



THE BATTLE OF PLATTSBURGH

2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 10am-3pm: **Clinton County historical Association opens**
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- 11am: **Battle of Culver Hill Memorial Ceremony**
Presented by the Town of Beekmantown
Location: Culver Hill Historical Park, State Rt. 22, 2 miles north of intersection of Route 374 in Beekmantown.

On September 6, 1814, a large British army numbering in the thousands marched through Beekmantown on their way to occupy the Village of Plattsburgh. In an attempt to hinder that advance, a small American force consisting of regular army and militia, made a stand behind stonewalls on the rise of land known as Culver Hill. What ensued was a short but very intense skirmish that resulted in several dead and wounded, including American Corporal Stephen Partridge of the Essex County New York State Militia, and two British officers, Lt. Col. James Willington and Ensign John Chapman, of the Royal East Kent Regiment, Third Foot, also known as the Buffs.
- 12:30pm: **Halsey's Corners Memorial Ceremony**
Presented by the Town of Plattsburgh
Location: Corner of Halsey Court & Boynton Avenue in Plattsburgh

In the face of the steadily advancing British column, American forces retreated towards Plattsburgh to this location where they set up two six-pound field guns. The oncoming columns of Redcoats advanced straight into the maw of these guns, which were discharged repeatedly with deadly effect.
- 5pm: **Riverside Cemetery Memorial**
Location: Riverside Cemetery, Steltzer Road

British fleet commander Capt. George Downie lost his life in the initial moments of the 1814 battle and was later buried in Riverside Cemetery along with several other fallen combatants from both sides. Kent Delord House Museum Director, Don Wickman, conducts the ceremony honoring both British and American combatants killed in the war.
- 6pm: **Old Post Cemetery Service: Remembering the Unknowns**
Location: Lake Forest Drive, Plattsburgh

Plattsburgh's Old Post Cemetery is the final resting place of 445 persons, including 163 soldiers and airmen and 136 unknown soldiers and sailors. The small burial site includes the remains of those who fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Spanish-American War and Vietnam as well as the remains of wives and children.



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7:30pm:

Beartracks in Concert

Location: Strand Center for the Arts, 25 Brinkerhoff St.

Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Button required for admission.

Beartracks was formed in 2004 by Dobro legend Junior Barber and his cousins, Tom Venne and Julie Venne Hogan. Currently, Julie, bass guitar and vocals, Tom, acoustic guitar and vocals and Harry Ralph, fiddle and harmony vocals, form the core of Beartracks. They have appeared on stage throughout the U.S., from Colorado to New England, and in Canada from Calgary to Prince Edward Island.

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11am:

Crab Island Memorial Service

Location: Crab Island

Crab Island was the site of a War of 1812 army field hospital. It is also the final resting place for at least 150 British and American sailors who perished in the pivotal Battle of Plattsburgh. Hurriedly buried together in a series of trenches, the exact location on Crab Island of this mass grave remains unknown and unmarked to this day. Post 1619 American Legion lays wreaths, fires a salute and plays taps at this memorial ceremony.

4pm:

Food Court

Location: Lower Court Street

Several food trucks provide a variety of options.

4-8pm:

Information Booth

Location: in front of City Hall

Get all your weekend event information, including schedules, buttons and more.

4-9pm:

The Israel Green Tavern

Location: Olive Ridley's, Court Street

4:45-5:45pm: **Stan Ransom**, The Connecticut Peddler: Stan Ransom is a folk musician who performs the songs and tunes of the Battle of Plattsburgh, both American and British, many from his CD, *The Battle of Plattsburgh*. He sings, plays guitar, hammered dulcimer, mandolin and autoharp. Another Tavern favorite returns!



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6-7:30pm: **Roy Hurd:** A dynamic performer and a world-class singer/songwriter, Roy's brand of mountain music has developed a dedicated national and local following. His song, Adirondack Blue, has become a modern day Adirondack anthem, and his recordings are regional bestsellers.

7:45-9pm: **Tim Herron:** Tim has been a mainstay on the upstate N.Y. music scene for years. He blends folk, jazz, rock and blues into an eclectic mix of American roots music. With two solo albums, Tim tours constantly throughout the region bringing his unique guitar style and songwriting to music festivals, clubs, house concerts and local taverns.

5pm: **Eliza Mooers Historic District Walking Tour with Melissa Bistor-Cross**
Location: Starts at Macdonough Monument
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Take a tour of Plattsburgh's historic places with Eliza Mooers (Melissa Bistor-Cross).

5:45-7:15pm: **Bella's Bartok in Concert**
Location: Trinity Park

Northampton, Massachusetts-based Bella's Bartok delivers a passionate kaleidoscope of sound. The songs are born of Americana and the folk music of their immigrant parents. They sonically and lyrically deliver a soulful dance party that leaves their audiences happily breathless.

