

## April 26, 2008 - Slaughter Participates in Old Fort Niagara Dedication of Restored Dauphin Battery

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Dauphin Battery

Helped Secure Funding for  
Restoration Project

Niagara Falls,

NY &ndash; Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Rules Committee, today participated in the dedication ceremony for the newly restored 1756 Dauphin Battery at Old Fort Niagara. Rep. Slaughter will fire the first cannon at the dedication ceremony and will be joined by Bob Emerson, Executive Director of Old Fort Niagara.

&ldquo;Each year, families from across the country travel to Old Fort Niagara to experience American history first hand,&rdquo; said Rep. Slaughter. &ldquo;Old Fort Niagara brings to life this area&rsquo;s rich heritage and is an asset to the Great Lakes region. I am very pleased that I was able to help direct federal funding to restore this national treasure.&rdquo;

The restoration of the Dauphin Battery was funded through a \$370,000 Housing and Urban Development special projects grant that was strongly supported by Congresswoman Slaughter.

## BACKGROUND

Old Fort Niagara, constructed in 1726, played a key role in the struggles of France, Great Britain, and the United States to control the Great Lakes region. Today, the fort is a National Historic Landmark and New York State Historic Site.

The Dauphin Battery, built in 1756, housed five cannons that protected the drawbridge of the fort.

The battery features reconstructed artillery platforms and five historically accurate reproduced 18th century cannons that replicate what stood at the Fort 250 years ago.

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