



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Janvier 2004.

*Du BUREAU du PRÉSIDENT, from
the President's Desk*

Mes Amis,

I hope that everyone one had a safe and happy New Year. It's time to kick off the 2004 season.

On Tuesday February 10 will hold our first Officer and Board Meeting of the Year; all members are welcome to join. The meeting will be held at Frank Marini's house at 7:00pm. Directions to Frank's house are located on later in the newsletter.

Our Next Regimental Meeting will be the first Saturday on March. This is due to a date and location change of the Continental Line Meeting. The CL Meeting will be held Saturday February 28, 2004 at Day Inn, Allentown, Pennsylvania. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know as soon as possible so we can send in your registration. During the March Regimental Meeting, we will be voting on our event schedule, this is why it is important to wait until the CL meeting to have our meeting.

At the Regimental Meeting we will be hold our annual elections. This is your opportunity to decide who going to lead the regiment through the 2004 Campaign Season. We are currently looking to put together a Nominations Committee to help put together the 2004 ballet. If you are interested, please contact me and I will add your name to the list. In the past we have found that the Nominations Committee works best if there are 5 people on the committee. The following positions will be up for vote the meeting, Commanding Officer, President, Treasurer, Clerk, Safety Officer, Board of Directors (5). There are a few appointed positions that people might be interested in as well, such as Adjutant, Recruiting Sergeant, and Quarter Master Sergeant. If anyone is interested in serving in any of these positions please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Your Humble Servant,

Dana Rock

Président du 85^{ème} Régiment de SaintOnge

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,
Captain's Report*

Hi Folks,

Happy New Year! The beginning of the 2004 Campaign season! Hope all is well with folks as we start off a busy Campaign Season.

Before the Holidays I received a large package from Bob Selig (independent researcher and member of the Royal Deux-Ponts). Within this package was a document of how the French recruited during the 18th Century. There were a few novel ideas – other then recruiting parties and posters – for example, playing cards. They were normal playing cards – but with an advertisement for recruiting on the back. The cards were popular in the larger towns as they were placed in cafés and taverns. The posters were also quite interesting – since some posters had two languages on them. Great ideas for future recruiting tools. I'll post some examples when they are converted to a digital format.

Since we are in Winter Quarters, this is the time to work on drill and equipment. Thanks to Dave Walrath, we've scored the Old Stow Town Hall as a rehearsal space (thanks Dave!). A fixed space allows us to have a fixed schedule, which is every second Saturday. We also have cartridges to roll and gaiters and hats to make. If you could let Dana or I know what weekday nights would work best for folks for workparties, or if it would make more sense to have a work party after drill, that would be great. We've talked about new cockades for the hats as

part of the workparties. Once I scan the last images of original cockades, I'll send them out to the Regiment. We can then vote on the ones that we like the best to adorn our current and new chapeau!

Due to changes in the Continental Line meeting location, the annual Continental Line meeting will not occur until the end of February. This may/will delay Saintonge's Annual meeting and election until the first week of March. This delay will be necessary so that the final Continental Line schedule can be presented to the voting body. Thanks and hope to see you all very soon!

*Pour le Roi et le Régiment,
Steven*

ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉALISÉS, Past Event<

December was a very quiet month as members of the regiment spent the month celebrating the holidays and preparing for the long cold winter. Look for event reviews in future editions of the newsletter – until then... Happy New Year!

ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, Upcoming Event<

*REGIMENTAL DRILL, Saturday,
January 10.* ~ **Arrival:** Please plan to arrive by 10 am at Stow Town Hall in Stow, MA. The drill will run from 10am to 12noon. Coffee will be waiting! **Directions:** Old Town Hall is on Route 117 in Stow, one block west of the intersection of Routes 117 & 62. There is limited parking on the street; additional parking is available at the "new" Town Hall directly across the street. From the East, take Rt. 117(W) to Rt. 62 (Stow Ctr.); Old Town Hall is on the right, one block west of the Rt. 117/62 intersection. From the West, take I495 to Rt. 117 (E) - Old Town Hall is about 8 miles on your left, just before the Rt. 62 intersection. From the South, take Rt. 62(E) to Route 117; turn right and it will be one block on your right. From the North, take Rt. 2 or Rt. 111 to Rt 62(W); take Rt. 62 to Rt. 117 and turn right for one block. **Details:** The drill in the morning will again focus on French maneuvers – please remember cartridge box, musket & hat. Please check your email for weather related cancellations. Hope to see everyone there!

