

# Gazette Française pour le

Le 85<sup>ème</sup> Régiment de Saintonge / 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Militia Regiment of Foot, Inc  
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## Le Premier dans la Place!

January '02

*Winter calendar (events in bold are official regimental events):*

Sat	Feb 2	Musique	<b>Freezer Jam – Detroit, MI</b>
Sat	Feb 9	4 <sup>th</sup> /85 <sup>ème</sup>	<b>9:30 AM: Annual Meeting – Wayside Inn, Sudbury</b>
Sat	Feb 16		MMNHP: Weapons and Accoutrements Workshop
Sat	Feb 23	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Militia ('64) drill with Lexington Training Band (St Brigids)</b>
Fri	Mar 1	civilian	18 <sup>th</sup> Century Ordinary Evenings (reservations required)
Sat	Mar 2	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Militia ('64) drill with Lexington Training Band (St Brigids)</b>
Sat	Mar 9	85 <sup>ème</sup>	<b>French Drill</b>
Sun	Mar 17	85 <sup>ème</sup>	<b>** Evacuation Day Parade (South Boston) 1 PM (Assemble: 11:30 am)</b>
Sat	Mar 23	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Buckman Tavern Muster Day (plan to come if you want to do BR)</b>
Sat	Apr 13	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle Road</b>

The 4<sup>th</sup> or 85<sup>ème</sup> designation refers to whether we do the event as 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex or Saintonge (85).

**Drills:** Militia drills with Lexington Training Band: 2/23/02, 3/2/02– meet at St. Brigids in full kit  
French drill: March 9, place TBD (dress is modern, bring musket, hat, bayonet, cartridge box)  
Additional drills to be scheduled at the Feb 9 meeting (bring your calendar)

**Music Practices:** Fridays Feb 8, 22, Mar 1, Mar 8

**Workparties:** Bill Rose has offered his new home for Saturday workparties – dates TBD

### Winter Events:

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**Sat Feb 9 all Annual Meeting – 9:30 AM – Wayside Inn, Sudbury**

Our Annual Meeting will be on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the meeting will be voting on our 2002 schedule, voting for Corporate Officers and Board and voting for field officers. Plan on finishing between noon and 12:30. And bring your calendars ... 'voting' on the schedule really involves doing a headcount to see if we have enough people to make an event work ... so plan on checking your calendars frequently and bring a pencil to get the events in there! Dress is modern -- although the Inn loves to have people in 18th. c. kit around, so feel free to do that if you like.

**Sat Feb 16 all MMNHP: Weapons and Accoutrements Workshop MMNHP Visitor Center (10-4)**

Ordinary and Extraordinary Ordinance: Weapons and Accoutrements 1760s to 1860s: Join historians, collectors and fellow hobbyists as they speak of and show a variety of original and reproduction peices from the 1760s to 1860s, including canteens, muskets, swords, cannon and more. Learn how these weapons were used, how they dictated tactics in the American theater, and importantly, how documented evidence supports these claims.

**Fri Mar 1 Civilian Ordinary Evening – Wayside Inn, Sudbury – 6 PM – RSVP required**

Once again, the Sudbury Coys are hosting an "Ordinary Evening" at the Wayside Inn which Frank Marini is organizing. Simply put, it's an evening of good food and fun entertainment (and the next request is for the entertainers among you to sign up for what you'd like to do). Cost is \$25. Cash Bar. Dress is 18th century ... for those new to all this, we can get you into kit by then ... speak up if you're interested. The full invitation is included below. To make reservations, including entrée selection, contact Colonel Marini at (978) 562-2507.

