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237th Anniversary of the Battle of Oriskany to be Remembered

On Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 7 p.m., National Park Service staff and volunteers invite the public to join them as they commemorate the 237th anniversary of the Battle of Oriskany. This annual event at Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site honors those who fought to defend their beliefs and their way of life, forever changing the face of the Mohawk Valley. This event is free, and bringing lawn chairs is suggested for your comfort.

In addition to a wreath laying ceremony, several speakers will share their thoughts on the significance of this six-hour battle, and how the spirit of the participants is reflected in the American principles of today. An honor guard representing both the Continental Army and the Tryon County militia will also provide a musket salute in honor of the fallen.

The Battle of Oriskany took place on August 6, 1777 near the Oneida Indian Village of Oriska. Colonial militia and their Oneida Indian allies, on their way to Fort Stanwix to help relieve the besieged fort, were ambushed by Loyalist and Indian forces. This engagement is considered one of the bloodiest battles during the American Revolution. Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site is located at 7801 State Rt. 69.

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