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An officer of the British Royal Artillery leads artillerymen to their cannon during the 1777 Brown's Raid reenactment.

THE BIG PICTURE

Time Travel with a Lifelong Impact

This summer, visitors are immersed in Ticonderoga's epic history to find personal connections, inspiration in our nation's story, and joy in the adventures we offer from daily programs to dramatic signature events, and behind-the-scenes tours.

Our new REALTIME REVOLUTION™ experience runs from 2024-2027. This innovative approach to public programming in America's 250th launches this year with 1774, as we open the curtain on the British Empire in North America and the 26th Regiment of Foot. Special family programs offer fun adventure for visitors of all ages to explore historic trades, museum exhibits, and more across our 2,000-acre historic site.



Extending beyond 1774, narrated boat tours aboard the Vessel *Carillon* on Lake Champlain highlight the importance of the Lake Champlain-Hudson waterway at the heart of 18th century imperial ambitions in North America.

The lake doesn't have a monopoly on Ticonderoga's beauty, though! Visit the King's Garden to savor the fragrance and stunning landscape while you learn more about our layered landscape and join in our hands-on horticulture programs.

Teachers become students this summer at Fort Ticonderoga as educators from across the nation descend on our museum to participate in a residential teacher program, the Fort Ticonderoga Teacher Institute. The next generation of museum professionals, the ninth class of the Edward W. Pell Fellows, are deep into their projects, working alongside our professional museum staff for two months over the course of the summer.

In all these activities, whether it is the thrill of an artillery demonstration, a conversation with our historic trades staff, a premium behind-the-scenes tour, or a teacher discovering a new method to engage their students, we love to share Fort Ticonderoga's story and inspire unique learning moments that will impact visitors of all ages.

Your support makes time travel possible which will inspire a lifelong impact—from the youngest first-time visitor to the next generation of museum professionals. See for yourself the transformative power of history this summer at Fort Ticonderoga!

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.

Members Have Benefits!

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



During Premium Pavilion tours through mid-October, delve into the exquisite details of the fully restored 1826 Pell Pavilion. Explore incredible examples of the

Pavilion's furniture, decorative arts, and archaeological remains on display for the very first time. This entertaining 60-minute tour examines the evolution of this National Historic Landmark from summer home to hotel, a 1909 renovation, and its most recent complete restoration. Space is limited, for more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.fortticonderoga.org.

Engineering Beauty

The King's Garden provides a living connection to the past through heirloom flowers and the process of recreating this historic garden each year. New research into military gardens reveals that gardening and military engineering were intimately intertwined. Soldiers' gardens and orchards were a fixture of military life, providing sustenance for every army.

When architect Alfred Bossom developed his 1909 plan for the newly renovated King's Garden, he envisioned a miniature version of the formal gardens of Versailles, never realizing that the lawns, canals, and allées of formal gardens evoked the skills of military engineering at places like Ticonderoga.

In 1920, Marian Cruger Coffin, landscape architect, noted Blue Mistflower grew in the shaded beds west of the garden. In contrast, the beautiful, white-streaked pedals of Phlox Drummondii thrive in full sun, which no longer exists where Coffin planned. Careful pruning of trees and a clever substitution with impatiens are one of many techniques that bring this restoration-era plan to life for visitors this summer. Enjoy self-exploration or take a guided garden tour led by staff at 11:45 a.m. or 2:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HISTORY

Experience Colonel John Brown's Raid

During the **September 14-15 Brown's Raid Battle Reenactment**, witness this real-life 1777 battle unfold, as patriot Colonel John Brown leads a surprise attack against British troops garrisoning Fort Ticonderoga.

Through immersive programming and dramatic demonstrations, staff will bring to life the little-known action-adventure story pulled from the pages of Fort Ticonderoga's history.

Highlighted programming throughout the weekend will feature a bold American raid on Ticonderoga. Explore the Royal Navy's role in the engagement and experience the battle from a new perspective on Lake Champlain aboard the *Carillon* tour boat. Discover the larger-than-life characters and the personal stories of the soldiers and nurses caught in this daring attack. Atop Mount Defiance, meet the guard of Rangers who attacked British-held Fort Ticonderoga with their own cannon. Follow the American raid on Ticonderoga as it unfolds and explore the weapons of this audacious attack through living history demonstrations.

For the first time, visitors can enter the powder magazine where British and German soldiers drew gunpowder. An explosion within this magazine mortally wounded Lieutenant Volckmar during the raid.