**Sun Mar 17 85<sup>eme</sup> Evacuation Day Parade So Boston - 11:30 am assembly; 1 pm step-off (\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$)**

Our first parade of the year and a big fundraiser (\$1000) – let's have a good turn out. Notwithstanding the length (4 miles) and potential for cold, we turn the wait in the parking lot into a tailgate party complete with mulled cider (feel free to bring anything you'd like to contribute), march the requisite 4 miles up more hills than down, fire our annual volley at Dorchester Heights to commemorate Evacuation Day (the 225<sup>th</sup> this year!) ... and then head to Waltham for an early dinner and beer at Watch City Brewery. Don't lose heart if the weather's bad --- think of the rest of us who will miss you. Dress is French with white gaiters: if you don't have French kit, you can borrow one. Bring a full canteen, you'll need water. Assemble in the Gillette Parking lot at 11:30 (map & directions in the next newsletter). If you have a problem getting to the parking lot, park along Dorchester Ave (which is the straight line street that connects the route's starting point with the ending point). Step off is at 1 pm, but you won't be able to get into the parking lot after 11:30 -- bring something warm to wear while we wait. If anyone wants to caravan from Nelia's house, give her a call (781-899-5334). Note to those who do militia and not French: historically, we've done this as a French parade ... last year we did it as 2 companies (French and Militia) ... we'll talk about what to do this year at the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who came last year as militia certainly added both to the fun and to our our presence on the street – it would help our planning to know how many of you would be willing to come this year if we did something similar.

Sat Mar 23 4<sup>th</sup> Buckman Tavern Militia Muster  
Sat Apr 13 4<sup>th</sup> Battle Road  
Sun Apr 14 Battle of Willow Pond Tattoo

More at the Feb 9 meeting and in the next newsletter about Battle Road and related events. For the moment, you can check out the [www.battleroad.org](http://www.battleroad.org) website (click on the reenactors link at the top). The short version is that there will be a Battle Road and you should plan to make it to at least 2 militia drills if you want to participate.

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It's been a great year ... tailgate parties before the South Boston Parade; workparties at the Elliott's 'clubhouse' in Southborough; building chicken coops at Hartwell Tavern, redoubt service at Whitpain, breakfast for 100 at Bunker Hill, the ever-present crowds around Judy and Dan, enough water to empty the drum every 5 minutes on patrol at Crown Point, dawn attack at Fort 4, memorial service with Dracut firefighters a week after Sept 11, ice on the buckets and an inadvertant French reveille at White Plains ... and I'm still waiting to hear reports of what you guys managed to do at Trenton. We've had fun together ... we've turned out to support and educate the communities around us ... and we've marched through the 1776 campaign year. Thank you to everyone who put in work to make it all happen, who marched in the parades, who shared time and homes, who contributed ideas and effort ... and to each and everyone of you for making us who we are. Vive le Regiment! and Huzzah! to all of us.

Onward to 2002 ... we'll vote on our schedule at the meeting, but a quick look will show that a good portion of our year will be a continuing journey through 225<sup>th</sup> events, this year re-creating 1777: May 1777 at Hartwell Tavern, Buryoyne's Campaign (Crown Point), Hubbardton, a general call up of militia troops in August in response to the fall of Fort Ti and Saratoga. In addition to parades, we will have two opportunities to turn out as French: the Artillery Weekend at Fort Adams in Newport and Williamsburg over Labor Day weekend.

For those who weren't at the meeting, the suggestion (and request) was made to move towards more communication by email and use newsletters for AARs, research and other non-time sensitive information. Many people have said they'd rather get schedule information by email ... and much of the information we receive from event coordinators comes by email, so it's more effective to pass it on that way. Reliance on email, also allows me to get it to you in a more timely. So we'll be experimenting with a newsletter every 2-3 months and continuing the current email communications. If there are other email addresses you want on the list, please let me know. For those who don't get emails (or can't check it frequently enough), I'm looking for volunteers to form a phone chain to call them and pass on the information.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who needs a place to stay, call Steven (508-877-9648) and he'll try to coordinate floor space. For those outside of Boston, if you can't make it on the 9<sup>th</sup>, try to come up for Battle Road weekend. As always, if you have questions or need additional information about anything in this newsletter, please contact me at 781-899-5334 or [cwnewell@erols.com](mailto:cwnewell@erols.com).

*Your Servant*

*Nelia Newell, Adjutant & President*

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## *Captain's Corner*

Framingham on the Sudbury – January 2002

Hi Folks,

Well another busy year has passed the Regiment with a number of major accomplishments. Well, what have we done?

