

Seventh Annual Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution

September 24-26, 2010

Fort Ticonderoga presents the Seventh Annual Seminar on the American Revolution September 24-26, 2010, in the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center. We invite you to join us at this annual seminar focused on the events of the American Revolution, offering a unique, informal setting that promotes interaction between speakers and attendees throughout the weekend. Speakers include both established and new scholars studying the Revolutionary era in America.



Weekend Schedule

Subject to Change

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

7:30 “Enough to Kill Well Men”: A Glimpse at Life in the Continental Army at Ticonderoga in 1776—The day-to-day existence of the troops at Ticonderoga during the summer and fall of 1776 was filled with challenges, privations, disease, and long hours of work—but also humor and the persistence to soldier on. Using letters, journals, and orderly books, the experiences of the men at Ticonderoga, after a demoralizing retreat from Canada, come to life. **Richard M. Strum** is the Director of Interpretation & Education at Fort Ticonderoga and is the author of *Causes of the American Revolution* and *Henry Knox: Washington’s Artilleryman*, both written for young readers.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

9:00 Welcome. Rich Strum, Fort Ticonderoga, and John-Eric Nelson, moderator.

9:15-10:00 Is “The American Revolution” Still an Appropriate Term for Scholars of the Period to Use?: The War for American Independence and German Maps of the Northern Campaigns—This presentation uses various maps of northern New York and Canada made by German soldiers in the northern campaigns of the War for Independence, presenting a more balanced view of both sides while prompting reflections on the basis of and motivation for the rebel cause. **Thomas M. Barker**, Professor of History, Emeritus of the University at Albany, is currently researching the sighting systems of 18th-century rifles, civilian and military. **Paul R. Huey**, an archaeologist with the Bureau of Historic Sites in the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, is presently analyzing the results of excavations in 2008 and 2009 at Crown Point State Historic Site.

10:15-11:00 “There Was Not Much Ceremony About the Organization of the Volunteers”: The Battle of Bennington—This presentation will examine the soldiers who fought at the Battle of Bennington, focusing especially on New Yorkers. **Dr. Michael P. Gabriel**, a Professor and Chair of the History Department at Kutztown University, is the author of *Major General Richard Montgomery* and coeditor of *Quebec During the American Invasion, 1775-1776*.

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11:15-12:00 **Before the Hangman, The Reconstruction of an American Army at Fort Ticonderoga, July-October**



1776—In the first six months of 1776, an American army was destroyed in Canada. Yet, by October, that feeble vestige of a military force had been reconstructed, rearmed, reequipped, reorganized and retrained. In October, it would turn away a powerful British Army and Navy led by General Guy Carleton. This presentation discusses those actions, principally performed by Major General Philip Schuyler, Major General Horatio Gates, and Brigadier General Benedict Arnold at Fort Ticonderoga in July-October, 1776, that successfully restored the American Northern Theater Army. **Douglas R. Cubbison** has been a Living Historian, U.S. Army Officer and military historian for his entire life. He deployed to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division in 2007. This talk will be based upon his book, *The American Northern Theater Army in 1776, The Ruin and Reconstruction of the Continental Force*.

12:15-1:45 Lunch Break (Box lunch at the Log House Restaurant included in the registration fee.)

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

2:00-2:45 A Fresh Look at the Valley Forge Encampment: The Women at Camp—The popular image of the 1777-78 Valley Forge encampment is that of starving soldiers, in tattered clothing, huddled around meager campfires. But by looking at the women—and the very special ladies—who came to camp, a different picture of the famous Valley Forge winter emerges. **Nancy K. Loane**, EdD, a speaker and researcher, is the author of several articles and *Following the Drum: Women at the Valley Forge Encampment*.

3:00-3:45 Decision at the Chesapeake—The arrival, in August 1781, of the French fleet under the Comte de Grasse threatened British control of Chesapeake Bay. With the French fleet blockading Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, it became imperative for the British to dislodge it—an effort that failed on September 5, 1781. This only major British naval defeat during the Revolution directly resulted in Cornwallis' surrender and helped turn “the world upside down.” **John V. Quarstein** is an award-winning historian, preservationist, author, and longtime Director of the Virginia War Museum.



4:00-5:00 Fort Ticonderoga Museum and Museum Store open.

5:00 Dinner at the Log House (pre-registration only).



7:00 Thirty Wagons and a Wine Cellar: Johnny Burgoyne's Misadventure—London: 1786. John Burgoyne's latest comedy, “The Heiress,” has just opened at Drury Lane. The general is having problems with the leading lady that exceed even those of the Saratoga campaign. He consoles himself with his favorite champagne as he reviews his life of triumphs and tragedies. An entertaining and accurate encounter with ‘Gentleman Johnny’. Howard Burnham is a noted English writer and performer of Revolutionary War characterizations of Burgoyne, Cornwallis, Tarleton, Gates and Tom Paine.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

9:15-10:00 Benedict Arnold & The American Legion: The General's Post-Continental Career in His Majesty's Service—Much work has been devoted to Arnold's action at Quebec and Saratoga, not to mention his defection to the British in the plot to turn over West Point. But what then? A look at Benedict Arnold's services with the British and the corps he raised, the American Legion. **Todd W. Braisted** is an author and longtime researcher of the Loyalist military in the American Revolution.