As we prepare for the 250th Anniversary of Brown's Raid in 2027, we're taking this reenactment onto the broader Ticonderoga landscape, recreating Captain Ebenezer Allen's attack on a British guard atop Mount Defiance. This dawn attack will be featured live on social media, capturing the drama and view from this historic summit!



Comrades help a German soldier wounded in the powder magazine explosion during Brown's Raid.



SCAN ME

Our Brown's Raid reenactment recreates human stories, as well as the exciting action of this daring American raid on British-held Ticonderoga. Discover the experience of Dinah and Nancy Mattis, an enslaved woman and her daughter, freed by Captain Ebenezer Allen and his company.



Witnesses to History

Our new exhibit, **A Revolutionary Anthology: Power of Place**, features remarkable artifacts, including these muskets with an extraordinary story. In the early morning of September 18, Colonel John Brown surprised part of the British 53rd Regiment of Foot. The attack was so successful that British Ensign Thomas Hughes recalled that the raiders had "got amongst our marquees by the time they were discover'd." Brown's men freed American prisoners and Ensign Hughes ruefully remembered that "those former prisoners with our own weapons prevented my getting out."

These muskets are the exact weapons mentioned by Ensign Hughes! Three of the four bear the signs of American usage, while a member of the 53rd Regiment who avoided capture carried one back to Canada. **The muskets haven't been back together since 1777!** They'll be on display throughout the Brown's Raid reenactment on September 14-15, 2024.

A Revolutionary Anthology: Power of Place

Our new 250th Anniversary exhibit, the first of a five-year rotation, opened in May. More than 100 artifacts, many from the Robert Nittolo Collection and on display for the first time, explore the vast geography of the Revolutionary War. The exhibit follows the *Power of Place* interpretive theme to highlight nine key places the war unfolded. These include the well-known areas of the war such as Boston, to less familiar campaigns, like those waged on the Gulf Coast of Florida or in the Caribbean. In total, the exhibit takes visitors across the Atlantic World during this critical moment of world history.



Champlain Valley

The region between Montréal and the upper reaches of the Hudson River, centered on Lake Champlain, became one of the most hotly contested places in all of North America. For three years successive campaigns surged across the region as armies invaded, were repulsed, and counterattacked. The campaigning culminated in 1777, when the Continental Army forced the surrender of British General John Burgoyne at Saratoga in October, forever altering the course of the war.

Henry Harnage, the Major of

the British 62nd Regiment of Foot, who owned this pistol, and his wife, Honour, participated in the fateful campaign of 1777. Major Harnage was severely wounded in the Battle of Freeman's Farm, and he spent years recovering from his injury. Honour also barely survived a pregnancy while they were both held as prisoners of war after Saratoga. The suffering Major Harnage experienced must have made his perspective on this volume of *Iliad*, a classic tale of war, very different than from before he embarked for America.



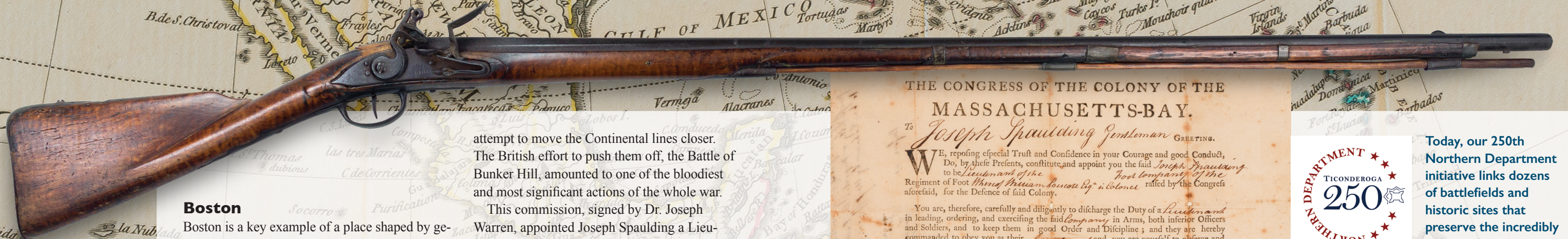
Boston

Boston is a key example of a place shaped by geography. The city's location allowed it to be easily isolated, and during the Siege of Boston in 1775, American forces effectively sealed off the city, but couldn't cut the British off from the sea.

