

Seventeenth Annual Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution



September 25-27, 2020

Fort Ticonderoga presents the *Seventeenth Annual Seminar on the American Revolution September 25-27, 2020*, in the Mars Education Center. This annual premier seminar focused on the military, political, social, and material culture history of the American Revolution features scholars from across North America and Europe. Register by August 15th and save \$25.

Register Online at www.fortticonderoga.org/event/annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/2020-09-20/

Weekend Schedule

Subject to Change

Friday, September 25, 2020

8:00-4:00 “The Road to Bennington: New Insights on Stark’s Victory” Bus Tour—Fort Ticonderoga and America’s History, LLC will partner to offer a one-day Revolutionary War tour led by Dr. Robert Selig. Bob was the research historian for an ABPP grant report for the Bennington State Battlefield Site relating to the battlefield. The cost is \$125 per person. Tour details may be found at www.AmericasHistoryLLC.com. Register online or call 703-785-4373.

6:00-7:00 Opening Reception—Join Seminar faculty and staff at an opening reception in the Mars Education Center with light refreshments and cash bar (included in registration fee, but reservations are required).

7:00 First in War, First in Peace, First in Tourism: George Washington’s 1783 Visit to Ticonderoga and the End of the American Revolution—In July of 1783, George Washington became Ticonderoga’s first and most famous tourist. Washington’s visit was driven by curiosity rather than war, but his tour of Ticonderoga masks the activities occurring along the Champlain Valley that summer related to the acknowledgment of American Independence and the final declaration of peace. Join Fort Ticonderoga Curator **Dr. Matthew Keagle** to explore the forgotten conclusion of the Revolutionary War in the north.

Saturday, September 26, 2020

9:00 Welcome. Beth Hill, President and CEO, Fort Ticonderoga.

9:15-9:45 Colony Interrupted: The Inception, Formation, and Collapse of Jeffrey Amherst’s Dream—This presentation will describe the tortured course of British General Amherst’s 1759 plan to create a barrier colony in northern New York that involved fellow officer Philip Skene, Ethan Allen, New York’s Supreme Court of Judicature, and the Green Mountain Boys, that was finally extinguished with the outbreak of war in 1775. Historian **Gary G. Shattuck** is a former federal prosecutor and has written four books and many articles concerning Vermont and Massachusetts history, including the recently published *The Rebel and the Tory: Ethan Allen, Philip Skene and the Dawn of Vermont*.

10:00-10:30 Dunmore’s War: Last Conflict of America’s Colonial Era—In 1774, Lord Dunmore, last royal governor of Virginia, led the colony’s militia in a defensive war against an Indian confederation led by the Shawnees. This presentation explains the causes, conduct, and outcome of the war, and the organization and operations of Virginia’s colonial militia on the eve of the War for Independence. **Dr. Glenn F. Williams** is a historian at the U.S. Army Center of Military History, and specializes in the 18th century with an emphasis on Colonial-Revolutionary America.

10:45-11:15 War Crimes Not Mentioned—Despite many mentions of the “Laws of War” during the American Revolution, no one has sought out and quantified what the realities of this legal and philosophical construct were outside of broad histories of “Just War Theory” and the development of later “Laws of Armed Conflict.” This presentation will cover the content, sources, and principals of the “Laws of War” of the late 18th century, and apply them to revolutionary war case studies. **Steven Woods** has worked at historic military sites and museums for over 20 years, served six years in the Air Force, received his undergraduate degree from Le Moyne College, and is currently in graduate school.

11:30-12:00 “to induce the Officers & Soldiery to exert themselves”: The Role of Plunder and Trophies in the Revolutionary War—Although little-explored by historians, both sides routinely sold items recovered from the battlefield and divided the proceeds among soldiers who had fought in the engagement. Utilized by such generals as George Washington, Richard Montgomery, John Stark, and Horatio Gates, the sale of “plunder” provided another incentive for soldiers to fight besides loyalty to their cause. **Dr. Michael P. Gabriel**, a professor of history at Kutztown University, is the author of three books on the American Revolutionary War and one on World War II.

12:15-1:15 Lunch Break (Box lunch from America's Fort Café included).

12:30-1:00 Book Signing at the Museum Store in the Log House.

