

*Twenty-Second Annual  
Fort Ticonderoga  
Seminar on the  
American Revolution*



 FORT  
TICONDEROGA

SEMINAR ON THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*Friday-Sunday,  
September 25-27, 2026*

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## Friday, September 25, 2026

**8:00 am-5:00pm “Behind Enemy Lines”: The Pawlet Expedition during the Saratoga Campaign**—America’s History, LLC will offer a one-day Revolutionary War bus tour led by Bruce Venter. The Pawlet Expedition, orchestrated by Benjamin Lincoln, is an underappreciated operation during Burgoyne’s campaign in September 1777. A complete tour description will be on the America’s History website. The cost is \$195 per person (includes coach bus, lunch, gratuities, materials and refreshments). Last year’s tour sold out, so register early. There are two ways to register: go online at [AmericasHistoryLLC.com](http://AmericasHistoryLLC.com) and click the register for tours page or call 703-785-4373.

**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 Dressing for Contempt?: The British Army in North America**—Understandings of the British military in North America have evolved dramatically in the recent past. Far from the hidebound, conservative automata of popular conception the British were flexible and adaptive, impulses that extended even to their dress. Changes to the army’s attire have long been identified but often interpreted solely as a response to the environmental conditions of North America. Fort Ticonderoga’s Curator **Dr. Matthew Keagle** considers the range of influences on adaptations to the conventional uniforms of the redcoats serving in America. This presentation offers not only pragmatic but political interpretations for their willingness to break with convention and regulation fighting the American rebels.

## Saturday, September 26, 2026

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

**9:15-9:45am War Powers: A Reconsideration of the Declaration of Independence**—The Declaration of Independence did more than proclaim American independence and men’s political equality. It was also an exercise of the Second Continental Congress’ war powers that set forth the United States’ reasons and right to wage war and

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pronounced them legitimate combatants. **Dr. Ricardo A. Herrera** is Senior Historian, George Washington Leadership Institute at Mount Vernon, Virginia, and Professor, ret., U.S. Army War College.

**10:00-10:30am “You Are Directed to Maintain Your Post”: The Jericho Mutiny in Context**—In 1776, the Continental Army garrison at the blockhouse in Jericho, Vermont, along the Winooski (Onion) River, uncertain of its mission and alarmed by reports of British activity, mutinied and retreated to Fort Ticonderoga against orders. Decades later in 1798, Representative Matthew Lyon’s role in the episode resurfaced through an accusation of cowardice, prompting the first physical confrontation in Congress. The incident illuminates the strategic importance of the Winooski frontier and the ways divergent perspectives between commanders and soldiers shaped both the lived experience and the memory of the Revolutionary War. **Eli Dandurand** is an independent historian from Vermont.

**10:45-11:15am A Garrisoned Green: The Boston Common and the Tensions of Military Occupation**—Explore how Boston Common transformed from a civic gathering space into a symbol of imperial control and colonial defiance during the years surrounding the American Revolution. This presentation examines the British military occupation’s profound effects on the Common, including its use as an encampment, a site of punishment and disease, and ultimately the starting point for the first battles of the Revolution. **Dr. Kelly M. Kilcrease** is a Professor of Business at the University of New Hampshire at Manchester whose academic research explores the intersections of business and urban history, including the books *Manchester’s Shoe Industry* and *The Story of Boston’s Long Wharf*, which examine the evolution of regional enterprise and the transformation of public and commercial spaces such as the Boston Common.

**11:30am-12:00pm Those Whom Liberty Forgot: The Motivations of Black Soldiers to Fight in the American Revolutionary War**—During the American Revolution, Black soldiers fought valiantly on both the Patriot and Loyalist sides of the war. Traditional historical narratives often portray their participation as driven solely by the pursuit of freedom from chattel slavery. Drawing on firsthand accounts and a wide range of historical records such as diaries, newspapers, pamphlets, military reports, and pension documents, this presentation challenges that assumption by arguing that their motivations were much more diverse

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and multifaceted. Black soldiers fought not only for the promise of emancipation, but also for a complex set of political, economic, and social aspirations; the desire to assert and defend their manhood; and, in many cases, the fundamental need to survive. **Carissa O’Pry** is a recent Master of History graduate from Texas Tech University whose research interests include early American history, U.S. religious and folkloric histories, and the history of emotions.

