

*Twenty-Eighth Annual
War College of the
Seven Years' War*



WAR COLLEGE
OF THE SEVEN YEARS' WAR



*Friday-Sunday,
May 17-19, 2024*

Friday, May 17, 2024

5:30-6:30pm Opening Reception—Join seminar faculty and museum staff at an opening reception at the Pavilion and King's Garden with light refreshments and cash bar.

7:00-7:45pm Between the Wars: Ticonderoga at Peace, Part 1—

Following its capture from the French in 1759, Fort Ticonderoga transitioned from the objective of successive British campaigns to another garrison to be maintained. Even after the Seven Years' War ended, British policy after 1763 called for the rotation of troops through American posts, producing a steady stream of soldiers at the old French fort above Lake Champlain until the American Revolution, the longest period any power held the fort. Fort Ticonderoga's Curator **Dr. Matthew Keagle**, Curator at Fort Ticonderoga, traces the first period of this occupation from 1759 through a major shift in imperial strategy in 1768, and explores this often neglected period in Fort Ticonderoga's active history.

Saturday, May 18, 2024

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

9:15-9:45am "Continually at the Fort": The Many Lives of Fort

Loudoun—While historians have long focused on the military importance of North America's frontier forts, these forts also served crucial roles as trading posts, centers of missionary activity, and hubs for interracial relationships and families. This presentation focuses on the variety of individuals who called South Carolina's Fort Loudoun home during the Seven Years' War, from its inception as the westernmost British outpost in the Southern colonies to its besiegement and surrender to its former Cherokee allies during the Anglo-Cherokee War (1759-1761). Tracing the ways these individuals forged compromises, however short-lived, demonstrates the limits of imperial strength in the backcountry and the power that Native Americans held over their allies in the Seven Years' War. **Dr. Jessica L. Wallace** is an associate professor of early American history at Georgia College & State University, where she teaches courses in colonial,

digital, and Native American history. Her research focuses on Anglo-Cherokee relations on the Southern frontier.

10:00-10:30am The Conestoga Massacres: Frontier Genocide in the Shadow of the American Theater—In the aftermath of one global war and the dawn of new domestic one, the intimate relationship between settlers and peaceful Indians collapsed along the Pennsylvania frontier. The Paxton Boys, a force with too little manpower to act defensively, moved against all their presumed enemies including a small town of Indians in Lancaster who they murdered to the last. **Michael E. Carter** is an adjunct professor of History at Kean University; his focus is on American history, settler colonialism, and genocide studies.

**10:45-11:15am “I enlisted myself into His Majesties Service”:
Analyzing Reuben Smith’s Journal, 1759-60**—On his first day as a soldier, Connecticut resident Reuben Smith began a journal in which he recorded “all that is strange,” continuing until his death from smallpox in May 1760. This brief journal, supported with other primary materials, provides a rare window into a typical provincial recruit’s thinking and activities during the French & Indian War. **Lisa Johnson** is an independent historian and writer, Town Historian for Farmington, Connecticut, and Emeritus Executive Director of Stanley-Whitman House, Farmington, Connecticut.

11:30am-1:45pm Lunch Break (Box lunch from America’s Fort Café included).

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

2:00-3:00pm The Road to Ticonderoga: The Campaign of 1758 in the Champlain Valley—Beyond being one of the largest battles fought in North America until the onset of the Civil War, the Battle of Ticonderoga also falls within a small class of military engagements by being a victory against the odds. This presentation explores the components behind this unexpected outcome and how a series of small mistakes can cascade into a catastrophe under weak leadership, or be exploited by a strong one. **Michael Laramie** is the author of eight books on colonial America and the Civil War. His upcoming work, *King George’s War and the Thirty-Year Peace*, will complete his trilogy on the first three French and Indian Wars.

3:15-3:45pm “Give It to Them, Jersey Blues!” A look at the New Jersey Regiment, “The Jersey Blues,” in the French & Indian War 1755-1760—This presentation focuses on the Jersey Blues’ participation in the actions at Oswego, Sabbath Day Point, Fort William Henry, Ticonderoga, and Frontenac. It also includes some of the unique characteristics of the regiment. **John Hayward** is a retired public school teacher of 43 years and is currently an adjunct professor of History at Southern New Hampshire University. He is the author of two books on the American Civil War: *“Give It to Them, Jersey Blues!” A History of the 7th NJ Regiment* and *“Follow Me, Jersey Men!” A History of the 5th NJ Regiment*.