BOD MEETING, Tuesday, January 12. ~ **Arrival:** Please plan to arrive by 7 pm at the home of Frank & Rosemary Marini in Berlin, MA. The meeting

is expected to last approximately 2 hours. **Directions:** The house is at 64 Brook Lane, Berlin, MA. Frank's number is (978) 838-2112 – just in case! **From Sudbury, Framingham, Concord:** Take Route 62 through Hudson. Stay on RT 62 through Rotary. You will come to a three way fork in the road. Take River Street on Left. Travel for about 3 Miles. Look for Meadow Brook Village on the right. Turn Right onto Brook Lane. Travel ¼ mile down Brook Lane. It's #64 Brook Lane on Left. **From 290 and 495:** Take 290 to the Solomon Pond Mall Exit. Turn Right at end of Ramp. Stay in far Left Lane. Travel Straight for 1 mile. You will come to a rotary; take first right onto River Road. Travel for about about 3 miles on River Road. You will pass the 1790 Farm. Meadow Brook Village will be on your Left. Turn Left onto Brook Lane. Travel 1/4 Mile down Brook Lane. It's #64 Brook Lane on Left. **Details:** The BOD meeting is open to all members of the regiment. The primary topic being discussed will be recruiting but anyone wishing to add items to the agenda should contact Dana or Steven. This is a great opportunity to see the BOD in action and to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes.

*REGIMENTAL MEETING, Saturday,
March 6.* ~ **Arrival:** The location will be the Old Town Hall in Stow, MA, time TBA. **Directions:** Old Town Hall is on Route 117 in Stow, one block west of the intersection of Routes 117 & 62. There is limited parking on the street; additional parking is available at the "new" Town Hall directly across the street. From the East, take Rt. 117(W) to Rt. 62 (Stow Ctr.); Old Town Hall is on the right, one block west of the Rt. 117/62 intersection. From the West, take I495 to Rt. 117 (E) - Old Town Hall is about 8 miles on your left, just before the Rt. 62 intersection. From the South, take Rt. 62(E) to Route 117; turn right and it will be one block on your right. From the North, take Rt. 2 or Rt. 111 to Rt 62(W); take Rt. 62 to Rt. 117 and turn right for one block. **Details:** This is a meeting you won't want to miss! Hear the latest information from the Continental Line meeting and get all the details for the events in 2004. This is your chance to voice your opinions about this year's schedule and the 2004 Board of Directors. Spend a few hours catching up with friends and hearing the plans for workparties, drills, recruiting, reenactments and other special events taking place in 2004. Your opinions matter – make sure you're there to voice them!



ROAD TO SAVANNAH

2004 marks the 225th anniversary of the Siege of Savannah – and event that will be observed at a reenactment in October of this year. In the coming month, pieces of information related to the Siege will be published in the newsletter. Anyone with additional historical information should forward it to the editor for inclusion in future issues. Enjoy!

To begin with here is a map from the Library of Congress collection. It is titled ‘Siège de Savannah fait par les troupes françoises aux ordres du général d’Estaing vice-amiral de France, en 7.^{bre} et 8.^{bre} 1779.’ A more detailed image, with fantastic zoom capability is available on the Library of Congress website: www.loc.gov.



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*4th MIDDLESEX MILITIA,
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Has anyone found any interesting tidbits that they would like share about the history of the 4th Middlesex Militia? Perhaps you could share your opinions about the research sources listed in last month's newsletter? Were your ancestors members of the original 4th Middlesex? The editor would love to hear from you! Please send your electronic submissions to the editor at gazettefrancoise@earthlink.net. Thanks for your help!

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*SAINTONGE BOARD of DIRECTORS,
The Duties of Each Position*

Duties of Commanding Officer: The Commanding Officer shall be the senior field officer commanding the Regiment at its field events. The Commanding Officer may appoint another person to act temporarily in such capacity, and may appoint such subordinate officers as he shall deem necessary or advisable. The

Commanding Officer shall designate members of the corporation to serve in the Grenadier, Chasseur, Musique or Fusilier companies, who shall elect the senior noncommissioned officer of each company.

Duties of President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and as such shall have charge of the affairs of the corporation subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors. The President or his or her designee shall preside at all meetings at which he or she is present.

Duties of Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the corporation. The Treasurer shall also have such powers and duties as customarily belong to the office of Treasurer ... [those duties include maintaining checking accounts and filing annual tax returns with the IRS and an annual report with the MA Atty. General].