In June 1775, the move to occupy the heights above Charlestown opposite Boston was an early

attempt to move the Continental lines closer. The British effort to push them off, the Battle of Bunker Hill, amounted to one of the bloodiest and most significant actions of the whole war.

This commission, signed by Dr. Joseph Warren, appointed Joseph Spaulding a Lieutenant in Colonel Prescott's Regiment. John Gordon, another soldier in Prescott's regiment, owned this musket. All three men fought just yards from each other during the Battle of Bunker Hill, and all three died during this first major battle of the Revolution.



THE CONGRESS OF THE COLONY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS-BAY.

To *Joseph Spaulding Gentleman* GREETING.
We, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Courage and good Conduct, Do, by these Presents, constitute and appoint you the said *Joseph Spaulding* to be *Lieutenant* of the *Foot Company* of the Regiment of Foot *thruout* *British* *troops* *raised* by the Congress aforesaid, for the Defence of said Colony.

You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of a *Lieutenant* in leading, ordering, and exercising the said *Company* in Arms, both inferior Officers and Soldiers, and to keep them in good Order and Discipline; and they are hereby commanded to obey you as their *Lieutenant*, and you are yourself to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall, from Time to Time, receive from the General and Commander in Chief of the Forces raised in the Colony aforesaid, for the Defence of the same, or any other your superior Officers, according to military Rules and Discipline in War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you.

By Order of the Congress,
Dr. Joseph Warren President P. T.
the 19th of May A. D. 1775.
John Freeman Secretary P. T.



Today, our 250th Northern Department initiative links dozens of battlefields and historic sites that preserve the incredibly rich revolutionary activity within the region defined as the Northern Department of the Continental Army in June of 1775.



Welcome Our Fellows!

Our 2024 Edward W. Pell Graduate Fellows arrived June 3rd and work through August 9th. The annual EWP Graduate Fellows Symposium on August 1st at 1 p.m. is open to members, either in person or online through the Center for Digital History. Pictured L-R: Victoria Cole (Siena College), Ekin Berk Polat (New York University), Hayden Slentz-Kesler (Appalachian State University), and Kaitlyn Grundy (University of the Arts).

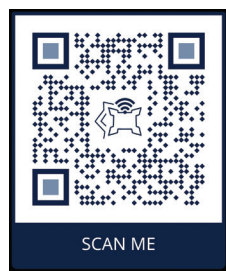
Upcoming Conferences and Professional Development Opportunities

September 20-22, 2024 / Seminar on the American Revolution

This year's theme "Power of Place" complements the exhibition "A Revolutionary Anthology: Power of Place." Sessions highlight topics related to Ticonderoga, the 1777 Burgoyne Campaign, the invasion of Canada, the war in the Great Lakes region, Spanish Florida, and Philadelphia's connection to the broader British Empire.

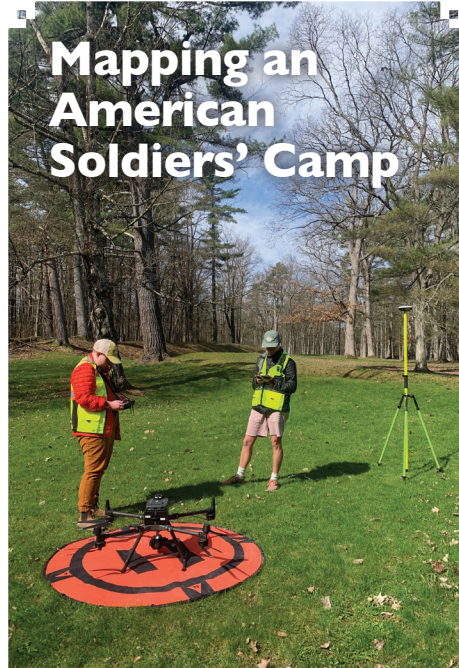
October 1, 6:30-8 p.m. ET / Teacher Webinar: Benedict Arnold and the American Revolution on the Northern Frontier, 1775-1777

Fort Ticonderoga and the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission will explore Benedict Arnold's role in the American Revolution as it played out on the Northern Frontier in 1775-1777. Participants must pre-register for this free webinar. This webinar is offered collaboratively by Fort Ticonderoga's "Ticonderoga Tuesdays" Teacher Webinars and the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission.