**12:00-1:45pm Lunch Break** (Box lunch from America’s Fort Café included).

**1:00-1:30pm Book Signing at the Museum Store.**

**2:00-2:45pm War without Mercy: The Revolution as an Existential War**—The clarion call to arms of “Liberty or Death” was far more than just rhetoric: they were the choices thousands of individuals faced during the War for Independence. Military restraint crumbled in the face of events that ignited virtually unstoppable cycles of revenge and retribution across the rebellious colonies. And it was at the local level—where most of the war was fought—that combatants believed their very existence was in question, which led to an acceptance of violence against persons and property as preferable to a defeat equated with political, cultural, and even physical extinction. It was the very definition of an existential war. **Dr. Mark Edward Lender** is Professor Emeritus at Kean University and author or co-author of over a dozen books on American military, social, and institutional history.

**3:00-3:30pm The American Revolutionaries and Their Unlikely Ally**—Unlike the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth mattered to the Founders from the decades leading to the Revolution, until Jefferson declared that the Enlightenment ended with the final partition of Poland. The United States and the Commonwealth shared a sense of republicanism, and the loss of Poland presented the precariousness of the new nation’s position. **Christopher Fritsch** is an adjunct faculty member at the Trinity River Campus of Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, Texas.

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

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## Sunday, September 27, 2026

**9:00-9:30am Captain Hazard: A Loyalist Privateer in a World Turn'd Upside Down**—Stanton Hazard was born into one of Rhode Island's "first families," but when the war began, he broke from his predominantly Patriot family, launching a successful privateering career from British-occupied Newport and New York. His experiences during the war, and afterwards, exemplify the challenges many Loyalists faced as the security they had once known collapsed. **Dr. Len Travers** is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, and the author of *Hodges' Scout: A Lost Patrol of the French & Indian War*.

**9:45-10:15am The Rise and Fall of the Philadelphia Quakers in Revolutionary Pennsylvania**—During the American Revolution, the Philadelphia Quakers found themselves at the center of a controversy that ignited a firestorm of paranoia, anger and vengeance. This is a story of the precipitous rise of the Society of Friends in Pennsylvania, their goal of what seemed a utopian society, which lasted for a half a century before colliding violently with the realities of 18<sup>th</sup>-century life. **Jeff Denman** is an independent scholar and historian whose previous book, *John Quincy Adams, Reluctant Abolitionist*, examined the former president's relationship to slavery throughout his life and whose other works revolve primarily around the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**10:30-11:00am Revolutionary Possibilities: The Fighting Quakers & Their Impact on the Friends**—Philadelphia Quakers, while notably pacifist, dismissed around 1000 members during the American Revolution for "taking up arms" and other offenses linked with military activity. Many of these Friends helped to form the Free, or Fighting, Quakers—a sect of the faith that supported the movement for Independence—which in turn forced mainstream Friends to address their growing internal dissent and dwindling membership. **Jennifer L. Gray** has been active in a variety of public history roles for 15 years and currently serves as the Education & Museum Manager at Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

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## Meals and Reception

### Friday Evening Reception

Plan to join us Friday evening from 5:30-6:30 at the Pavilion and King's Garden for a reception with Seminar faculty and staff. Light refreshments and a cash bar with beer, cider, and wine 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.

### 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. \$30 per person. By pre-registration only.

## Fort Ticonderoga Museum and Museum Store

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



### Ticonderoga 250<sup>th</sup>

Keep up-to-date with Fort Ticonderoga's plans to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Revolution!  
<https://www.fortticonderoga.org/learn-and-explore/ticonderoga-250th-real-time-revolution/>

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## Become a Seminar Patron!

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

### **\$350 Patron**

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

### **\$500 Patron**

In addition to all of the above, patrons at this level receive a copy of *War Without Mercy*, by speaker Mark Edward Lender and the late James Kirby Martin.

