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Since 1973, the Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga have delighted visitors with military music. We're celebrating 50 years! *p. 10*

THE BIG PICTURE

Victories Everywhere!

This issue of *The Haversack* highlights our 2023 annual focus, 1760, which, at Ticonderoga, is a largely forgotten campaign. That year Ticonderoga held an important role as it supported the British victories in North America.

Just as Ticonderoga in 1760 sat at a remote yet critical center of the global war, today we are situated again in a very special position as an international destination, a national touchstone,

and center of learning, both on-site and virtually through our Center for Digital History.

You'll read about programs that encourage exploration, analysis, and inquiry for people of all ages and backgrounds including our pre-service teacher programs which engage the next generation

of educators. Fort Ticonderoga's fellowship programs also continue to expand with new partners and provide meaningful opportunities to advance scholarship and increase pathways of accessibility in our collections.

Our latest research and cross disciplinary work carries across our 2000-acre campus from new archaeology projects to a global reach at programs including our Seminar on the American Revolution where we will host scholars from the Netherlands, France, Scotland, and Serbia.

From virtual access to our many programs including the popular Author Series, to immersive experience on-site, plan your visit this summer with us. Explore our new exhibition "Success: The End of the Seven Years' War," step into our historic trades shop, take one of our many tours offered each day, and visit with passionate museum staff to explore the story of the New York Independent Companies garrisoned at Ticonderoga in 1760. Be sure to include a boat tour aboard the *Carillon*, and one of our new behind-the-scenes tours in your Fort Ticonderoga visit!

Although we have accomplished a great deal—and like Ticonderoga in 1760, we see victories everywhere—there is much work ahead. Your contributions, large or small, help make our transformative initiatives possible as we preserve, educate, and provoke an active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations.

With gratitude for your support! Onward!
Beth L. Hill, President and CEO



Contributions

Support Fort Ticonderoga's education and preservation programs with a tax-deductible contribution in the form of cash, stocks, mutual fund shares, or donor-advised funds. Donate online with a credit card at fortticonderoga.org/join-support/fort-ticonderoga-fund.

Be part of the action!

Become a member of Fort Ticonderoga and receive:

- Free admission to Fort Ticonderoga for one year
- Subscription to *The Haversack* newsletter
- 10% discount in the Museum Store
- Free or discounted admission to selected events

You'll want to visit more than once to:

- Enjoy our world-class exhibits
- Interact with our dynamic museum staff
- Explore beautiful gardens
- Attend programs and special events
- Tour Lake Champlain aboard the *Carillon*
- Take in a breathtaking birds-eye view from Mount Defiance

See back page for more information

A Gilded Garden Event! *Annual King's Garden Party*



Saturday August 5, 2023 | 5–7:30 p.m.

It's a GOLDEN opportunity to shine & celebrate! The must-attend party of the summer is back! Enjoy curated cocktails, music, delicious bites, and gilded garden elegance. Spirited best-of competition, silent and exclusive experience auctions!

Tickets & Registration: www.us.givergy.com/2023kingsgarden

Questions? Visit our website or call 518-585-2821

Programs of Historic Proportions!



Enjoy an exclusive premium experience this July and August led by museum experts, attend a behind-the-scenes program with a curator, or thrill at Ticonderoga after hours during one of our exciting night time programs.

NEW IN 2023!

Arming the Redcoats

Go beyond the exhibit case with Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle and handle original weapons from Fort Ticonderoga's collection.

Drinks and Drama

Tawdry and tantalizing historical tidbits from Ticonderoga's past will be paired with historic libations for an unforgettable experience. Adults only!

CRUISE INTO SUMMER!

Sunset Boat Cruise on Lake Champlain

Enjoy a relaxing summer evening aboard the *Carillon* tour boat and revel in the region's scenic beauty and history.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Ticonderoga Guns by Night

The flash of musketry and roar of cannon fire by night will captivate you in this unique tour!

