



APHNYS EXPANDED REGION 6 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Conference: "The War of 1812 and the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration"
Thursday June 5 (eve) and Friday June 6 (full day)
Holiday Inn, Plattsburgh, NY (518-561-5000)

Registration is now open for the *special one-day APHNYS Region 6 conference to be held in Plattsburgh on Friday June 6, 2014* (with early arrival museum tour on Thursday evening June 5).

The *conference focus is on the War of 1812, and specifically the Battle of Plattsburgh of September, 1814*. This Battle had a significant impact on the outcome of the War of 1812 and future military strategy. The bravery and cunning of the American forces, the early influence of New York's North Country and its people on the War and the young United States of America will be examined. Learn how the community has embraced the annual commemoration of the Battle of Plattsburgh, and the excitement about the 200th anniversary commemoration upcoming this Fall, with international participation and events spanning three weeks. We will share our experiences of how this sentinel event brings together the community, historians, municipalities and visitors to gain a better appreciation of the unique position this area holds in history.

Stay overnight before or after and *explore the Plattsburgh area* and the "Adirondack Coast". A block of rooms has been reserved at the conference headquarters hotel, the recently-renovated Holiday Inn Plattsburgh conveniently located on Route 3 at Exit 37 off the I-87 Northway. The discounted room rate is only \$69.99 per night (plus taxes/fees), by mentioning the APHNYS conference rate and reserving by May 23, 2014 direct with the hotel.

For those arriving *Thursday evening*, the Welcome/ Registration Table will be open from 5 to 8 pm Thursday with lots of information on the conference and the area. A private, docent-guided tour of the War of 1812/Battle of Plattsburgh Museum will depart from the hotel Thursday at 6:45 pm (returning by 9 pm). Registration Friday is from 8 until 9:30am.

Conference day Friday includes engaging speakers describing the Battle and its significance, the events leading up to the Battle, and the contributions by and impact on the varied segments of the communities and populace here in New York, in Vermont, and Canada. Explore on-site exhibits and displays from local museums and organizations. Chat with authors, musicians, and other experts on the War of 1812, the battles here at Plattsburgh, and more. Lunch and break-time refreshments are provided as part of the registration fee.

The presentations will begin at 9:30 am and conclude by 3:30 pm, facilitating comfortable travel for those only able to spend the day here in Plattsburgh.

BUT - We do encourage all to *make it a weekend*, as Museum Days are Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8 from 10 am to 4 pm. All participating local museums and venues offer free admission both days, with special programs scheduled for the whole family. The First Weekend Plattsburgh group sponsors special events on both Friday night and Saturday all day, and the Breakfast Kiwanis Club offers Dozer Day at Airborne Speedway on Saturday (admission charged).

And we promise - the snow will all be gone by June! Join us for an enlightening conference - enjoy exploring the Adirondack Coast in Northern New York!

The registration form is attached. Please register as soon as possible and preferably *no later than May 30,* so that we may reserve your space for the conference and lunch. See you soon!

Questions? Contact Planning Committee Chairs - Gary VanCour (Town of Beekmantown Historian, gryanc@aol.com) or Jerry Bates (Town of Plattsburgh Historian, historian@townofplattsburgh.org, or registrar Barb Benkwitt, sfhistorian@charter.net)