**Freedom’s Gateway: 1777**

**How the Empire State Created America and Delivered Upon the Promise of Liberty**

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2. Benedict Arnold – Major General – Northern Department, Wing Commander

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4. James Clinton – Colonial, Brother of George Clinton, Commander Fort Clinton on Hudson Highlands

5. Henry Dearborn – Major, Continental Army, Regimental Commander at Saratoga

6. Peter Gansevoort – Brigadier General, Commander of Fort Stanwix  
7. Horatio Gates – Major General, Second Commander of the Northern Department  
8. John Glover – Brigadier Gen, Marine Transport Specialist, Continental Army, Brigade Commander

8. Nicholas Herkimer – Brigadier General of Tryon County Militia, Commander at Oriskany  
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