- Banded together with our friends with the Royal Deux-Ponts to make Whitpain one of the best events all year one of the more memorable events in years
- Worked with the Lexington Training Band (LTB) to bolster our numbers and improve our Militia Impression
- Amalgamated successfully with local units at the Bunker Hill event to make the event as best as we could despite the circumstances
- Help organize and support the event at Hartwell Tavern to create a successful event and a moving ceremony
- We were the one of the premier groups at White Plains and Trenton
- Banded together during times of need throughout the year to make serious issues appear benign.
- Will sponsor yet another group for entrance into the Continental Line
- Finally got Buttons !!!

Basically we have reinforced and improved ourselves in terms of community and camaraderie towards others in the Regiment and folks within our Hobby. All the events this year clearly showed evidence of this especially at Bunker Hill and through our association with the LTB. From what is on the Horizon – things look great.

The coming year has some great events and opportunities for the group. We are continually recruiting and are changing how we run meetings and drills to help improve our numbers and how our Regimental community is run.

At our last meeting, the events for the year were presented. Most of the events coming up for the year will be Militia focused. During the coming year we will put together some events that will be just French focused so we don't lose our "uniqueness" with this impression. As we look towards the two years, we have some local French events and we've been contacted about Savannah about that event. So things are looking up for us to be the main leads for these events.

As the year progresses there will be opportunities for folks to help in the everyday running of the Regiment. If you have an interest, please let myself or the staff know. The more folks who help with the planning ensure that we will have smoother running events in the future and help perpetuate the Regiment and the Hobby as a whole.

It's been my honor to be your Captain this year and I look forward with pride to serve you in the future.

*Pour le Roi et le Regiment*

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*For Massachusetts and Congress*

*Steven*

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### New Business

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**BAR Memberships:** BAR members should have received their membership forms in the mail. Please get them back with a check made out to the "Brigade of the American Revolution" to Nelia by March 15 at the latest (or at the South Boston parade). The BAR is one of the umbrella organizations we are affiliated with, but unlike the Continental Line, individuals are not members just because the unit is a member. Membership brings you the BAR publications which often have a wealth of research and interesting articles as well as access to BAR schools and clothing seminars (see [www.brigade.org](http://www.brigade.org) for more information and membership forms. The fee is \$25 for the first member of each household, and \$5 for additional members (note the increase). Please make your check out to "The Brigade of the American Revolution" and send the check along with your renewal form to me so I can send them all in together.

**Wayside Inn Door Duty:** the Sudbury Coys coordinate Sunday 'door duty' volunteers at the Wayside Inn who volunteer to greet guests at the Inn on Sunday afternoons in 18th century kit (and you get a free meal at the Inn after your shift!). In addition to the free meal, this is a good way to thank the Inn for letting us use their rooms for our meetings. Bob & Cathy Elliott are coordinating the schedule (you can sign up for one Sunday or more) -- contact them at [Belliott54@aol.com](mailto:Belliott54@aol.com). Frank Marini will be running a training session at the Inn following our meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make it to the training session, contact the Elliots anyways and let them know you're interested. The following Sundays are still open:

Feb 03:	Mar 10:	Apr 21:	Jun 02:
Feb 10:	Apr 07:	May 05:	Jun 09:
Feb 24	Apr 14:	May 19:	Jun 30:

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### Regimental Meeting

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- Report on the Continental Line meeting (Dana)
- Discuss & vote on 2002 Events (see event list elsewhere in newsletter)
- Company Elections (during break)
- Corporate Elections: Officers and Directors
- Schedule work parties and drills
- QM Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Issues from the Floor

If you won't be at the meeting, take a moment to fill out the ballot on the last page and get it back to Nelia before the meeting. We are looking for *everyone's* feedback on events and would like to have a fairly solid headcount on parades before we commit to them. To vote for officers/directors, you must be a voting member -- anyone who fielded as Saintonge or 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex in at least 2 of the public events that were on our official schedule qualifies as a voting member -- please check with Nelia if you're not sure.