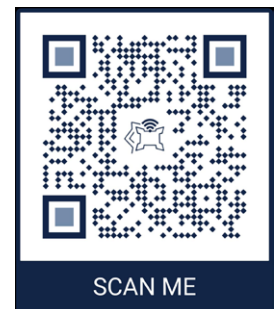
Premium Pavilion Tour

Delve into the exquisite details of the newly restored 1826 Pavilion. Explore the evolution of this National Historic Landmark and incredible items on display for the very first time.

Cannon and Coffee

Be the first to enter the fort with this early bird program on our world-class collection of 18th-century artillery. Fresh coffee and a unique Fort Ticonderoga coffee mug included!

To learn more about these summertime offerings, including availability and reservations, visit www.fortticonderoga.org/experience/special-tours-programs, call 518-585-2821, or scan the QR code.



Forgotten Victories to Global War

FOR TICONDEROGA, 1760 is largely a forgotten campaign. No longer on the front line, the fort served to support the British advance to Canada along Lake Champlain and was lightly guarded by just two New York Independent Companies. Prior to 1755, they were the only British regulars in all of North America, but as thousands of regular regiments were shipped to the colonies, they became an anachronism, and were used to garrison various forts behind the front lines. The war would fundamentally change Britain's colonial military policies, but it was not yet over in 1760.

A new exhibit for 2023, "Success: The End of the Seven Years' War," explores the final campaigns of the Seven Years' War. Many Americans are less familiar with the end of the war. Fighting in North America largely ended with the fall of New France in 1760, but the global war continued and even expanded through 1763. From the Caribbean to the Philippines, British forces fought their colonial rivals,

France and Spain, while intense fighting continued in Europe from Portugal to Pomerania.

Britain's staggering successes left the nation managing a very different empire than when the war began. French Canadians, Native American, and Spanish colonists in Florida all now found themselves under British rule. The few Independent Companies would no longer suffice to maintain security and reflect British power over this vast domain, and they were disbanded in 1763. But British management of their new empire, a direct result of the success of British forces globally, created and revealed tensions with the colonies that eventually led to the American Revolution.

While two Independent Companies garrisoned Ticonderoga in 1760 three armies succeeded in simultaneously converging on Montreal across thousands of miles of farmlands, wilderness, lakes, and rivers. On September 9, 1760, the outnumbered French yielded to the overwhelming British forces and delivered up the colony after seven years of grueling war.

► This detail from a 1760 dated powder horn shows Montreal, the final destination of the British forces. The ships appear to be the Ticonderoga-built brig *Duke of Cumberland*, sloop *Boscawen*, and radeau *Ligonier* sailing on Lake Champlain.



▲ This side pistol from the Robert Nittolo Collection is marked to the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Highland Regiment, which was formed in 1758 and joined the 1st Battalion in America for the final drive towards Montreal.



When They Were Young

Horatio Gates commanded one of the Independent Companies that garrisoned Fort Ticonderoga in 1760. The future Continental Army General, survived the Battle of the Monongahela in 1755, but in 1760 entrusted his company's command to his subordinates while he served as a Brigade Major in Pennsylvania. He eventually settled in Virginia after the French and Indian War ended.

The 17th Regiment of Foot spent the winter of 1759-60 split between Ticonderoga and Fort George. The regiment's adjutant Lieutenant **Richard Montgomery** accompanied the regiment on Lake Champlain in 1760, and through the Caribbean to Havana. He mustered out of the British Army in 1772 and emigrated to America. Montgomery accepted a Continental Commission as a Brigadier General in 1775. After re-ascending the Champlain Valley he was killed in the failed assault on Quebec City, December 31.

