

# PRESERVATIONISTS HIT NIAGARA



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**M**ark Pustulka, above, a re-enactor with the U.S. Army Third infantry of the War of 1812, speaks with Bob and Chris Hoover of San Luis Obispo, Calif., about Fort Niagara on Friday. The Hoovers are part of the 2011 National Preservation Conference. At left, is Carol Dooley of Monroe, N.J., who is listening to Jere Brubaker, curator at Old Fort Niagara, below, speak on the drawbridge about Fort Niagara. The conference, which is set for Buffalo this week, has added an important dimension to its agenda — a day at Niagara Falls. Under the plan, those attending the four-day event at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center were offered the option of spending Friday in the Cataract City. Participants took guided tours running the gamut from a gorge hike to the site of the Schoellkopf Power Plant collapse and a session on the proposed Underground Railroad Interpretive Center to neighborhood revitalization in Niagara Falls and a walk around the Niagara Reservation designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.

