

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL WAR COLLEGE OF THE SEVEN YEARS' WAR

FORT TICONDEROGA, MAY 20-22, 2016

Fort Ticonderoga presents the Twenty-First Annual War College of the Seven Years' War May 20-22, 2016, in the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center. We invite you to join us at this annual seminar focused on the French & Indian War in North America, offering a unique, informal setting that promotes interaction and discussion between speakers and attendees throughout the weekend. Those interested in also attending the Thirteenth Annual Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution on September 23-25, 2016, can register as a subscriber before March 15th and save \$20 on the combined registration fees. The War College sells out, so don't delay—register today. We look forward to seeing you at Fort Ticonderoga in May.



WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Subject to Change

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

6:00-7:15 Opening Reception—Join War College faculty and staff at an opening reception (included in registration fee, but reservation required) in the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center with light refreshments and cash bar.

7:30 Dieskau's Grenadiers: Re-evaluating a key moment of the Battle of Lake George, 1755—Traditional narratives of the second half of the Battle of Lake George prominently center around the column of French grenadiers thrown at the Provincial breastworks. The vain attacks by these elite troops has been read to highlight the nature of combat in North America, presaging the triumph of irregular methods of warfare over regular European tactics that toppled empires from the French and Indian to the War of 1812. But what if there were more to the story? **Matthew Keagle**, Curator of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum, will pose an alternative interpretation that challenges the traditional narrative of the opening combat of the Northern campaign of the Seven Years' War.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

9:15-10:00 "No Real Dependence is to be Had": Connecticut Provincials in the 1758 Campaign—Soon after the July 8th 1758 defeat and retreat from Fort Ticonderoga by the British, Major General James Abercromby began to explain the reasons for the failure of his Army. He wrote in a letter "No Real Dependence is to be had upon the Bulk of the Provincials – And how can it be otherwise?" In doing so Abercromby laid some of the blame for the Army's defeat on the Provincial Soldiers from the Colonies. Looking at the performance of Connecticut Provincials in this campaign, was this a fair assessment? Or was it a way to deflect blame away from the General and his poor leadership? **John-Eric Nelson** is an Independent Historian of the French & Indian War with a particular interest in Connecticut Provincials who fought in the war. He has been a re-enactor portraying a Connecticut Provincial Officer for 35 years and resides in Milford, Connecticut.

10:15-11:00 Publishing Terror: War and Communication on the New England Frontier—In early New England, the rise of printing coincided with the rise of imperial war. Most colonists did not experience the violence of French and Indian raiding, but they heard and read about it—at length. This presentation explores communication as an important dimension of war, especially in rendering New England more vulnerable to terror. **Katherine Grandjean** is Assistant Professor of History at Wellesley College and the author of *American Passage: The Communications Frontier in Early New England*.

11:15-12:00 John Goffe, Jacob Bayley and the New Hampshire Regiment—Building roads from Fort Number 4 to Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point—Cutting roads in Northern Colonial New England made possible the movement of men, munitions and supplies to defend the early frontier. This led to an elaborate plan by Jacob Bayley with George

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Washington, during the American Revolution, to cut a road through Northern Vermont. This shorter route made possible the plans for a second invasion of Canada in 1779. However, diversion became the result. **Carl J Anderson, III**, is a historical researcher and the foremost research expert on General Jacob Bayley. He is also collaborating, with Jeff Simpson, on an upcoming biography of Jacob Bayley.

12:15-1:45 Lunch Break (box lunch from America's Fort Café included in the registration fee)

1:00-1:30 Book Signing in the Museum Store.

2:00-2:45 Braddock's Defeat: The Battle of the Monongahela and the Road to Revolution—This book presentation highlights new archival research on the pivotal moment of Braddock's Defeat on July 9, 1755. It offers a reinterpretation of Braddock's Expedition in 1754 and 1755 and presents the fullest account yet of French and Indian perspectives during the campaign. **David Preston** is professor of history at The Citadel and he received the 2010 Albert Corey Prize for his first book on the Iroquois Confederacy, *The Texture of Contact*.

3:00-3:45 Sir William Johnson: British Colonial Politics During the French and Indian War—Sir William Johnson enjoyed fame and fortune as a result of his military success at the 1755 Battle of Lake George. Through an examination of primary sources, this presentation investigates the role political cronyism played in Johnson's accolades and what these relationships reveal about the economic and political intrigues of pre-Revolutionary America. **James M. McManus** recently obtained a Master of Arts in American History from Norwich University and is presently researching the life of the frontier fighter Samuel Brady. Mr. McManus teaches American History at his local high school in Powhatan, Virginia.

5:00 Dinner at America's Fort Café (pre-registration only)

7:00-8:00 "Desirous of Getting Up More Artillery": Cannons of the Campaigns at Carillon—The design and defense, as well as the method of attacking the French Fort at Ticonderoga were all shaped by the cannons and mortars that armed both sides of the lines. What guns roared in 1758 and 1759 and how were they transported to such a remote but strategic location? Tour Fort Ticonderoga's extensive cannon collection and look at original examples of the artillery of empires. **Stuart Lilie** is the Director of Interpretation at Fort Ticonderoga.