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

Sunday, May 19, 2024

9:00-9:30am Holy Wars of the 18th Century: The French & Indian War as an Apocalyptic Conflict—The Seven Years’ War was seen as the culmination of the French and Indian Wars by contemporaries, not just for the scale of invasion but on religious grounds. Preachers in the English colonies and priests in New France both emphasized that the war was a holy one, escalating the rhetoric of religious violence from previous conflicts into describing it as the final battle between God and Antichrist. This presentation examines the language used in sermons and letters in the Northeast from both sides to show how the language of holy war and apocalypticism changed and grew over the nearly 20 years from King George’s War through the fall of Quebec. **Dr. Thomas Lecaque** is an Associate Professor of History at Grand View University; his research looks at the *longue durée* of religious violence and apocalypticism and his current book project centers on holy war rhetoric in colonial North America.

9:45-10:15am And just like that... Fort Ticonderoga and the Fall of Nouvelle France—Nouvelle France had been a French colony, an extension of the metropole where the colonists retained French law, French currency, and their linguistic, religious, cultural, and familial ties. This presentation explores the Seven Years’ War from the French colonial perspective in Nouvelle France and the aftermath of the

British victory over the French that began in 1759 with the British victory at Fort Ticonderoga and that suddenly transmuted the French of Nouvelle France into British subjects. **Sylvie L.F. Richards** is a Trusts and Estates attorney who holds a Ph.D. in French and Romance Philology from Columbia University and a J.D. from New York Law School; she is admitted to practice in New York State, in federal courts (Eastern and Southern District of New York), and at the U.S. Supreme Court.

10:30-11:00am The Battle of Minden: Decisive Battle of the Seven Years' War—Remarkable for large coalition armies and global strategies, the Seven Years' War was the last of the great 18th-century wars for empire. The conflict saw combat operations on the continent of Europe, Indian Sub-continent of Asia, West Indies, West Africa, the Philippines, and at sea, as well as North America. In what became arguably the most decisive and pivotal battle in the European theater of operations, an Anglo-German army of 41,000 men and 170 pieces of artillery, commanded by Field Marshal Ferdinand the Duke of Brunswick, fought the French-Allied army of 52,000 men and 162 guns, commanded by Marshal of France the Marquis de Contades, near the North German town of Minden. **Glenn F. Williams, Ph.D.**, is a military historian whose primary research interest is the eighteenth century.

11:30am Lunch (Box lunch from America's Fort Café included).

 The logo features the word "TICONDEROGA" in a serif font above the large number "250". To the right of "250" is a small icon of a fort. The entire text and icon are enclosed within a circular border of red stars.	<p>Ticonderoga 250th</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with Fort Ticonderoga's plans to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution!</p> <p>https://www.fortticonderoga.org/learn-and-explore/ticonderoga-250th-real-time-revolution/</p>
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Meals and Reception

Friday Evening Reception

Plan to join us Friday evening from 5:30-6:30pm at the Pavilion and King's Garden for a reception with War College faculty and staff. A menu of light *hors d'oeuvres* will be served. A cash bar with beer, cider, and wine also will be available. Included in registration.

Lunch Saturday and Sunday

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

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. \$25 per person. By pre-registration only.

Fort Ticonderoga Museum and Museum Store

Registration includes complimentary admission to Fort Ticonderoga Friday through Sunday of the War College. The Museum Store in the Log House will be open 9:30am-5:00pm, with extended evening hours on Saturday. Several members of the War College faculty will be signing their books at the Museum Store on Saturday at 1:00pm, where copies of their books will be for sale.



Fort Ticonderoga **Seminar on the American Revolution** *Friday-Sunday, September 20-22, 2024*

Fort Ticonderoga presents the Twentieth Annual Seminar on the American Revolution September 20-22, 2024, in the Mars Education Center and for an online audience. This annual premier conference focused on the military, political, and social history of the American Revolution features scholars from across North America and around the globe. Sign up as a subscriber for the War College and the Seminar on the American Revolution by March 15th and save!

Visit the event webpage for up-to-date information about speakers and topics:

www.fortticonderoga.org/event/nineteenth-annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/

Become a War College Patron!

For those who wish to support the War College teacher scholarships as patrons, three levels are available:

\$350 Patron

Includes the registration fee; recognition in the War College program; and an invitation to a private dinner with members of the War College faculty and teacher scholarship winners Saturday evening.

\$500 Patron

In addition to all of the above, patrons at this level receive a copy of *The Road to Ticonderoga: The Campaign of 1758 in the Champlain Valley* by this year's keynote speaker Michael Laramie.

\$750 Patron

In addition to all of the above, the first patron at this level receives accommodations for Friday & Saturday night at Best Western Plus Ticonderoga Inn and Suites.

Become a Member of Fort Ticonderoga

When registering, it's easy to become a member or renew your current membership!