7:30-9pm: **The Blind Owl Band in Concert**
Location: Trinity Park

Hailing from Saranac Lake, this four-piece band performs Adirondack freight train string music, featuring eclectic sounds and traditional instrumentation. "They knocked the nit and grit right out of their strings," said UpState Live's Tom Miller.

9:30pm: **Rocket's Red Glare Fireworks**
Sponsored by Eagle's Nest Veterinary Hospital
Location: Macdonough Monument

Enjoy fireworks worthy of Commodore Macdonough and honor local Honor Flight veterans.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9am-2pm: **Plattsburgh Farmer's Market**
Location: City parking lot off Durkee Street

9am-4pm: **Information/Souvenir Tent**
Location: in front of City Hall

9am: **Police Pipes & Drums of Plattsburgh**
Location: MacDonough Monument

Wearing their Black Watch kilts, the Police Pipes & Drums of Plattsburgh, NY, has been entertaining fans throughout the Adirondack Coast for more than six years. Under the direction of Pipe Major James Godfrey, the band appears in numerous parades, memorial services and fundraisers.



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9:30am: **Quigley Highlander Pipes & Drums**
Location: Macdonough Monument

For years the Spirit of Scotland Pipes and Drums entertained Plattsburgh audiences during the BOP weekends. Now referred to as the Quigley Highlanders, they return to the Battle of Plattsburgh under the direction of bandleader, Pipe Major Ron Graham. Headquartered in Martintown, Ontario, they play approximately 40 engagements per year throughout southeastern Ontario, western Quebec and eastern New York. Listen for their stirring music in the parade and throughout the weekend.

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10am-8pm: **Food Court**

Location: Lower Court Street

10am-4pm: **Children's Old Time Village Fair**

Location: Monument Park

The Children's Old Time Village Fair returns for the 2018 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration. Take a step back in time in the tent village around the Macdonough Monument. Larry Bosley, of the Bosley Log Cabin and School House Museums, demonstrates how to make wooden shingles. Sherry Sherman demonstrates how to use old-time printing blocks. Loretta and Ron Kirby teach visitors how to knit, crochet and sew. The Champlain Valley Wood Carvers demonstrate woodcarving skills, creating beautiful ornaments. Folks from Cook & Gardener help children make tissue paper flowers, while artists paint colorful designs on little hands or faces. A friendly blacksmith, Lance Falcon, and his wife, Veronica, exhibit tools and ornaments and demonstrate how it was done in 1812. Librarians from the Plattsburgh City Library and Literacy Volunteers will be on hand with books and crafts along with volunteers from The Strand Center. Melissa Bistor-Cross will visit the Fair as Eliza Mooers, the wife of Major General Benjamin Mooers. Chattering Chipmunk 4H Club will have some of their small farm animals on site. The "Red Store", a Plattsburgh general store that was owned in 1812 by Henry Delord and William Bailey, is once again recreated. Enjoy a fun-filled day the old fashioned way.

10am-4pm: **Kent-Delord House Museum Open House**

Location: 17 Cumberland Ave.

Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Button required for admission

Visit the home of Henry Delord and his wife, Betsey, prominent members of the Plattsburgh community whose home served as British headquarters while American and British soldiers battled for control of the city.



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10am-4pm: **Military Muster**

Location: Kent-Delord House, 17 Cumberland Ave.

Upwards of 150 reenactors from the U.S. and Canada are expected to descend on Plattsburgh and camp on the grounds of the Kent-Delord House Museum for the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration weekend. Stop in and see the military camp, meet the reenactors, participate in hands-on activities and watch demonstrations of 19th Century trades and crafts.

10am: **Battle of Halsey's Corners Reenactment**

Location: U.S. Oval

This reenactment takes place near the U.S. Oval, beginning on the Terry Gordon Bike Path entrance off Jay Street. It depicts the pushing back of American forces from Culver Hill up to the artillery assault on Halsey's Corners.

10am-5pm: **Kids Games**

Location: City Hall Lawn

Sponsored by the Plattsburgh Lions Club

Old fashioned children's games such as the three legged race, sack races, potato races, hoop games, Jacob's ladders, stilts and more!

10am-4pm: **Macdonough Monument Self-Guided Tours**

Free with Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Button, or \$1 donation for adults and 50 cents for children to benefit a local charity

Overlooking Plattsburgh Bay where the Battle was fought, this 135-foot monument was built in 1926 to honor Commodore Macdonough's victory over the British fleet.

