



Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership



2018 Making of Nations Grant

Loyal Legacy: Conserving and Displaying the

Project Summary

Funding from the CVHNP allowed Fort Ticonderoga to conserve, display and provide programmatic interpretation of one of the most significant artifacts in the collection, the Camp Color of the Royal Highland Emigrants. Camp colors were used to indicate the boundary of a particular regiment's camp, and are exceedingly rare.

The flag was conserved by Gwen Spicer, who has extensive experience with the conservation of textiles, and especially with military flags. Upon its return, the flag was installed in the exhibit, "1781: A War Not Yet Won," alongside other material related to the British army in Canada, including a portrait of one of the battalion commanders of this very regiment.

At Scots Day in June, the museum curator presented a talk on the context and conservation of the object. This public program, open to all visitors, allowed Fort Ticonderoga to formally present this important item from the collection for the first time.



The conserved flag is displayed at the fort.

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Output: A rare (one of three) British regimental flag from the American Revolution was conserved and protected.

Outcome: Tasks addressed in the 2011 CVNHP Management Plan:

Task 9.1.1: Support historical and archeological research and documentation

Task 9.1.3: Utilize new and existing research and documentation to support the evaluation, conservation, and interpretation of natural and cultural heritage resources.

Tasks addressed in 2017 Opportunities for Action:

III.C.1.a: Provide support for needed historical and archeological research, and accelerate the identification, evaluation, protection, and interpretation of heritage resources, including ethnographies of the cultures within the CVNHP.

IV.5.a: Connect, promote and improve cultural and natural heritage sites through interpretation.



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