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

9:15-10:00 The Engraved Powder Horn: Origin and evolution of an indigenous American art form, 1746-1763—In 1748, a disastrous ranger raid on Crown Point catalyzed the evolution of artistically engraved horns. First made in Concord as military trophies of Louisbourg, they quickly became male fashion statements. Like the Revolution, they were the product of a deep-rooted Puritan culture and could have originated only in Massachusetts. **Prof. Charles W. Thayer** retired from the Geology and Biology Departments of the University of Pennsylvania to pursue a life-long interest in colonial New England and New France, specializing in arms and accoutrements, some of which may be seen on ThayerAmericana.com. His present research focus is the "Lexington Conspiracy."

10:15-11:00 Ursuline Nuns and the French & Indian War—Far from cloistering themselves away during the War, the Ursuline Sisters of Quebec took advantage of their status as respected members of the community to further their own agenda. Using sources from the convent archives we will explore the sisters' activities as healers, entrepreneurs, and political agents during a time of shifting political boundaries and alliances. **Kathleen Barker** is the Assistant Director of Education at the Massachusetts Historical Society and a Ph.D. candidate in History at Northeastern University.

11:15-12:00 "with intent to raise Commotions and Disturbances in the upper Country": The Trial of Major Robert Rogers for Treason While Commandant at Fort Michilimackinac—Although very popular among the Indians and the local traders, as commandant of the important fur trading post of Michilimackinac, Major Robert Rogers clashed with British commander-in-chief General Thomas Gage and Indian superintendent Sir William Johnson. He was accused of treason under very suspicious circumstances, and eventually tried in Montreal in October of 1768. **Tim Todish** is a historian and writer specializing in the French & Indian War period, and the author/editor of several books including *The Annotated and Illustrated Journals of Major Robert Rogers*.

12:15-1:00 Lunch (box lunch from America's Fort Café included in the registration fee)

1:00-5:00 Fort Ticonderoga Museum and Museum Store open.

FOR EDUCATORS

TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generous support of patrons, Fort Ticonderoga offers four scholarships for secondary or middle school teachers who are first-time attendees at the War College. Since 2001, Fort Ticonderoga has provided 64 scholarships for teachers to attend the War College. Teachers interested in applying for a scholarship should download an application at www.fortticonderoga.org by selecting the "Education" tab and clicking on "Educators" on the drop-down menu. Deadline is March 15, 2016.

EIGHTH ANNUAL COLONIAL AMERICA CONFERENCE FOR EDUCATORS

Fort Ticonderoga presents the Eighth Annual Colonial America Conference for Educators "Slavery and Race in Colonial America" on the Friday of the War College. War College attendees can attend the conference at the discounted rate of \$35, which includes lunch. Presenters include: Travis Bowman (New York State Parks), Julie Daniels and Jessica Maul (New York State Archives), Kristen Gallas (Tracing Center on Histories and Legacies of Slavery), and Tim Potts (Monticello Central School). Check www.fortticonderoga.org for more information.

GRADUATE CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATORS

Fort Ticonderoga and Castleton University in Vermont collaborate to enable teachers attending both the Colonial America Conference and the War College to earn one graduate credit. For more information, contact Rich Strum, Director of Education, at rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org. Arrangements must be made by April 15th.

MUSEUM AND MUSEUM STORE

War College registration includes complimentary admission to Fort Ticonderoga Friday through Sunday. The Fort Ticonderoga Museum is open 9:30-5:00 all three days of the War College.

The Museum Store at the Log House is open throughout the weekend 9:30-5:00. Several members of the War College faculty will be signing copies of their books at the Museum Store on Saturday at 1:00, where copies of their books will be for sale. **Remember, Members of Fort Ticonderoga receive a 10% discount on all books.**

MEALS AND RECEPTION

FRIDAY EVENING RECEPTION

Plan to join us Friday evening from 6:00-7:15 at the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center for a reception with War College faculty and staff prior to the kick-off presentation at 7:30. A menu of light *hors d'oeuvres* will be served. In addition, a Cash Bar will be available. **Included in registration, but reservations required.**

LUNCH SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Box lunches from America's Fort Café are included in the registration fee both days. A vegetarian option is available.

POT ROAST DINNER SATURDAY EVENING

Pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll, and dessert at America's Fort Café. A vegetarian alternative is available. \$20 per person. **By pre-registration only.**

BECOME A MEMBER AT FORT TICONDEROGA

Members save on War College registration. When registering, it's easy to become a member or renew your current membership. Members receive: unlimited admission to Fort Ticonderoga, 10% discount in the Museum Store, a subscription to *The Haversack*, and invitations to special events.