10am-4pm: **1814 Craft Demonstrations**

Location: City Hall Place

Have you ever written with a quill pen, made a shingle by hand or spun wool thread? The dedicated and ever-popular guides from the Chateau Ramezay Museum in Montreal will be dressed in period appropriate attire and provide interactive demonstrations on a variety of skills including weaving and writing with a quill pen. Our friends from Chateau Ramezay have been a part of the Battle of Plattsburgh weekend activities since 1998.

10:30am: **Sailing Masters of 1812**

Location: Kent-Delord House, 17 Cumberland Ave.

A period-appropriate fife and drum corps based in Essex, Connecticut, the Sailing Masters of 1812 was founded in 1963 as the Essex Fife and Drum Corps to perpetuate the art of fifing and drumming and to commemorate the role of Essex in the War of 1812.



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Location: in front of City Hall

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11am: **The Battle of Plattsburgh Challenge Cup Bateau Race**
Location: Champlain Monument

This is one of the largest historical boating reenactments in the Northeast, with as many as 10 wooden vessels, hand built by reenactors. The boats start from the mouth of the Saranac River by the Champlain Monument and row to a marker buoy set several hundred yards out in the bay. They turn around the buoy and return to the river. This 12th annual BOP Challenge Cup Race is in full view of spectators standing at the Champlain Monument, with start and finish at the mouth of the Saranac River. Certificates and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners, with the first place-winning boat's name engraved on the Challenge Cup kept on display at the Kent-Delord House Museum.

11am: **Noon Rotary Club of Plattsburgh Bed Race**
Location: City Hall Place

The Plattsburgh Noon Rotary Club presents the 9th Annual Rotary Bed Race! All five-person teams are encouraged to create and decorate their own entries and arrive in costume. The fastest bed wins \$500, with \$250 and \$100 for the second and third fastest, and one further \$150 award goes to the bed voted the best overall theme by a panel of judges. The winning team receives the coveted Golden Bed Pan Award and bragging rights!

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11am: **Walking tour of The Oval at the Clinton County Historical Association begins**

11:30am: **Federally Fitting: War of 1812-Era Uniforms**
Location: Kent-Delord House, 17 Cumberland Ave.

Matt Keagle, of Fort Ticonderoga, speaks about the War of 1812-era uniforms in the Fort Ticonderoga Museum Collection.



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Noon:

Kids Muster & Parade

Location: City Hall Lawn

Join the Kids Militia! Children age 5-12 are invited to muster on the green near City Hall; stick around because immediately following the Muster is the Kids Only Parade.

1pm:

Battle of Plattsburgh Parade

Location: Cumberland Avenue and City Hall Place

The parade begins at Elks Club on Cumberland Avenue, continues down City Hall Place and ends at Bridge Street. Enjoy an old-fashioned parade with bands, marching units and floats. In keeping with the tradition of a musical and marching parade, we anticipate several bands including: The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines from Cobourg, Ontario; Police Pipes & Drums, Plattsburgh; The Quigley Highlanders; and Sailing Masters of 1812.

2pm:

Walking tour of The Oval at the Clinton County Historical Association begins

2:30pm:

19th Century Fashion Show

Location: Kent-Delord House, 17 Cumberland Ave.

The show presents a variety of civilian and military clothing from the War of 1812. The styles are researched and reproduced by reenactors to represent what people wore at the time.

2:30pm:

Plucky Rooster "Crow like a Rooster" Contest

Location: Trinity Park

Sponsored by Champlain Centre Mall

The legend of the Rooster recalls an incident said to have occurred during the September 11, 1814, naval battle on Plattsburgh Bay. Captain George Downie, commander of the British frigate *Confiance*, ordered his crew to fire at the American ship *Saratoga*, which was under the command of Thomas Macdonough, killing or wounding 40 of the *Saratoga's* crew. According to legend, that shot from the frigate *Confiance* smashed into a chicken coop onboard the *Saratoga*. A rooster flew out, landed a cannon and crowed lustily. American sailors cheered; their spirits rose, and alongside Macdonough, they fought on to victory. Try your hand at crowing and dressing (optional) like a rooster at this year's Commemoration. The contest will be separated into two age groups: 12 and younger & 12 and up. Prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants of each category!

3pm:

Beat Retreat

Location: City Hall Place

Don't miss this! A wonderful and moving compilation of all of the musical entertainment you will see in the parade. Join us in front of City Hall immediately following the parade for an hour-long performance of the massed bands.



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3-9:45pm:

The Israel Green Tavern

Location: Olive Ridley's, Court Street

4-5pm **Too Tall String Band:** A Tavern favorite, Too Tall performs traditional English, Scottish and Irish pub tunes and sing-alongs plus a number of traditional Celtic dance tunes.