**Elections:** we will be voting for **Commanding Officer, President, Safety Officer, Treasurer, Clerk and Board of Directors** (5 people). In addition, each company will vote for its **Company Sgts** (those who just do 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex vote with the Fusilier Coy). **Adjutant, Quartermaster and Recruiting Sgt** are appointed by the Commanding Officer once he's elected. If you do not plan to be at the February meeting, please get your ballot back to Nelia before the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Nominations**

**Corporate Officers**

*President (vote for one):*

*Nelia Newell*

*Commanding Officer (vote for one):*

*Steven Taskovics*

*Safety Officer (vote for one):*

*Bill Rose, Dana Rock, Abe Fisher*

*Treasurer (vote for one):*

*Abe Fisher*

*Clerk (vote for one):*

*Sterling Wall*

**Board of Directors**

*Carrie Albertin*

*Sue Felshin*

*Frank Marini*

*Myles McConnon*

*Dana Rock*

**2002 Schedule:** Enclosed is a list of events and descriptions based on what information we have. Look at it and think about what you'd like to do. If you won't be at the meeting, please circle the events you would plan to attend on the ballot and get it back to Nelia. You don't need to be a voting member to vote on the 2002 schedule ... in fact, we really want to hear from everyone!

*Back by Popular Demand!!*

***The Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute cordially invite you and your guests to  
The Second Annual 18th Century Ordinary Evening at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury,  
Massachusetts, on Friday, March 1***

*Libations 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. (Cash Bar)*

*Supper 7:00 P.M.*

*Tariff is \$25.00 per person – all inclusive (meal, tax, and gratuities)*

*Hearty Fare Includes:*

*New England Clam Chowder*

*Salad*

*Choice of Entrée (Yankee Pot Roast, Baked Schrod, or Chicken Pot Pie)*

*Dessert*

*Coffee or Tea*

*We are seeking individuals interested in performing period entertainment such as storytellers,  
musicians, vocalists, or any hidden talent you may have.*

*Please contact Frank Marini if you are willing to entertain your fellow Patriots!*

*To make reservations, including entrée selection, contact Frank Marini at (978) 562-2507.  
Payment must be received no later than Monday, February 25th. Checks should be payable to  
"Frank Marini" mailed to 42 Church Street, Hudson, MA 01749*

*(18th century attire is appropriate, but not mandatory)*

**85<sup>ème</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> - Invitations for 2002**  
*for discussion at the Regimental Meeting*

Look over the following list – those events in bold are the most likely. We need to know how many people would attend an event in order to decide whether the Regiment should put it on the schedule, so we will be asking all of you to give us a preliminary idea of what events you plan to make at the evening. Obviously, schedules change over the course of the year, but try to give us a reasonably good sense of what you're likely to do. If you won't be at the meeting call me or send me your (see email, address and fax # on back page) – *preferably before February 9!* – *Nelia*

2/2	85e	<b>Freezer Jam</b>
2/22, 3/1, 3/8	85e	<b>Music practice</b>
2/9	All	<b>Annual Meeting</b> – Wayside Inn (9:30-noon)
??	All	<b>Drills - we will be scheduling February, March and April Drills. Generally we've used Saturdays or weeknights –let us know what works best</b>
??	All	<b>Winter Workparty and Cartridge rolling</b> – Bill's house. Date(s) to be determined.
3/17	85e	<b>Evacuation Day Parade (aka South Boston)</b> – cold and long, but fun if we all do it, a chance to fire a salute at Dorchester Heights and a great tailgate party (fee: \$1000)
4/13	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle Road</b>
5/11	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Militia Muster &amp; Tavern Days</b> – Hartwell Tavern
5/26-27		<b>Memorial Day Parades:</b>
	4 <sup>th</sup>	• <b>Somerville</b> (Sunday afternoon) - \$650
	85e	• <b>Andover</b> (Monday morning) - \$300
	85e	• <b>Medford</b> (Monday afternoon) - \$600
6/1-2	85 <sup>e</sup>	<b>Artillery Weekend – Ft Adams</b>
6/22-23	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Crown Point – 225<sup>th</sup> Burgoyne Campaign</b>
6/29	85 <sup>e</sup>	<b>Rededication of Conanicut Battery:</b> we have been invited to participate in the rededication of the 1775 Conanicut Battery on Prospect Hill, Jamestown,, RI a gun battery built by the Colonials by order of the State Assembly. This small earthworks was later in 1775 occupied by the British, and Hessians were encamped on our island, and when the British left Newport, by the French. Jamestown is an island in the mouth of Narragansett Bay and the fortification was intended to guard the West Passage and thus protect Newport and Providence.
July 6-7	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hubbardton – 225<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Retreat from Mount Independence and the Battle of Hubbardton.</b>
Aug 10 or 11	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Militia Muster:</b> Continuing our recent tradition of finding ways to work with other local units to focus on what was happening in New England, Henry Cooke suggested a recreation of the general call up of militia troops following the fall of Fort Ti in July. To summarize Henry's idea: "The fall of Ticonderoga in July and the retreat of the Northern Army down the Hudson during July and August struck at the psyche of New England like a thunderbolt. It was effectively their version of September 11 - for the second time in two years. A general call up of militia troops in early August drew men from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The influx of militia turned the tide at Bennington and the large turnout of troops in September gave the Continentals the strength they needed to march north to face Gen. Burgoyne's overextended troops on September 19th and October 6th. During those hectic weeks, men and supplies would have been a common sight along the road as New England moved to stem the tide of disaster that threatened to cut them off from the rest of the continent."
Aug ??	85 <sup>e</sup>	Chambly??
9/7-8	85 <sup>e</sup>	<b>Williamsburg</b>
9/9	85 <sup>e</sup>	<b>Marlboro Parade &amp; Reg't Bday Party</b>
9/21-22 (?)	4 <sup>th</sup>	Shrewbury 275 <sup>th</sup> – Militia Muster. Possibly 85e as well.