### **\$1,000 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)	\$75
Sergeant (dual)	\$100
Ensign	\$140
Lieutenant	\$200
Captain	\$250
Major	\$500
Colonel	\$1,000
Commemorative	\$1,776

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## Registration and Travel Information

### How to Register

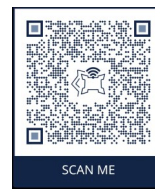
Fill out the registration form on the next page and mail with your check made payable to **Fort Ticonderoga** to:

*Seminar 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 July 15<sup>th</sup>, 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-second-annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/](http://www.fortticonderoga.org/ft_events/twenty-second-annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/)



### Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be received by September 10. 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. 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/](http://www.fortticonderoga.org/visit/adirondack-vacation/places-to-stay/)

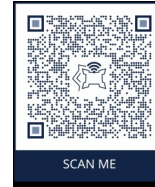
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## 2026 SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Save a stamp and register online at:

[www.fortticonderoga.org/ft\\_events/twenty-second-annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/](http://www.fortticonderoga.org/ft_events/twenty-second-annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/)

or scan the QR Code on the right.



### On-Site Registration Fees

(includes lunch both days)

Early Bird Registration (by July 15, 2026)

- Member, \$180
- General Public, \$200

Registration (after July 15, 2026)

- Member, \$205
- General Public, \$230

Seminar Patron Registration

- Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, \$350
- Honorary Colonel, \$500
- Honorary Brigadier General, \$1,000

### Reception & Dinner

- Roast Turkey Dinner Saturday Evening, \$30

### Virtual Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration (by July 15, 2026)

- Member, \$140
- General Public, \$150

Registration (after July 15, 2026)

- Member, \$165
- General Public, \$175

### 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) \$75
  - Sergeant (dual) \$100
  - Ensign \$140
  - Lieutenant \$200
  - Captain, \$250
  - Major, \$500
  - Colonel, \$1,000
  - Commemorative, \$1,776

## 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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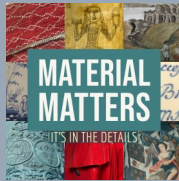
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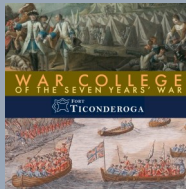
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To use a credit card, please register online or call (518) 585-2821.

## 2027 Conferences



**Virtual Material Matters**  
**It's in the Details**  
Saturday, January 23



**Thirty-First Annual**  
**War College of the Seven Years' War**  
Friday-Sunday, May 21-23



**Twenty-Third Annual Fort Ticonderoga**  
**Seminar on the American Revolution**  
Friday-Sunday, September 24-26



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### **Attending Virtually**

Those who are unable to travel to Ticonderoga for this annual program can sign up to attend the conference online 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 30 days following the seminar.

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## Upcoming 2026-2027 Programs

### Fort Ticonderoga

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/ft\\_events/?\\_sft\\_ft\\_event-category+lectures-seminars-and-workshops](http://www.fortticonderoga.org/ft_events/?_sft_ft_event-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.

##### 2026:

- June 14 John U. Rees, *Don Troiani's Black Soldiers in America's Wars 1754-1865*
- July 26 Theodore Corbett, *A Maritime History of the American Revolutionary War*
- August 9 Jack Kelly, *Valcour: The 1776 Campaign that Saved the Cause of Liberty*
- October 18 Benjamin L. Carp, *The Great New York Fire of 1776: A Lost Story of the American Revolution*
- November 8 Steven Bier, *Facing Washington's Crossing: The Hessians and the Battle of Trenton*

##### 2027:

- February 7 Steven Elliott, *Surviving the Winters: Housing Washington's Army during the American Revolution*
- March 7 Mary Stockwell, *Unlikely General: "Mad" Anthony Wayne and the Battle for America*
- June 13 Paul Staiti, *The Killing of Jane McCrea: An American Tragedy on the American Frontier*
- July 25 Phil Holland, *The Battle of Bennington and the Bennington Monument*
- August 8 Michael Gabriel, *The Battle of Bennington: Soldiers & Civilians*
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