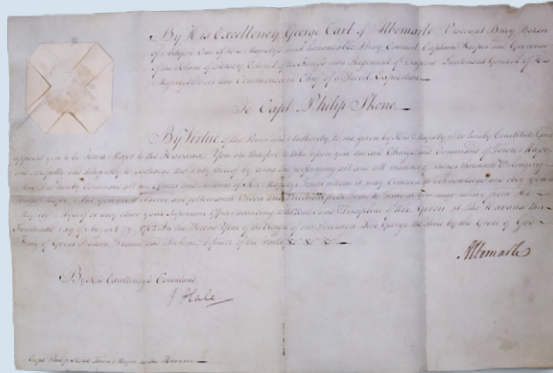
The other company at Ticonderoga in 1760 was commanded by Captain **Allan MacLean**, who had survived the disastrous 1758 Battle of Carillon. Unlike Gates, MacLean continued his rise in the British Army ending the war in command of new Highland Regiment. In 1775 he offered to raise former Scottish soldiers in America on behalf of the Crown, known as the Royal Highland Emigrants. He was critical to the British defense of Quebec, where Montgomery was killed.

Success!

▼ British success was quite literally toasted across the globe. Manufacturers rode the wave of popular sentiment producing products that appealed to the popularity of British and allied commanders like Admiral Edward Hawke and Frederick the Great. Some of this material was even found at Ticonderoga, like this punchbowl base.



▲ A Spanish infantry sword and musket from the Robert Nittolo Collection ▼



Havana

▲ With New France subdued, thousands of troops left America starting in 1762 bound for the Caribbean. The ultimate prize was Havana, Cuba, which the British captured in August. Among them was Captain **Philip Skene**, who developed Skenesborough (modern day Whitehall, N.Y.). This is his commission as Town Major, which made him third in command of the captured Spanish city.



FOR THE FIRST TIME!

This new exhibit will feature many artifacts from the Robert Nittolo Collection on public display for the first time! Our collections team has been hard at work making this incredible addition to Fort Ticonderoga available to scholars, students, teachers, and the public. Your support makes this possible as we work to complete this monumental acquisition.

1760: Triumph at Ticonderoga!

American Uniform: British Soldiers

Meet our artificers and examine swatches of English wool cloth and stout American buckskin to explore evolving military dress at Ticonderoga. Soldiers of the New York Independent companies wore these green wool jackets along with buckskin breeches and “Indian hose,” or Native American styled wool leggings. By 1760 the British Army in North America, identified itself as the American Army, with pragmatic customs and clothing apart from their colleagues back across the Atlantic.



Visitors will learn about the five years of war in North America that reshaped nations, empires, and identities when they meet the New York Independent Company soldiers and their families that garrisoned Fort Ticonderoga in 1760.

◀ Each shoe is a detective story that unfolds stitch-by-stitch. Enjoy moments of discovery as archaeological fragments become footwear.



Victory Garden

Tour our soldiers’ garden this summer to see the diverse vegetables of the original Victory Garden. In 1760, the British Army sent an array of seeds including celery, pumpkin, cauliflower, watermelon, potatoes and more. The British even planted asparagus—a perennial requiring years to get full crop—symbolizing the confidence and success of British Arms across a continent.

◀ In 1760, British soldiers enjoyed the taste of success. Try sowing seeds and plucking weeds in our soldiers’ garden.

ROW TO REVOLUTION

The last campaign into French Canada was also a Row to Revolution for many American provincials. Learn about the tensions as you visit our Boat House to see Massachusetts provincial soldiers fitting out vessels big and small for the final campaign down Lake Champlain in 1760. As mallets drive pungent tar-soaked hemp fibers between planks, you'll hear how the 155-ton *Duke of Cumberland* had to be recaulked to stay afloat. Try planing a pine plank, and watch repairs to bateaux damaged by foul weather in the fall of 1759.



Visitors young and old imagine armed fleets on Lake Champlain, through hands-on experience with the crafts that built these vessels. The Lake Champlain Basin Program helps support these maritime moments of discovery in 2023.

A New Exhibit Explores History Beneath the Waves

"Underwater Ticonderoga: Archaeology from the King's Shipyard," opening this spring, will share exciting finds from the 2019 survey of the King's Shipyard. After capturing Fort Carillon in July 1759, the British quickly established a shipyard at the newly named Ticonderoga to counter French naval presence on Lake Champlain. Vessels such as the sloop *Boscawen* and the brig *Duke of Cumberland* patrolled the waters of the lake, mooring at Ticonderoga's docks and in 1760, even provided housing for officers. Learn more about the shipyard's history and artifacts starting this May!