1:30-2:30 KEYNOTE: Turncoat: Benedict Arnold and the Crisis of American Liberty—Two hundred forty years after his plot to deliver the crucial fortress of West Point to the British was exposed, General Benedict Arnold remains the most notorious traitor in U.S. history. But why did one of the American Revolution's most celebrated defenders defect, and how close did his conspiracy come to inflicting a fatal blow to the Patriot cause? **Dr. Stephen Brumwell** is an award-winning independent historical and writer living in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

2:45-3:15 “A Measure of the Utmost Importance”: The Battle of the Virginia Capes, 5-9 September 1781 from an Operational and Tactical Perspective—Cornered in Yorktown, Lord Charles Cornwallis needed reinforcement or evacuation by the British Royal Navy. However, the tactical and operational failings of the Royal Navy squadron under Rear-Admiral Graves leading to the failure to defeat the French squadron under Admiral Comte de Grasse off the Virginia Capes ultimately doomed the British forces at Yorktown. **Dr. Stanley D.M. Carpenter** is Professor Emeritus from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island (where he served as a Professor of Strategy, Command Historian, and Strategy and Policy Department Chairman), a retired U.S. Navy Captain, and a specialist in the War of American Independence, British Naval and Military History, and World Wars I and II.

3:30-4:00 Ravaging the Ranks: The Toll of Illness on Two British Battalions—It is well-known that disease caused more deaths than battle, but which diseases? Who died? What differed by region and season? This talk looks at these questions using medical records from the 29th Regiment of Foot and the Brigade of Guards. **Don N. Hagist** is the editor of *Journal of the American Revolution* and author of several books on British soldiers in the American Revolution.

4:00-5:00 Fort Ticonderoga Museum, King's Garden, and Museum Store open.

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

7:00 “The Most Modern Improvements and Experience”: American Artillery at Ticonderoga—Join Vice President of Public History **Stuart Lillie** for an in-depth tour of Fort Ticonderoga's cannon collection and explore the science of artillery applied by the Continental Army to the defense of Ticonderoga. Watch as Fort Ticonderoga's Public History staff demonstrate the carbines and cannons at the core of American defenses in 1776 & 1777.

Sunday, September 27, 2020

9:00-9:30 The Canadian Exile of the Hudson Valley Loyalists—At the end of the American Revolutionary War, many Loyalists chose to begin a new life in Canada rather than stay in the United States. Focusing on Loyalists from New York's Hudson Valley, this lecture will explore why thousands fled the country, how they coped with exile, where they settled, and how individual Loyalists and their communities were shaped by wartime experiences. **Kieran J. O'Keefe** is a Ph.D. candidate at The George Washington University.

9:45-10:15 Mounting Mermaids on Alligators: The Establishment of the Georgia Continental Line—Georgia, as the youngest and poorest of the thirteen colonies to join in rebellion against Great Britain, faced unique challenges in raising military forces during the opening years of the War for Independence. This lecture will explore the efforts of Colonial Georgians to establish military forces for both defense and as a statement of solidarity with the other colonies. **Christopher Long** is Manager of Military Programs and Historical Research at the Citizenship Trust/ American Village, a history and citizenship education center located in central Alabama.

10:30-11:00 An Army of Immigrants: Martial Races, Foreign Officers, and the Continental Army—Over the course of its existence, the Continental Army transformed from a conglomeration of local militia into a professional fighting force. This lecture will analyze the manner in which European officers contributed to this development, especially in technical branches such as the artillery and engineers. **Jim Mc Intyre** teaches History at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Illinois, and serves as an Adjunct for the United States Naval War College in their Distance Education Program.

11:15-11:45 “Destruction & Wanton Waste”: The Impact of War in a Peaceful Valley—Following a victory at the Battle of Brandywine, General Sir William Howe’s army occupied the Quaker dominated battlefield landscape for five days. This lecture will discuss the severe impact the battle and occupation had on the local population. **Andrew Outten** is the Director of Education & Museum Services at Brandywine Battlefield Park and Chairman of the Brandywine Battlefield Task Force.

12:00 Lunch (Box lunch from America’s Fort Café included).

FOR EDUCATORS

TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generous support of patrons, Fort Ticonderoga offers four scholarships for K-12 teachers who are first-time attendees at the Seminar. Since 2004, Fort Ticonderoga has provided scholarships for 58 teachers to attend the Seminar on the American Revolution and, since 2001, has provided 79 teacher scholarships for the War College of the Seven Years’ War. Teachers interested in applying for a scholarship should download an application from the website at <https://www.fortticonderoga.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Teacher-Scholarship-Form-SAR-2020.pdf> or contact Rich Strum, Director of Academic Programs at rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org. Deadline is August 15, 2020.

Historically Situated: History, Memory, and Place

BECOME A SUBSCRIBER AND ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE FOCUSED ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION TOO!

October 16-18, 2020 Fort Ticonderoga celebrates 200 years of preservation on the Ticonderoga peninsula with “Historically Situated: History, Memory, and Place,” a special conference focused on historic preservation in North America, including historical perspective and contemporary issues. You can sign up for both the September Seminar and this October Conference and save if you register by August 15, 2020.