Duties of Clerk: The Clerk shall record all proceedings of the members and directors in a book or books to be kept therefore and shall maintain such records...The Clerk shall also maintain or have custody of the books and records of the corporation relating to membership, participation of members in field events and related matters.

Duties of Safety Officer: The Safety Officer shall administer the safety rules and policies of the corporation, as adopted by the Board of Directors from time to time. Subject to the oversight and approval of the Board of Directors and the President, the Safety Officer may from time to time take other actions determined by such officer to be advisable in order to promote the effectiveness of the corporation's safety rules and policies.

Directors: The directors shall be responsible for the general management and supervision of the business and affairs of the corporation, including without limitation adoption and operation of all guidelines, policies, standards, procedures and rules necessary or advisable in connection with the activities of the corporation or otherwise contemplated by these bylaws, except to the extent specifically reserved to the members by Massachusetts law, the Articles of Organization or these bylaws.



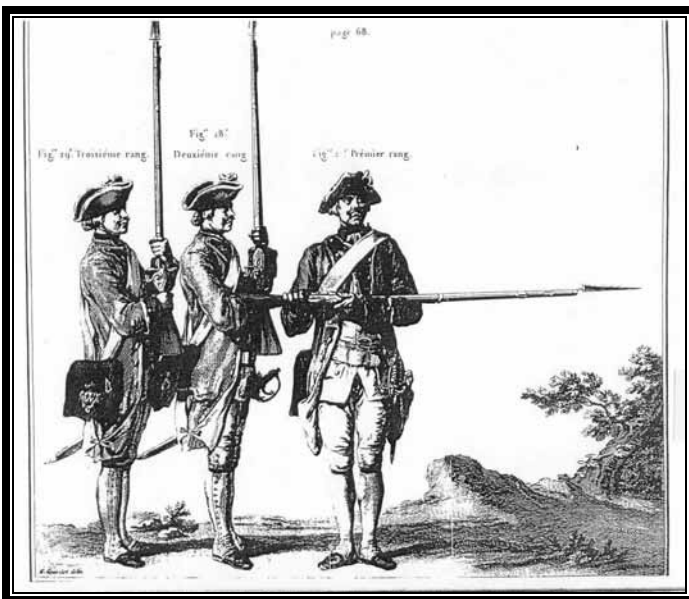
RECRUITING

This will be a big focus this year! We'll be looking for lots of white coats at events this year since 1779 marks the real beginning of the French presence and contribution to the Revolutionary War. Québec and Savannah will be two large and exciting events that will be looking for an impressive turnout of French forces.

To that end the regiment has brochures and business cards – be sure to ask for some so that you're prepared to when a passerby asks you about this crazy hobby you're involved in! In addition, the BOD will be developing recruiting posters based on the originals printed in Europe during the eighteenth century. Volunteers for this project are always welcome – just let the board know that you are interested!

We'll also be looking for new ways to recruit members. Some suggestions include putting up recruiting posters at the National Park and other local historic sites, visiting more antique arms shows, gaming conferences, and getting in touch with more of the local historical communities. Many members remember how impressive it was to see so many members in white coats for the Bicentennial of Yorktown, wouldn't it be great to see another field filled with the white uniformed soldats of the Régiment de Saintonge?

So if this sounds like something you'd like to see over the upcoming months and years, why not take a few moments and brainstorm on some recruiting ideas of your own. Then, just remember to share your ideas with Dana, Steven or one of the other board members! We'll have the ranks filled in no time!



From the 1776 reglement

Le PROGRAMME, the schedule for 2004

An incomplete schedule is listed below - the official schedule will be printed in the newsletter after it has been approved by the membership. Questions and suggestions may be directed to members of the BOD. It should be a great year !

Date	Unit	Event
Feb 10	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Berlin, MA
Mar 6	All	Regimental Meeting Stow, MA
Apr 17		Hartwell Tavern Muster Lincoln, MA
May 8		Tactical at Borderlands State Park Easton, MA
Jul 31 Aug 1		Quebec Event
Oct 10-11		225th Anniversary -Siege of Savannah Savannah, GA

EXERCICES et PRATIQUES, Drill & Practice

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 10	85e	French Drill (10-12) - Stow Town Hall, no musicians
Mar 6	85e	French Drill (TBA)
Apr 11	85e	French Drill (TBA)

Work-parties and additional drills will be scheduled throughout the year. If you have a specific project you would like to work on – let the captain or president know. Getting the French uniform and accoutrements in order will take top priority as the French prepare to take the field again this year!

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