Members receive: free admission to Fort Ticonderoga for 12 months, 10% discount in the Museum Store, a subscription to *The Haversack*, free admission to dozens of virtual events, discounts for seminars and conferences, and invitations to special events.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Corporal (individual)	\$70
Sergeant (dual)	\$90
Ensign (family)	\$135
Lieutenant	\$180
Captain	\$250
Major	\$500
Colonel	\$1,000



Registration and Travel Information

How to Register

Fill out the registration form on the next page and mail with your 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 1st, not postmarked by that date. To pay with a credit card, please register online at the link below or call (518) 585-2821.

Register online at this link:

www.FortTiconderoga.org/ft_events/twenty-eighth-annual-war-college-of-the-seven-years-war/

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be received by May 1st. Registration fees will be refunded, less a \$25 processing charge. Refunds will be processed after the War College. 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. Rooms book quickly, so make your reservation today! A list of area accommodations is available at:

www.fortticonderoga.org/visit/adirondack-vacation/places-to-stay/

2024 WAR COLLEGE REGISTRATION FORM

Save a stamp and register online at:

www.FortTiconderoga.org/ft_events/twenty-eighth-annual-war-college-of-the-seven-years-war/

On-Site Registration Fees

(includes lunch both days)

Early Bird Registration (by March 1, 2024)

- ☐ Member, \$150
- ☐ General Public, \$170

Registration (after March 1, 2024)

- ☐ Member, \$175
- ☐ General Public, \$195

Subscriber (by March 1, 2024)

(War College and Seminar on the American Revolution)

- ☐ Member, \$280
- ☐ General Public, \$320

War College Patron Registration

- ☐ Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, \$350
- ☐ Honorary Colonel, \$500
- ☐ Honorary Brigadier General, \$750

Reception & Dinner

- ☐ Pot Roast Dinner Saturday Evening, \$25

Virtual Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration (by March 1, 2024)

- ☐ Member, \$120
- ☐ General Public, \$130

Registration (after March 1, 2024)

- ☐ Member, \$145
- ☐ General Public, \$155

Subscriber (by March 1, 2024)

(War College and Seminar on the American Revolution)

- ☐ Member, \$220
- ☐ General Public, \$240

Membership

- ☐ I am a member of Fort Ticonderoga
- ☐ I would like to become a member or renew my membership at the level designated below:
 - ☐ Corporal (individual) \$70
 - ☐ Sergeant (dual) \$90
 - ☐ Ensign (family) \$135
 - ☐ Lieutenant \$180
 - ☐ Captain, \$250
 - ☐ Major, \$500
 - ☐ Colonel, \$1,000

Registration Information

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

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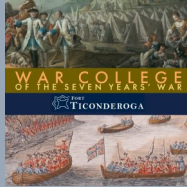
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2024-2025 Conferences



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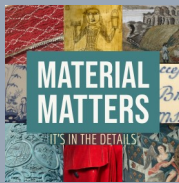
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Fort Ticonderoga is an independent not-for-profit educational institution and museum open to the public since 1909 and serves its mission to preserve, educate, and provoke an active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations. We foster an on-going dialogue surrounding citizens, soldiers, and nations through America's military heritage. © The Fort Ticonderoga Association. 2024 All Rights Reserved.

Fort Ticonderoga's Center for Digital History

Those who are unable to travel to Ticonderoga for this annual program can sign up to attend the War College online through Fort Ticonderoga's Center for Digital History using Zoom Webinars.

All sessions will be streamed. Online participants will be able to ask questions of presenters using the "Q&A" function.

Both in-person and online participants will have access to these recorded sessions for two weeks following the War College.

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Upcoming 2024 Programs

*Fort Ticonderoga
Center for Digital History*

These programs are offered through Zoom and pre-registration is required.

Membership Perk! These programs are free for Fort Ticonderoga members. For more details, and to register, visit:

www.fortticonderoga.org/calendar/category/lectures-seminars-and-workshops/

Fort Ticonderoga Author Series Sundays at 2:00pm ET

The Fort Ticonderoga Author Series features presentations by authors of books related to Fort Ticonderoga's history.

2024:

March 10

Jack Kelly

*God Save Benedict Arnold: The True Story of
America's Most Hated Man*

April 14

Jim Piecuch

*South Carolina Provincials: Loyalists in British
Service during the American Revolution*

June 9

Theodore Corbett

*The Promise of Freedom for Slaves Escaping in
British Ships: The Emancipation Revolution, 1740-
1807*

July 28

Steven Park

*The Burning of His Majesty's Schooner Gaspee: An
Attack on Crown Rule Before the American
Revolution*

August 11

Abby Chandler

*Seized with the Temper of the Times: Identity and
Rebellion in Pre-Revolutionary America*

October 20

Michael Shay

*The Whites of Their Eyes: The Life of Revolutionary
War Hero Israel Putnam from Rogers' Rangers to
Bunker Hill*

November 3

John William Nelson

*Muddy Ground: Native Peoples, Chicago's Portage,
and the Transformation of a Continent*