► The King's Shipyard has produced an array of artifacts from ship rigging to tools and personal artifacts, like this chisel and pewter bowl. The anaerobic environment of the lake helps preserve a variety of materials such as wood, metals, and even textiles.

Underwater Ticonderoga: *From the King's Shipyard* Archaeology



Forge of an Empire

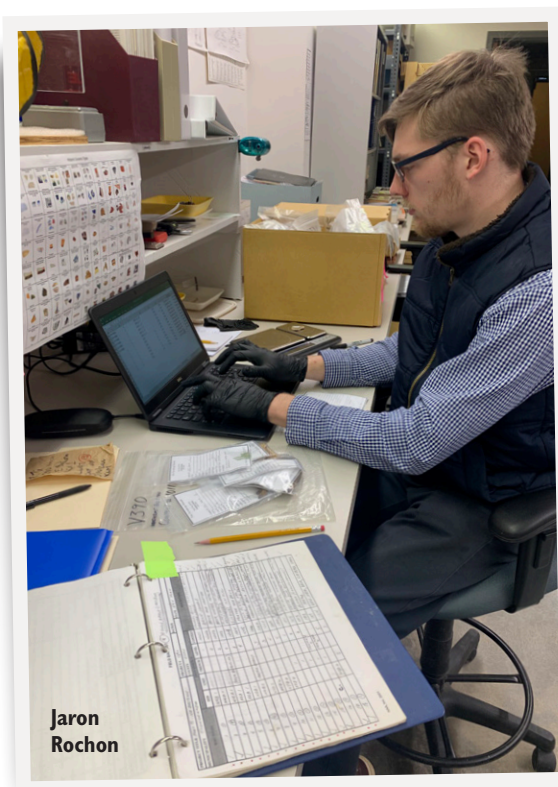
Fort Ticonderoga has received crucial funding from the Preservation League of New York State to support a building condition survey of the historic smith's forge masonry wall located in the Lower Town!

Shortly after establishing Fort Carillon, the French army began the construction of a series of ancillary structures south of the fort beginning in early 1756. This area, known as the Lower Town, or the French Village, housed a number of proto-industrial structures that supported the military activities of the army. Following the British capture of the fort, "a Brew House & Smith's Forge" were added by 1761. This grant will provide the first step in preservation and stabilization of a significant piece of 18th-century architecture on Fort Ticonderoga's historic landscape!



▲ This section of wall is nearly all that remains from the smith's forge in the once bustling "Lower Town," nestled under Ticonderoga's walls near the letter "H," seen in this period map from the collection.

The Technical Assistance Grant program is a partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League of New York State, made possible by NYSCA with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature with additional support from the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.



Jaron Rochon

Interns From the Green Mountains!

Funding from the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation is providing Vermont's Castleton University students the opportunity to learn collections management skills and sharpen their research abilities through the cataloging of archaeological collections!

Jaron Rochon, a senior in the Archaeology, Geography, and Advanced Anthropology department, is spending his spring semester cataloging artifacts excavated from the Northeast Bastion as part of work completed prior to the building of the Mars Education Center. The artifacts he catalogs will be added to the Ticonderoga Online Collections database for you to browse at home.

“My favorite part of the internship is working with artifacts from a military site and having access to research resources, including Fort Ticonderoga's archives!”

—Jaron Rochon, Castleton University intern

Global Perspective and Global Reach: Ticonderoga Conferences

War College of the Seven Years' War, May 19-21, 2023

Seminar on the American Revolution, September 22-24, 2023

Fort Ticonderoga's annual conferences on the Seven Years' War and American Revolution feature established and emerging scholars presenting new research on the impact and significance of these wars on global history. Featured speakers in 2023 come from across the United States as well as Canada, Scotland, France, the Netherlands, and Serbia. Beyond the international lineup of presenters, these conferences reach a global audience streaming through the Center for Digital History, while also welcoming an in-person audience. Both conferences feature a book signing Saturday afternoon that is open to attendees and the general public; featured books by speakers will also be available for purchase on our online museum store. Learn more and register online at fortticonderoga.org.