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10:15-11:00 Freemasonry in the American Revolution—The role of Masonic brothers such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, and John Hancock in the American Revolution has long been celebrated. This presentation examines how Freemasonry mattered to these crucial years, ending with the extraordinary way that the fraternity became a symbol of the new nation. **Steven C. Bullock**, Professor of History at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and author of *Revolutionary Brotherhood: Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840*, has commented on Masonry and other subjects on ABC, CNN, NPR and elsewhere.

11:15-12:00 A Dirty, Trifling, Piece of Business, Volume I: The Revolutionary War as Waged from Canada in 1781—With British strategic emphasis concentrated on the Southern States, Governor Haldimand made two critical contributions to the overall war effort—he defended Canada, Britain's largest colony, against Allied attack and raided the United States' northern frontiers, forcing the American command to commit troops and consume vital resources. **Gavin K. Watt** has written seven books about the Revolutionary War's northern theater and is currently working on a study of Burgoyne's American troops of 1777. He is a well known re-enactor with 35 years experience as a Tory soldier.



12:30-1:30 Lunch (Box lunch at the Log House Restaurant included in the registration fee.)

2:00-5:00 Fort Ticonderoga Museum and Museum Store open.

For Educators

TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generous support of patrons, Fort Ticonderoga offers four scholarships for secondary or middle school teachers who are first-time attendees at the Seminar. Since 2004, Fort Ticonderoga has provided scholarships for 22 teachers to attend the Seminar on the American Revolution and, since 2001, has provided 47 teacher scholarships for the War College of the Seven Years' War. Teachers interested in applying for a scholarship should download an application at:

http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org/education/docs/Teacher_Scholarship_Form_SAR_10.pdf

or contact Rich Strum, Director of Interpretation & Education, at rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org. Deadline is August 15, 2010.

FORT TICONDEROGA MUSEUM and MUSEUM STORE

The Fort Ticonderoga Museum will be open 9:30-5:00 all three days of the Seminar. Seminar registration includes complimentary admission to Fort Ticonderoga Friday through Sunday of the Seminar.

The Museum Store at the Log House will be open throughout the weekend. The store 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 1:00, where copies of their books will be for sale. **Remember, members of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga receive a 10% discount on all books.**

MEAL OPTIONS

LUNCH SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Box lunches on Saturday and Sunday at the Log House Restaurant are included in the registration fee. A vegetarian option is available.

ROAST TURKEY DINNER SATURDAY EVENING

Roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetable, roll, and dessert at the Log House Restaurant. A vegetarian alternative is available. \$20 per person. **By pre-registration only.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER

Fill out the registration form on the reverse 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 close at 175 participants. Early Bird Registrations must be **received** by July 15th, not postmarked by that date. **No registrations will be accepted after September 15th.**

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be received by September 15, 2010. 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

Please consider staying at Sugar Hill Manor (518-597-9545) if you are looking for a bed & breakfast for the weekend, or at Best Western Ticonderoga Inn & Suites (518-585-2378) if you are looking for a traditional hotel.

SEMINAR PATRONS

Last year, nine Seminar attendees registered at the patron level. 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 *Following the Drum* and

Revolutionary Brotherhood, books by featured speakers at this year's Seminar.

Honorary Brigadier General (\$750)

In addition to all of the above, the first two patrons at this level receive accommodations for Friday & Saturday night at Best Western Ticonderoga Inn & Suites or at Sugar Hill Manor. Please call (518) 585-6370 to ensure that rooms are still available before registering at this level.

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JOIN THE FRIENDS OF FORT TICONDEROGA

Members of the Friends save on Seminar registration. When registering, it's easy to join the Friends, or renew your current membership. Just complete the appropriate section on the registration form.

Friends receive: unlimited admission to Fort Ticonderoga, 10% discount in the Museum Store, a subscription to *The Haversack*, invitations to special events, and the great feeling that comes from supporting the Fort's work in historic preservation and education.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Individual \$50; Dual \$60; Family \$75; Supporter \$125; Aide-de-Camp \$250; Enseigne \$500; Brigade Major \$1,000.



The Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center is equipped with an Assistive Listening System.



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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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I am a member of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga.
My name as I would like it to appear on my name tag:

Help us confirm your registration more quickly.

Yes, please confirm my registration by email. Don't mail a confirmation to me.

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May we include your address and email on a handout?

Yes, you may include my contact information on a handout for attendees at the Seminar on the American Revolution.

Dinner

- Roast Turkey Dinner Saturday evening, \$20.00
- Extra Dinner for my spouse or other person not attending the seminar, \$20.00

For Our Information

- Please contact me about vegetarian options for meals (Remember, lunches on Saturday and Sunday are included in the registration fee.)
- I would like to use an Assistive Listening Device

Friends Membership

- Individual membership, \$45.00
- Dual membership, \$60.00
- Family membership, \$75.00
- Supporter, \$125.00
- Aide-de-Camp, \$250.00
- Enseigne, \$500.00
- Brigade Major, \$1,000.00

TOTALS

Registration Fee: \$ _____

Dinner: \$ _____

Friends Membership: \$ _____

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Registration Fee

(includes box lunch Saturday & Sunday)

Early Bird Registration (by July 15, 2010)

- Friend of Fort Ticonderoga, \$95.00
- General Public, \$115.00

Regular Registration (by September 10, 2010)

- Friend of Fort Ticonderoga, \$120.00
- General Public, \$140.00

Patron Levels (by September 10, 2010)

- Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, \$250.00
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