**9/28**                    **85<sup>c</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>**    **Sudbury Faire & Muster of Fyfes and Drums**  
9-28-29                4<sup>th</sup>            Saratoga 225<sup>th</sup> . Remembrance of Saratoga: unlike the big 225<sup>th</sup> event in October, this is on park property and will involve a number of demonstrations as well as a tactical on Sunday morning. We could drive out after the Faire Saturday evening.

**Oct 4-6**                4<sup>th</sup>            **West Point/Fort Montgomery (BAR)**

**Oct 12-13**            4<sup>th</sup>            **2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Saratoga 225<sup>th</sup>**  
Other things to consider:  
225<sup>th</sup> Fort Anne (LHA) – July 13-14  
Ft. Stanwix – Aug 3-4  
225<sup>th</sup> Bennington (LHA).  
Fort Revere/Independence  
Invitations from Marlboro, Boy Scouts, Naval War College, Edaville Railroad

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Ballot

Votes on the proposed By-Law change and for Officers and Directors may be submitted by voting members (see list in newsletter) any time prior to counting the votes at the Regimental Meeting on February 10. If you will not be at the meeting and would like to vote, please submit your ballot to the Clerk (Nelia Newell) by 5 PM on February 9 in one of the following ways or have someone hand-deliver it at the meeting.

Mail: 9 Bradyll Road, Weston MA 02493  
Fax: 781-899-3684  
email: cwnewell@erols.com

### Directors and Officers

Corporate Officers (vote for the number indicated, you may also write in someone who is not listed)

President (vote for one):	Nelia Newell	_____
Commanding Officer (vote for one):	Steven Taskovics	_____
Safety Officer (vote for one):	Bill Rose, Dana Rock, Abe Fisher	_____
Treasurer (vote for one):	Abe Fisher	_____
Clerk (vote for one):	Sterling Wall	_____

Board of Directors (The Nominating Committee has provided the following list of nominations for the Board of Directors along with an indication of their roles in the regiment and how long they have been members (<4 years; >4 years):

*Carrie Albertin*  
*Sue Felshin*  
*Frank Marini*  
*Myles McConnon*  
*Dana Rock*

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12	Tavern		
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6/22-23	<b>Crown Point – 225<sup>th</sup> Burgoyne Campaign</b>	<u>Other things to consider – which are you interested in?</u>	
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the Second Annual*

***18<sup>th</sup> CENTURY ORDINARY EVENING***

*at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts  
Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> h*

*Libations 6:00 – 7:00 p. m. (Cash Bar)  
Supper 7:00 p.m.*

*Tariff is \$25.00 per person – all inclusive*

*Join us for an evening of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Regalement, which will include a hearty meal and period entertainment.*

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*Checks should be mailed to Frank Marini, 42 Church Street, Hudson, Ma. 01749.*

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