

Fifth Annual Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution

October 25 & 26, 2008

Fort Ticonderoga presents its Fifth Annual Seminar on the American Revolution on October 25 & 26, 2008, in the new Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center. We invite you to join us at this annual event 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 of American history.

Registration fees include a guided tour of the new education center Friday afternoon, sessions Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday, a dramatic presentation on Ethan Allen Saturday evening, and box lunches Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are also available for a pot roast dinner in the Log House Restaurant on Saturday evening. The new exhibition "The Face of War: Triumph & Tragedy at Ticonderoga, 1758 & 1759" will be open Friday and Saturday afternoons in the new gallery in the Education Center.

For attendees who wish to support teacher scholarships to the Seminar, there are a number of options, thanks to support from Best Western Ticonderoga Inn and Suites, Lake Champlain Inn Bed & Breakfast, and HBO Entertainment.

We look forward to seeing you at Fort Ticonderoga in October at the Fifth Annual Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution.

"The Gods of the Hills: Ethan Allen"

"The Gods of the Hills" is a compelling military history from the commanding officer of the capture of Fort Ticonderoga, an imprisoned rebel bound for the gallows, a witness to the starvation and murder of American prisoners, a philosopher who saw the opportunities for liberty and public good on the one hand, and for servitude on the other. He was the leader of the Green Mountain Boys who, with them, carved out the Republic of Vermont.

"Jim Hogue makes Ethan Allen come alive—an inspiration," notes Dr.

Thomas Naylor, founder of Second Vermont Republic.

Jim Hogue is an actor who has appeared in several films and on stage with various Vermont theatres. He created Cabaret Shakespeare, writes for "Vermont Commons," and has a weekly radio program. **Saturday evening. Included in the registration fee.**



Photograph by Stefan Hard, *The Times Argus*.

Weekend Schedule

Subject to Change

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008

1:00-5:00 "The Face of War: Triumph & Tragedy at Ticonderoga, 1758 & 1759." Tour this new exhibition in the Mars Education Center Gallery on your own.

4:00 Guided Tours of the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center. Fort Ticonderoga Staff.

7:30 Welcome. Nicholas Westbrook and John-Eric Nelson.

7:45-8:30 Why Us? The Moravians and Revolutionary America. Mark Turdo, Fort Ticonderoga.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008

9:00 Welcome. Nicholas Westbrook and John-Eric Nelson.

9:15-10:00 Rethinking the Potter: the Truth Behind the Revolutionary War's Ultimate Sword. Erik Goldstein, Colonial Williamsburg.

10:15-11:00 Royalist Corps on the Burgoyne Campaign. Todd Braisted, Loyalist Institute.

11:15-12:00 Creating a Respectable Army: the Sullivan Campaign as Institutional Case Study. Joseph Fischer, US Army Command and General Staff College.

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 Congress' Own: French Canadian Continentals and Camp Followers. Holly Mayer, Duquesne University.

3:00-3:45 With Pen and Sword: Benjamin Franklin at War (1775-1783). William Troppman, Valley Forge National Historical Park.

4:00-5:30 "The Face of War" exhibition and Museum Store open.

5:30 Dinner at the Log House (pre-registration only).

7:30 The Gods of the Hills: Ethan Allen. Presented by actor Jim Hogue.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008

9:15-10:00 Men of the Meanest Sort: Military Leadership and War in New England, 1745-1775. Seanagan Sculley, United States Military Academy.

10:15-11:00 George Washington's Secret Navy. James Nelson, author.

11:15-12:00 The Siege of Yorktown: The Decisive Engagement of the American War for Independence. Glenn Williams, National Museum of the US Army.

12:15 Lunch Break (box lunch at the Log House Restaurant included in the registration fee).



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

Members of the 2008 Faculty

Todd Braisted is a long-time researcher, author, and lecturer in the field of Loyalist Studies. He will present a discussion of the various Loyalist troops that accompanied and were raised on the Burgoyne Campaign on 1777.

Dr. Joseph Fischer teaches at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and is the author of *A Well-Executed Failure: The Sullivan Campaign Against the Iroquois, July-September 1779*. He will examine the progress the Continental Army has made since its origins in 1775 and argues that by 1779 it has reached near equivalence to its British counterparts.

Erik Goldstein is the Curator of Mechanical & Numismatics for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the author of *18th-Century Weapons of the Royal Welsh Fuziliers from Flixton Hall and The Socket Bayonet in the British Army 1687-1783*, amongst other titles. His presentation debunks some long-believed myths concerning the only mass-produced cavalry sabers by a known maker, and by substituting fact makes an even more incredible story.

Dr. Holly Mayer is the author of *Belonging to the Army: Camp Followers and Community during the American Revolution* and a number of related articles and is Chair of the Department of History at Duquesne University. Her presentation focuses on the many Continentals who filled the ranks of Hazen's 2nd Canadian Regiment. These men were essentially soldiers without a state, and so these "outsiders" and others belonged to Congress—to the "US"—as they served American independence.

James Nelson is a prolific author of numerous books, including *Benedict Arnold's Navy* and his latest book *George Washington's Secret Navy*. Nelson will talk about the early years of the Continental Navy, including the formation of a small fleet by General George Washington in the fall of 1775 without informing the Continental Congress.