Helping Shape the Next Generation of Teachers

THIS FALL, Fort Ticonderoga's "Ticonderoga Tuesdays" teacher webinar series offers two programs geared specifically for pre-service teachers, students in university education programs that are training to become teachers. "Using Historic Documents in the Social Studies Classroom" takes place on Tuesday, October 17, and "Using Historic Objects in the Social Studies Classroom" takes place on Tuesday, November 14.

These webinars supplement college-level Social Studies methods courses, providing historical context and strategies for incorporating primary sources of all kinds into classroom teaching. Using documents, artworks, and objects

promotes historical thinking skills, essential to understanding and assessing history.

"There is only so much I can do within the confines of our university classroom," says Dr. Kyle Ward, Director of Social Studies Education at Minnesota State University. "Having webinars like the ones presented by Fort Ticonderoga are excellent ways for my pre-service students to learn from other experts in the field as well as having new and innovative teaching/evaluation strategies presented to them. Every student that I have who has participated in one of these Fort Ticonderoga programs has come away a much stronger teaching candidate."

VIRTUAL AUTHOR SERIES 2023

Fort Ticonderoga's popular Author Series program, offered through the Center for Digital History, continues. These Sunday afternoon programs which you can enjoy from the comfort of your home are FREE for members; \$10 for non-members.

- **June 11, 2023**
John U. Rees, *"They Were Good Soldiers": African Americans Serving in the Continental Army, 1775-1783*
- **July 30, 2023**
Don N. Hagist, *These Distinguished Corps: British Grenadier and Light Infantry Battalions in the American Revolution*
- **August 13, 2023**
Charles Mayhood, *Québec Under Siege: French Eyewitness Accounts from the Campaign of 1759*
- **October 22, 2023**
Brady J. Crytzer, *The Whiskey Rebellion: A Distilled History of an American Crisis*
- **November 5, 2023**
Eugene Procknow, *William Hunter, Finding Free Speech: A British Soldier's Son Who Became an Early American*

To learn more about these programs and to register, visit fortticonderoga.org/calendar/category/lectures-seminars-and-workshops/ or call 518-585-2821.



2023 Omohundro Institute-Fort Ticonderoga Fellow

Fort Ticonderoga is delighted to announce **Sara Evenson** as the recipient of the third Omohundro Institute-Fort Ticonderoga Short Term Fellowship! Evenson is a Doctoral Candidate at the University at Albany, and will use the fellowship to explore the creation of kitchen spaces in 18th-century New York, with an emphasis on nontraditional kitchen spaces like those found in the military environment of Fort Ticonderoga. She will explore the archaeological remains of food preparation and eating on the site, as well as examine the ways similar spaces have been preserved and reinterpreted at museums and historic sites.

50th FIFES & DRUMS OF FORT TICONDEROGA



▲ Fort Ticonderoga's Fifes & Drums have been inspiring visitors with stirring martial tunes since the 1970s.

Join us in celebrating 50 years of martial music as the **Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga** perform this summer from June 28 through August 24! Each day, hear the drum beats and fife trills of a victorious British Army in 1760. Discover the daily life of British soldiers and Massachusetts provincials through the Fife & Drum songs that regulated each day in the army. Follow the sound of "Roast Beef" to morning mess or "Assembly" to our assortment of daily tours, as we immerse you in the story of 1760.

The **Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga** have been the sound of our epic story every year since 1973, inspiring our visitors and making life-long friendships among generations of musicians.

On Friday, August 4 at 3 p.m., we invite alumni across these five decades to celebrate the legacy of our Fifes & Drums, from bicentennial beginnings, to the Music Interpreters of today. Join us for this celebration of Olympic memories and more as we honor the major supporters, who have made the work of our Fifes & Drums possible each summer since 1973. Stay tuned for more details!