5:30-6:30pm **Fulton's Folly:** Fulton's Folly was formed in June of 2017. The band plays a wide variety of music, mainly from the 1950s, 60s and 70s. Some examples of their music include: Fleetwood Mac, Pure Prairie League, and Jay and the Americans... The five-piece band has many years of experience in the local music scene. Each member of the band brings a unique set of skills and talent to every exciting performance.

7-8pm **Sven Curth:** Sven is an accomplished Adirondack blues folk performer. His music is a soulful blend of country, swing, bluegrass, blues, jazz, folk, rock and rockabilly.

8:30-9:45pm **Josee Allard:** Performing with musical partner and percussionist, Erik Van Yserloo, this British Columbia native and singer-songwriter has been hailed as a female Jack Johnson. Josee and Erik play feel good acoustic blues-rock music.

4-5pm:

Rick Davies Latin Jazz Thugtet in Concert

Location: Trinity Park

The Thugtet was formerly led and dedicated to the internationally famed and beloved late Rick Davies. The group consists of veteran players and young lions from the North Country. They're a high-energy band specializing in Latin and Funk Music.

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6-7:30pm:

The Blind Spots in Concert

Location: Trinity Park

This all-original five-piece band steered by magnetic songstress Maddy Walsh has been actively touring the country out of their hometown of Ithaca, N.Y. The Blind Spots have shared festival bills with Lake Street Dive, Amy Helm, Sharon Jones, Brett Dennen and many more.

8-9:30pm:

The Glengarry Bhoys in Concert

Location: Trinity Park

Described as bold, unorthodox, vibrant and evocative, the Glengarry Bhoys' hybrid of Canadian Highland Scots and French Canadian musical idioms routinely packs local and national venues. From a small Scots-French-Canadian enclave in Eastern Ontario, these Celtic-Stompers are a favorite here in Plattsburgh and beyond.



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7:30pm: **The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines of Cobourg**
Location: Strand Center for the Arts, 25 Brinkerhoff St.
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One of the most sought after bands for parades and military tattoos throughout Ontario and beyond! They'll wow you during the Battle of Plattsburgh Parade, but why not check out the Concert Band of Cobourg on Saturday night at the Strand Theater.

8pm: **Reenactment: McGlassin's Raid**
Location: Macdonough Monument

This is a nighttime tactical demonstration between British and American Troops. This new addition to the Commemoration is a depiction of when Captain George McGlassin and 50 American volunteers crossed the Saranac and routed a British artillery battery.

8pm-11pm: **Macomb Ball**
Location: City Hall Auditorium (second floor)
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The Macomb Ball is a fancy, period-dress English country dance led by dance masters Wendy Gilchrist and Bruce Kokernot.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7am-10am: **The Rooster Relay**
Presented & Sponsored by Kinetic Running

Teams of 2-6 run approximately 1.2-mile route beginning and ending at the base of the Macdonough Monument. Teams participating try to complete as many of the course 'loops' as they can between 7a.m. and 10a.m. The race heads up the hill from the band shell below the Macdonough Monument to take a trip down City Hall Place, left onto Bridge Street, left onto Green Street to take Heritage Trail to Dock Street and back to the Macdonough Monument. For more information email kineticrunningllc@gmail.com or to register, go to www.plattsburghrecreation.com. Free raffles! Fee is \$75/team. Shirts only guaranteed to those preregistered by August 24.

10am: **19th Century Church Service with Reverend Paul Heller, ret.**
Location: Champlain Monument Gazebo, Cumberland Ave.

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10:45am: **Shape-note Singing**
Location: Kent-Delord House, 17 Cumberland Ave.

Shape-note singing, an American folk tradition of singing hymns and gospel songs from books using shaped note heads to indicate position on the scale. The songs are sung without instrumental accompaniment and would have been likely to occur in Plattsburgh in 1814. Visitors are welcome to come and listen or contribute to the beautiful sound. No experience is required.

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11am: **Saratoga Replica Demonstration**
Location: Champlain Monument

Commodore Macdonough's flagship, the 144-foot *Saratoga*, is represented by a 1/12-scale working model built by Tom LaMar. In addition to rudder and sail controls, the 17-foot replica features a 250-watt sound system and 26 functional black-powder cannons as well as a concealed motor (propeller) drive, a bow thruster to simulate the 180-degree kedge maneuver that brought to bear the fresh broadside of cannons that greatly helped win the Battle of Plattsburgh.

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Location: City Hall Lawn

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1-1:30pm: **Battle of Plattsburgh Bay Naval Engagement/The Fall of the British Batteries Land Engagement**
Location: Champlain Monument

1814 Naval Engagement, viewable from the Champlain Monument, takes place on Plattsburgh Bay, featuring bateaux simulating the 1814 naval battle. Craig Russell provides the narration. Immediately following, the land engagement takes place on Cumberland Avenue.