Corporal (individual) \$50; Sergeant (dual) \$75; Ensign (family) \$100; Lieutenant \$150; Captain \$250; Major \$500; Colonel \$1,000.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER

Fill out the registration form on the next page and mail with your credit card information or check made payable to **Fort Ticonderoga** to:

War College Registration
Fort Ticonderoga
PO Box 390
Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

Registrations with payment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Early Bird Registrations must be **received** by March 15th. **We cannot guarantee that registrations will be accepted after May 11th.**

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be received by May 1st, 2016. Registration fees will be refunded, less a \$25 process-

ing charge. Refunds will be processed after the seminar. There is a \$10 processing charge to transfer registrations to another person.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Best Western Plus Ticonderoga Inn & Suites (518-585-2378) offers a discount rate of \$125.99/night for War College attendees booking in advance. In order to receive your discount, be sure to mention you are attending the War College at Fort Ticonderoga when making your reservation. There are additional events happening in the area during War College weekend, so book early!

For those looking for a bed & breakfast for War College weekend, we suggest the Lake Champlain Inn (518-547-9942).

WAR COLLEGE PATRONS

For those wishing to support the teacher scholarships, three patron levels are available:

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel (\$250)

Includes: registration fee; recognition in the War College program; and an invitation to a private dinner with War College speakers and Teacher Scholarship winners.

Honorary Colonel (\$500)

In addition to all of the above, patrons at this level

receive a copy of *The Annotated and Illustrated Journals of Robert Rogers* by Tim Todish and *Braddock's Defeat: The Battle of the Monongahela and the Road to Revolution* by David Preston.

Honorary Brigadier General (\$750)

In addition to all of the above, the first patrons at this level receive accommodations for Friday & Saturday night at Best Western Plus Ticonderoga Inn & Suites or at the Lake Champlain Inn.

Seminar on the American Revolution

BECOME A SUBSCRIBER AND ATTEND THE SEMINAR ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TOO!

You can sign up now to attend the Thirteenth Annual Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution September 23-25, 2016 and save. This offer is only available prior to March 15th.

Seminar Speakers

Amy Noel Ellison, Boston University, *The Canadian Campaign and the March toward American Independence*.

Donald F. Johnson, North Dakota State University, *"Making Loyalty a Sure Game": The Politics of Allegiance in British-Occupied Cities*.

T. Cole Jones, Purdue University, *"Ransoms for Some of our Friends at Boston": The British Garrison of Fort Ticonderoga in American Captivity*.

Christian McBurney, author and historian, *Two Major Generals Kidnapped in their Bedclothes*.

Ken Miller, Washington College, *"The Country is Full of Prisoners of War": British and German Captives during the War for Independence*.

H. Nicholas Muller III, author and historian, *Making It Up in Vermont: The Military Career of Ethan Allen*.

Molly Perry, Christopher Newport University, *"No Slavery and No Stamps": African Americans and the Stamp Act Congress*.

Richard and John Polhemus, authors, *John Stark: General Trouble*.

Glenn F. Williams, US Army Center of Military History, *Lord Dunmore's War: Last Indian Conflict of the Colonial Era*.

Like the War College, the Seminar on the American Revolution brings together prominent faculty from across the country to delve into the military, social, and political history of the Revolutionary Era in America.

2016 WAR COLLEGE REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Information

Please use one form per person. Make photocopies or print out additional forms from the Fort Ticonderoga website for additional registrants.

Name _____

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Phone _____

My name as I would like it to appear on my name tag:

- Yes, please confirm my registration by email.

email address _____

- Yes, you may include my contact information on a handout for attendees at the War College.

Educator Conference

- Friday's Colonial American Conference for Educators and attending the War College, \$35
 Friday's Colonial American Conference for Educators and not attending the War College, \$45

For Our Information

- Please contact me about vegetarian options for meals (Remember, lunches on Saturday and Sunday are included in the registration fee.)

Membership

- I am a member of Fort Ticonderoga
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sergeant (dual), \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Captain, \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ensign (family), \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Major, \$500 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Colonel, \$1,000 |

Registration Fees (includes lunch both days)

Early Bird Registration (by March 15, 2016)

- Member, \$110
 General Public, \$130

Subscriber Registration (by March 15, 2016)

- Subscriber (both War College and Seminar on the American Revolution), Member, \$200
 Subscriber (both War College and Seminar on the American Revolution), General Public, \$240

Regular Registration (by May 11, 2016)

- Member, \$135
 General Public, \$155

War College Patron Registration (by May 11, 2016)

- Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, \$250
 Honorary Colonel, \$500
 Honorary Brigadier General, \$750

Reception & Dinner

- Friday Evening Reception, (Included but must pre-register)
 Pot Roast Dinner Saturday Evening, \$20
 FOR SUBSCRIBERS ONLY: Dinner for Seminar in Sept., \$20

TOTALS

Registration Fees	\$ _____
Dinner Fees	\$ _____
Educator Conference	\$ _____
Membership	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

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