2023 Event Schedule



May 27-28 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Join Fort Ticonderoga on Memorial Day weekend, to remember the service of the armed forces of the United States on the very grounds where so many American soldiers fought and sacrificed.

June 17 SCOTS DAY

Discover your own Scottish connection! Visit clan tents and vendors, enjoy Scottish music performed throughout the day, and learn about the service and sacrifice of the Black Watch during the 1758 Battle of Carillon.

July 1-4 INDEPENDENCE 4-DAY WEEKEND

Celebrate freedom by exploring the year 1777 when America was consumed in a war for liberty. Witness a fight for freedom as the Northern Department of the Continental Army fights to keep the great fortress of Ticonderoga from falling into British hands.

▲ July 22-23 BATTLE REENACTMENT: DEFIANCE AND INDEPENDENCE

Join Fort Ticonderoga for this thrilling two-day battle reenactment and witness the epic 1777 siege of American-held Ticonderoga. As British General John Burgoyne tightened the hold on Ticonderoga, experience how American soldiers and artillerymen held the line in the name of liberty. Watch the story unravel around you as the roar of muskets and cannons erupt. Witness a hasty retreat that salvaged the remains of the American Army.

A special evening program on Saturday powerfully explores the night of July 5, 1777, as the Continental Army put into action the orders of the Council of General Officers. Based on the eyewitness accounts, follow the preparations to evacuate Ticonderoga, without alerting the encircling British Army.

Tickets for the evening experience are limited and can be purchased in advance at fortticonderoga.org.

August 5-6 SOUND OF 1776

Hear the Fifes & Drums, whose pounding drums and trilling fifes buoyed the spirits of an American Army in 1776! Through musical concerts, living history vignettes, and weapon demonstrations, discover the story of the Northern Continental Army, which rebuilt itself at Ticonderoga beginning in July 1776. See rebellion transform into a war for independence as the Declaration of Independence is dramatically read to troops digging in to desperately defend Ticonderoga.

For the full 2023 event listing, please visit fortticonderoga.org/calendar

Build Your Perfect Experience

Let Fort Ticonderoga staff curate custom itineraries for your group! Whether an adult group, field trip outing, scouting overnight, or a simple family day out, let our team build your perfect experience! Savor the beautiful King's Garden along with an exclusive indoor tour of the newly restored 1826 Pell Pavilion. Sit back and relax on board the *Carillon* as you explore Fort Ticonderoga's history on sun-dappled Lake Champlain. The options are endless. Custom adventures await! To inquire about a group visit, contact our Group Sales Manager Ryann Wiktoro at 518-585-1023 or rwiktoro@fort-ticonderoga.org.

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ENHANCE YOUR VISIT and experience Ticonderoga by water during a narrated boat cruise! Let our friendly and experienced staff be your guide to Lake Champlain's centuries of stirring maritime heritage. Enjoy panoramic vistas and sonar views of shipwrecks. To learn more and purchase combination tickets, visit www.fortticonderoga.org or call 518-585-2821.

Enjoy 75-minute narrated cruises along with a selection of beer and wine and other refreshments. Charters are available for groups by calling 518-585-1023 or rwiktorko@fort-ticonderoga.org.

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Members of Fort Ticonderoga support our mission to preserve, educate, and provoke active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations. Now is the time to enlist or to re-enlist!

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Sentinel (\$25)

Free admission to Fort Ticonderoga for one named full-time student; 10% discount in the museum store; 10% discount on general admission for guests; Subscription to *The Haversack*; email updates

Corporal (\$70)

All of the above benefits for one named adult individual

Sergeant (\$90)

All of the above benefits for two adults in the same household

Ensign (\$135)

All of the above benefits for two adults in the same household and their children or grandchildren under the age of 18

Lieutenant (\$180)

All of the above benefits plus two guest passes

Captain (\$250)

All of the above benefits plus two additional guest passes (4 total)

Major (\$500)

All of the above benefits plus two additional guest passes (6 total)

Colonel (\$1,000)

All of the benefits listed above plus a private tour with a curator for up to four people

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