

**Tenth Annual History  
Conference for Educators  
at Fort Ticonderoga**

***“The Great Wars: The French & Indian War and  
The First World War as Global Conflicts”***

**Mars Education Center**

**May 18, 2018, 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Fort Ticonderoga hosts the Tenth Annual History Conference for Educators on Friday, May 18, 2018, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Mars Education Center. This year’s day-long conference commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War and uses the new special exhibition “The Great Wars” to compare the French & Indian War and World War I as global conflicts. Presenters include archivists, curators, museum educators, and classroom teachers.

Conference registration fee of \$45 includes a box lunch.

**8:15-8:45—Registration and Coffee**

**8:45-9:00—Welcome and Introductions**

**9:00-9:30—“The Great Wars: Tour of the New Exhibition”**

Walk through this new special exhibition focused on the connections between the French & Indian War (known globally as the Seven Years’ War) and the First World War.

**Matthew Keagle** is the Curator at Fort Ticonderoga and is a Ph.D. candidate at the Bard Graduate Center.

**9:30-10:30—“The Seven Years’ War (1754-1763) as the First Global Conflict”**

What became known as the Seven Years’ War started with a seemingly insignificant skirmish on the western Pennsylvania frontier in 1754. How did the French & Indian War become what Winston Churchill called “the first world war?” Can it’s origins be compared to the those of the First World War in 1914? **Rich Strum** is the Director of Academic Programs at Fort Ticonderoga.

**10:30-10:45—Break**

**10:45-12:15—New Yorkers Respond to the Great War (1914-1918)**

How does a global conflict impact local communities? Explore primary sources about food preservation and rationing, Liberty bonds, Red Cross community programs, farm and factory work, recruitment, casualties, and homecoming using documents from the New York State Archives to answer this question. Participants will receive copies of lesson plans and documents. **Jessica Maul** is an education consultant for the New York State Archives creating resources for educators using primary sources. **Julie Daniels** is the Director of the New York State Education Department’s Educational Television and Public Broadcasting Office.

**12:15-1:15—Lunch (included)**

**1:15-2:45—Historical Thinking Skills using French & Indian War and World War I Primary Sources**

The presenters of this workshop will introduce participants to unique French & Indian War and World War I primary sources that are suitable for upper elementary- through high school-aged students. Using the primary sources, attendees will be introduced to Social Studies Labs, techniques/ methodologies to create a “historical thinking” classroom, and uncommon case studies of World War I documents researched by the presenters from the NYS Archives, secondary source books, and Fort Ticonderoga collections. Participants will receive copies of these sources and lesson plans connected to the themes of the workshop. **Tim Potts** and **George Grobusch** are social studies teachers at Robert J. Kaiser Middle School in Monticello, New York.

**2:45-3:30—A World War I Ambulance Driver as a Case Study for Using Personal Correspondence**

Explore the “Great War” from the point of view of a volunteer ambulance driver on the western front in 1917 & 1918. Using a collection of over 150 letters home from the front, examine life on the front with **Rich Strum** and **Tim Potts**.

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## Registration Information

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*Confirmations will be sent by email.*

- Fort Ticonderoga may include my name and contact information on a handout listing participants.

## Registration Fee

- Attending just the Colonial Conference, \$45.

## Payment

- Check made out to "Fort Ticonderoga" enclosed  
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 Please bill my credit card

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