

# FORT TICONDEROGA AMERICA'S FORT

## Military Interpreter

Fort Ticonderoga is committed to an authentic and engaging visitor experience in all facets of its public programs and uses its landscape, structures, exhibits, and collections to educate its visitors about the site's remarkable history.

### **Fort Ticonderoga's Mission:**

Ticonderoga preserves, educates, and provokes active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations. We foster an on-going dialogue surrounding citizens, soldiers, and nations through America's military heritage.

### **Vision:**

We aspire to enrich the human experience and strengthen citizenship by fostering critical thinking, historical literacy, and an appreciation of beauty.

### **Values:**

**Passion** – Passion is at the heart of our organization; we energize, engage and inspire others, building strong positive relationships with everyone we serve.

**Creativity** – We instill innovation and imagination into our work; we proactively seek and respond to opportunity. We are adaptable and resilient in the face of challenges.

**Excellence** – We are driven to be leaders and experts in our respective fields, reflecting the highest level of competence and accuracy as positive contributors to the team.

**Honesty** – We embrace and share the process of inquiry and reflection, creating a sense of trust with our stakeholders.

**Service** – We are committed to being fully available and welcoming to all, serving as responsible and active stewards of our cultural and financial resources.

In support of Fort Ticonderoga's commitment to preserve and educate, Military Interpreters engage and educate visitors with musket demonstrations, cannon demonstrations, and present tense public programming about the daily life of the soldiers who served at Fort Ticonderoga. Military Interpreters are full-time seasonal interpreters who present the daily life of soldiers in the various armies of the Seven Years War and American Revolution, as they relate to the history of Fort Ticonderoga. These historically-clothed interpreters are the public face and voice to visitors at this historic site and act with corresponding respect and professionalism. They are vigilant sentinels of site stewardship and visitor safety while educating a wide variety of visitors through interpretive programming. Military interpreters use and learn the practical and functional aspects of 18<sup>th</sup>-century material culture as recreated for visitors. Military Interpreters have many opportunities for creativity and learning while educating visitors at Fort Ticonderoga.

### **INTERPRETIVE SKILLS**

- ❖ Required to act and dress accurately out of respect of the historical individuals they portray
- ❖ Able to learn and apply a variety of 18<sup>th</sup>-century mechanical skills
- ❖ Able to cope with a variety of weather conditions using 18<sup>th</sup>-century clothing and skills

### **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

- ❖ Able to talk to an audience of diverse age and backgrounds
- ❖ Clearly communicate with large groups and individuals
- ❖ Communicate effectively in verbal and written form
- ❖ Presents a professional image with regards to Fort Ticonderoga in all media
- ❖ Able to communicate culturally or politically sensitive information respectfully and tactfully
- ❖ Work with a other members of the interpretive staff
- ❖ Understand and follow the directions of the Director of Interpretation and all supervising staff

### **RESEARCH SKILLS**

- ❖ Able to read and comprehend both primary and secondary historical sources
- ❖ Able to learn and utilize research techniques including transcription and artifact annotation
- ❖ Able to apply research skills to public interpretation

### **PHYSICAL EFFORT**

- ❖ Able to lift fifty pounds
- ❖ Able to stand and walk for an extended period (up 4 for hours)
- ❖ Able to be outdoors in a variety of weather conditions
- ❖ Manual dexterity appropriate to the interpretive requirements

### **SAFETY FOR OTHERS**

- ❖ Required to safely demonstrate, use, and maintain a variety of 18<sup>th</sup>-century firearms
- ❖ Required to safely demonstrate, use, and maintain 18<sup>th</sup>-century cannons
- ❖ Uphold the highest standards of black powder safety

### **SCHEDULE**

Must be flexible, able to work weekends and some evening shift work may be required. This is a temporary seasonal position. Fort Ticonderoga is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

***To apply send letter of interest, resume, three references, and one letter of recommendation to Nicholas Spadone, Director of Interpretation, Fort Ticonderoga Association at 30 Fort Ti Road, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 or e-mail [NSpadone@fort-ticonderoga.org](mailto:NSpadone@fort-ticonderoga.org). Faxed applications can be sent to 518-585-2210. For more information call 518-585-6190. For additional information on Fort Ticonderoga visit [www.fort-ticonderoga.org](http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org).***