Capt. Seanagan Sculley is an instructor at the United States Military Academy and the author of *Men of the Meanest Sort: Military Leadership and War in the New England Colonies*. His talk presents his argument that a new form of leadership arose among the New England provincials during the colonial wars that later aided them in their initial meetings with the British military in 1775.

William Troppman supervises all living history and interpretive programs at Valley Forge National Historical Park and is researching Benjamin Franklin's involvement in military affairs. His presentation will focus on Franklin's "dabbling" in martial events during the Revolution, even while on his diplomatic mission in Paris.

Mark Turdo is Assistant Curator at Fort Ticonderoga and previously worked as Curator at the Moravian Historical Society. He will discuss the political and cultural attacks on the Moravians by their Revolutionary neighbors.

Glenn F. Williams is Senior Historian of the National Museum of the US Army and author of *Year of the Hangman: George Washington's Campaign against the Iroquois*. His presentation explains the Battle of Yorktown as a classic example of formal 18th-century siege doctrine in operational practice; not just Redoubts 9 and 10, and "The World Turned Upside Down."

Meal Options

LUNCH SATURDAY & SUNDAY

A box lunch is included in the registration fee both days. The lunch includes sandwich, soup, cookie, and beverage. A vegetarian option is available.

POT ROAST DINNER SATURDAY EVENING

Pot Roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll, and dessert. A vegetarian alternative is available. \$20 per person. **By pre-registration only.**

Fort Ticonderoga Museum Store

The Fort Ticonderoga Museum Store will be open for limited hours during the Seminar on the American Revolution for your shopping convenience. The Store will be open 9:00-5:00 Friday, 11:00-6:00 Saturday, and 9:00-1:30 Sunday. Several members of the Seminar faculty will be signing copies of their books at the Museum Store on Saturday at 1:00pm, where copies of their books will be for sale.

Remember, members of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga receive a 10% discount on all books.

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 \$45; Family \$60; Supporter \$100; Aide-de-Camp \$250.

TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Fort Ticonderoga offers four scholarships for secondary or middle school teachers who are first-time attendees at the Seminar. Contact Rich Strum, Director of Interpretation & Education, at rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org. Deadline for applications is September 15, 2008.

Support for the Seminar on the American Revolution

This Seminar is supported by the New York Council for the Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this seminar do not necessarily represent those of the New York Council for the Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Registration Information

HOW TO REGISTER

Fill out the registration form below 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 September 15th, not post marked by that date. **No registrations will be accepted after October 15th.**

SPECIAL OFFER FOR FIRST 100 REGISTRANTS

The first 100 registrants for the Seminar will receive a limited edition tote bag. Register early to reserve yours.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be received by October 15, 2008. 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.

SEMINAR PATRONS

For those who wish to support the Seminar teacher scholarships as patrons, four levels are available.

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel (\$250)

Includes lunches both days and registration fee; recognition in the Seminar program; and an invitation to a private dinner off-site with the Seminar Faculty Saturday evening.

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Commandant (\$350)

In addition to all of the above, on a first-come, first-served basis, patrons at this level receive a DVD set donated by HBO of the mini-series "John Adams." Limited number available.

Honorary Colonel (\$500)

In addition to the benefits of the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel level, the first two patrons at this level receive accommodations for Friday and Saturday night donated by the Lake Champlain Inn Bed & Breakfast and Best Western Ticonderoga Inn & Suites.

Honorary Brigadier General (\$650)

In addition to the benefits of the Honorary Colonel level, patrons at this level receive a DVD set donated by HBO of the mini-series "John Adams." Limited number available.



2008 SEMINAR ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Information (Please use one form per person.)

Make photocopies of this form for additional registrants.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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.

email address _____

For Our Information

- I plan to attend the Friday afternoon tour (included in registration)
- I plan to attend the Friday evening program (included in registration)
- I plan to attend the Saturday evening program (included in registration)
- Please contact me about vegetarian options for meals (remember, box 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 New membership
- Family membership, \$60.00 Membership renewal
- Supporter, \$100.00
- Aide-de-Camp, \$250.00
- Brigade Major, \$500.00

TOTALS

Registration Fee: \$ _____
Options: \$ _____
Friends Membership: \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

- Check enclosed Visa
- Mastercard American Express

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
Verification number--
the last three digits on the back of your card in the signature box. _____

Registration Fee (includes box lunch Saturday & Sunday)

Early Bird Registration (by September 15, 2008)

- Friend of Fort Ticonderoga, \$90.00
- General Public, \$110.00

Regular Registration (by October 15, 2008)

- Friend of Fort Ticonderoga, \$110.00
- General Public, \$130.00

Patron Levels

- Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, \$250
- Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, \$350
- Honorary Colonel, \$500
- Honorary Brigadier General, \$650

Options

Dinner

- Pot Roast Dinner Saturday evening, \$20

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**Benjamin Franklin and other Congressional Commissioners arriving at
Ticonderoga, April 1776. Oil Painting by Elyane Sears, 2000.**

**-From the collection of the
Fort Ticonderoga Museum**