Canadas, 1813-1815* ◆

◆ Dr. John Grodzinski, Assistant Professor of History at the Royal Military College,
Kingston, ON

10:30 am - 10: 50 am –Midmorning Break –

10:50 am - 11:30 am ◆ *A Tale of Two Flags: How History, Ownership and Treatment Affected
the Conservation of Two Early Nineteenth Century Flags* ◆

◆ Deborah L. Trupin, Textile Conservator, NY State Bureau of Historic Sites
(Peebles Island), Waterford, NY

11:30 am - 12:10pm ◆ *Plattsburgh and Lake Champlain: Bathurst’s plan to end the war with
the United States* ◆

◆ Keith Herkalo, Founding member and President of the Battle of Plattsburgh Association,
Plattsburgh, NY



12:10pm - 1:30pm – Lunch – *provided by* Lake Ontario Event & Conference Center



SATURDAY, APRIL 5 – AFTERNOON

1:30pm - 2:10pm ♦ *“An objective of lesser proportions”: the May 5-6, 1814 Battle of Oswego* ♦
♦ Paul A. Lear, Superintendent, Fort Ontario SHS, Oswego, NY

2:10pm - 2:50pm ♦ *Night Assault on Fort Erie, 16 August 1814: The Anatomy of a Military Disaster* ♦
♦ Donald Graves, Military Historian and Author, Ottawa, ON

2:50pm - 3:10pm – Mid-afternoon Break —

3:10pm - 3:50pm ♦ *The War in Recent Memory: How Fraternal Organizations Helped Shape the Perception of the War of 1812* ♦
♦ Meredith Macvittie, Historian, Philadelphia, PA

3:50pm - 4:30pm ♦ *“Britons, Strike Home!”: Amphibious Warfare During the War of 1812* ♦
♦ Alexander Craig, Military Historian and Author, Belleville, ON





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9:00am – 9:40am ♦ *The Archeology of Pike's Cantonment, Plattsburgh, Winter 1812-1813* ♦

♦ Dr. Timothy Abel, Archeologist and Adjunct Professor at SUNY Canton, Carthage, NY

9:40am -10:20am ♦ *“Worthy of a better fate”: the May 30, 1814 Battle of Sandy Creek* ♦

♦ Dr. Gary Gibson, Naval Historian and Author, Sackets Harbor, NY

10:20am - 10:40am – Midmorning Break –

10:40am - 11:20am ♦ *Demise and Remembrance: Sackets Harbor and the War of 1812* ♦

♦ Constance Barone, Superintendent, Sackets Harbor Battlefield SHS, Sackets Harbor, NY

11:20pm - 12:00pm ♦ *“The tools and drudges of the regular troops”: The New York Militia in the War of 1812* ♦

♦ Lt Col. Michael McGurty, NYNG, (Ret.), Superintendent, New Windsor Cantonment & Knox's Headquarters SHS, Vail's Gate, NY