Updates and Improvements to the Ticonderoga Online Collections

Collections staff have recently completed massive updates to improve users' ability to search and access the museum's collections in the Ticonderoga Online Collections database. Explore the database to learn more about Fort Ticonderoga's collections, including the objects and documents on exhibit, and search through the people identified within the archival collections to discover personal stories. You might even find one of your ancestors.



Mapping an American Soldiers' Camp

Work is underway on the "Uncovering Liberty Hill" project! Members of the University of Vermont's Spatial Analysis Lab visited in April to collect updated mapping data of Liberty Hill using drone LiDAR. This survey method captures precise distances from the drone to the ground, creating high-resolution maps of a landscape. Combined with historical maps, the LiDAR data will allow the project team to identify, explore, and preserve key archaeological features.

From 1776 to 1777, a large American encampment of Pennsylvania and New England soldiers were located east of the old French Lines from the 1758 Battle of Carillon, a position they named "Liberty Hill." These soldiers were tasked with refortifying and enhancing the old earthworks to hold against an impending British attack, and at the same time created streets of huts of board, log, and sod within their camp.

The "Uncovering Liberty Hill" project is the first comprehensive historical and archaeological study of this significant area of Fort Ticonderoga's history and will lay a foundation for future investigation and interpretation.

July 27-October 27 The Heroic Corn Maze: A Corn Maze Adventure

Get lost in a brand new corn maze design for 2024! This design includes our signature logo for REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ and a cartridge pouch badge of the 26th Regiment of Foot, a unique historic detail from our 1774 portrayal.

September 6 Homeschool Day

Fort Ticonderoga welcomed more than 800 homeschool students in 2023! With our attention to hands-on experiential learning, families delve into Fort Ticonderoga in 1774, on the eve of the Revolutionary War. Our attentive, engaging staff make this a must-do event for homeschoolers across our region.

September 7 King's Garden Plant Sale

Help Fort Ticonderoga with the garden's stewardship and take home your living legacy from the walled King's Garden!



Homeschool students try out quill pens.

September 14-15 Battle Reenactment: 1777 Brown's Raid

Join Fort Ticonderoga for an exciting two-day battle reenactment highlighting the epic 1777 Brown's Raid! An attack led by patriot Colonel John Brown will take British troops garrisoning Fort Ticonderoga by surprise 247 years later during the upcoming real-life action adventure at Fort Ticonderoga.



Explore the Heroic Corn Maze with the whole family.

October 5 Annual Heritage, Harvest, & Horse Festival

With horse-drawn wagon rides, food trucks, vendors, and many daily events at Fort Ticonderoga, the Heritage, Harvest, & Horse Festival is our most popular event, year after year! This fall family favorite brings local brewers, distillers, and wineries, to our local-vore farmers' market. This event connects our layered landscape to the equine and livestock legacy of the Champlain Valley with tales of cavalry heroics to the tally-ho of equestrian sports today.

October 19 Girl Scout Day

Scouts will participate in interactive and immersive programs and explore the historic site while connecting to scouting goals.



Beautiful horses are just one Festival attraction.

October 19 Bon Voyage Cruise

Join Fort Ticonderoga for its annual Bon Voyage Cruise on Lake Champlain! Savor the fall scenic beauty and enjoy the captivating narration of historic highlights aboard the Carillon tour boat.

Virtual Author Series 2024

Fort Ticonderoga's popular Author Series program, offered through the Center for Digital History, continues. These Sunday afternoon programs are free for members:

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*

**Fort Ticonderoga is open for daily visitation
Tuesday-Sunday, May 4–October 27**



A cruise aboard the **Carillon** is your front-row seat to some of the most archaeologically rich waters in North America. Revel in breathtaking lake views, commanding mountains, and the majestic fort as an onboard speaker captivates you with an energetic narration of Ticonderoga’s epic story as one of North America’s most strategic strongholds.

*Make memories of historic proportions during a narrated boat cruise!
Daily cruises are offered Tuesday-Sunday through October 18.
Charters and group outings are available by calling 518-585-1023.*

JOIN OUR RANKS AND SUPPORT FORT TICONDEROGA!

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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My check for \$_____ payable to Fort Ticonderoga is enclosed

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)

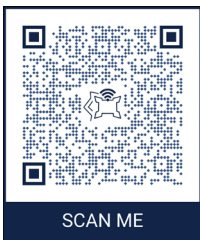
All of the above benefits plus two additional guest passes (4 total)

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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