Meals and Reception

FRIDAY EVENING RECEPTION

Plan to join us Friday evening from 6:00-7:00 in the Mars Education Center for a reception with Seminar faculty and staff prior to the opening presentation at 7:00. A menu of light *hors d’oeuvres* will be served. In addition, a cash bar with beer and wine will be available. ***Included in registration, but reservations are required.***

LUNCH SATURDAY & SUNDAY

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

ROAST TURKEY DINNER SATURDAY EVENING

Roast turkey, 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.**

FORT TICONDEROGA MUSEUM and MUSEUM STORE

The Fort Ticonderoga Museum is open all three days of the Seminar. Seminar registration includes complimentary admission to Fort Ticonderoga Friday through Sunday of the Seminar. The Museum Store in the Log House will be open 9:30-5:00 Friday, 9:30-6:00 Saturday, and 9:30-5:00 Sunday. Several members of the Seminar faculty will be signing copies of their books at the Museum Store on Saturday at 12:30, where copies of their books will be for sale. **Remember, Members of Fort Ticonderoga receive a 10% discount on all books.**



Fort Ticonderoga is a not-for-profit educational institution and museum and serves its mission to preserve, educate, and provoke an 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.

Registration and Additional Options

HOW TO REGISTER

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

Seminar Registration
Fort Ticonderoga
PO Box 390
Ticonderoga, NY 12883.

Registrations with payment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will not exceed 175 participants. Early Bird Registrations must be **received** by August 15th, not postmarked by that date.

Register online at this link:

www.FortTiconderoga.org/event/annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/2020-09-20/

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be **received** by September 10th. Registration fees will be refunded, less a \$25 processing charge. Refunds will be processed after the Seminar. There is a \$10 processing charge to transfer registrations to another person.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Numerous overnight accommodations are available throughout the Ticonderoga area and the greater Lake George-Lake Champlain region. A list of area accommodations is available at:

www.fortticonderoga.org/visiting-adirondacks/places-to-stay

Book your room early to ensure the broadest choice of options. Best Western Plus Ticonderoga Inn & Suites is offering a discount of \$117.99 per night.



CARILLON BOAT TOUR

Explore the Ticonderoga peninsula and surrounding areas on board the *Carillon* cruise boat. Tours are available at 3:30p.m. Friday, September 25, 2020, and at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 27, 2020. Cruises do sell out, so booking in advance is recommended. Book your cruise directly with Fort Ticonderoga by calling (518) 585-2821.

Seminar Patrons

For those who wish to support the Seminar teacher scholarships as patrons, three levels are available.

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel (\$250)

Includes the registration fee; recognition in the Seminar program; and an invitation to a private dinner off-site with members of the Seminar faculty and Teacher Scholarship winners Saturday evening.

Honorary Colonel (\$500)

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

receive a copy of *Turncoat: Benedict Arnold and the Crisis of American Liberty* by Stephen Brumwell, keynote at this year's seminar.

Honorary Brigadier General (\$750)

In addition to all of the above, the first patron at this level receives accommodations for Friday & Saturday night at Sugar Hill Manor Bed & Breakfast.

Become a Member of Fort Ticonderoga

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* newsletter, discounts for seminars and conferences, and invitations to special events.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Corporal (individual)	\$60
Sergeant (dual)	\$85
Ensign (family)	\$125
Lieutenant	\$175
Captain	\$250
Major	\$500
Colonel	\$1,000

2020 SEMINAR ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION REGISTRATION FORM

Save a stamp and register online at:

<https://www.fortticonderoga.org/event/annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/2020-09-20/>

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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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 Seminar.

Reception & Dinner

- Friday Evening Reception (included but must pre-register)
- Turkey Dinner Saturday Evening, \$20
- Extra Dinner for my spouse or other person not attending the seminar, \$20

For Our Information

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

Membership

- I am a member of Fort Ticonderoga
- I would like to become a member at the level designated below:
 - Corporal (individual) \$60
 - Sergeant (dual) \$85
 - Ensign (family) \$125
 - Lieutenant \$175
 - Captain, \$250
 - Major, \$500
 - Colonel, \$1,000

Early Bird Registration (by August 15, 2020)

- Member, \$120
- General Public, \$140

Subscriber Registration (by August 15, 2020)

- Subscriber (Seminar on the American Revolution and Historically Situated conference), Member, \$225
- Subscriber (Seminar on the American Revolution and Historically Situated conference), General Public, \$260

Regular Registration (after August 15, 2020)

- Member, \$145
- General Public, \$165

Seminar Patron Registration

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

TOTALS

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Membership \$ _____

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"Der Amerikanische Gener: Arnold"

Fort Ticonderoga Museum Collection, 2002.0022