

GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Avril 2005.

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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,  
Captain's Report*

Framingham on the Sudbury  
April 2005

Ready or not, here it comes. The 2005 Season is now upon us. I never thought the day would come when the snow would melt and I would see the grass, however the rain is damping my spirits.

I would like to thank all of the brave souls who came out for the Saint Patrick's / Evacuation Day Parade. I would have to say that this year's parade was the best one that I've attended in 10 years. The weather cooperated with us and there was a good turnout for spectators. Members in attendance: Frank, Les, Adam, Bill, Bryon, Dave, Ellie, Carl, Mathew, Kevin, Dana, Steven, William, Tim, Nelia, Elizabeth, Madeleine, Eleanor.

For all of those who are interested in attending the event in Charleston SC: This event is really starting to take shape and promises to be a lot of fun. The regiment is planning to attend this event and will be going as French. Please let me know if you are planning to attend the event. The following members have said they plan on attending: Steven, Dana, Bill R, Adam, Glenn, Todd and Bill P. The organizers of the event have chartered a 56 Seat Motor Coach leaving from Framingham. They have also rented a truck, which will follow the bus down the Charleston; the truck will carry camp and personal gear for those planning to fly. I need to send in our returns, so I need to hear from everyone no later than April 6th.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

*Your Humble Servant,*

*Dana Rock,  
Président Régiment de SaintOngé*

Welcome to Campaign 2005! It would have started off with Dorchester Heights but I cancelled it due to a (OK one guess here) blizzard. Now the folks in Boston had rain and were a little on the cold side, but from where I was sitting, it was more than a little white. However, a mere two weeks later, we marched in the South Boston Saint Patrick's Day parade. As fate would have it, one of the warmest St. Paddy's Day parades we've marched in a while. Thanks to all who came out! Welcome to the Mees family who came out in total for their first gig and Tim Sullivan for helping William with drumming duties.

I attended a number of meetings during March for Battle Road and Newport, RI. I have reports on both meetings that include detailed schedules later on in the newsletter. Briefly, the Battle Road battle plan for the addition of the East Field is complete. There will be a walk-thru of the site scheduled for April 2 for the unit commanders and the Park. The event, like last year, is scheduled for 10-4 on April 16. For Newport, plans have changed little since my last report. The VIP function has been moved to Friday evening 7/8/05 at the Naval College. Saturday 7/9/05 we are expected to be in Newport, hopefully there will be enough boats that morning to land us all at King's Park. Sunday, we can expect to spend all of our time at Fort Adams.

As I stated before, we will be busy in Newport.

Finally, we have a couple of drills coming up on Sunday April 3 and Saturday April 9. The April 3<sup>rd</sup> drill will be a combined drill hosted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts Regiment, which will include a good portion of the Northern Department Regiments. Details are included

later in the newsletter. The drill on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> will be over at the Wayside Inn, unless otherwise directed. Again, thanks to everyone who has made the drills and meetings.

See you all very soon!

*Pour le Roi et le Régiment,  
Steven*



## *ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, Upcoming Events*

### *DRILL & Swap Meet, Saturday, April 3*

~ **Arrival:** 9 AM sharp and wrap up around 4:00

**Directions:** From Route 3 heading North towards the NH border take exit 35 Dunstable / Tyngsboro. This exit will bring you onto Route 113, head west. Proceed on Rt 113 about 4 miles and you will come to the center of town, White Church on the Left - Red brick Town Hall on the right. Parking will be available near the Town Hall. For those of you coming a longer distance you may want to car pool. **Details:** The focus will be drilling as amalgamated units, giving Captains and NCO's the ability to try commands that need more than one platoon. Each Capt - NCO group will be assigned a time on the schedule to command the unit. The day will end with a mock formation with Lights, Militia, and Infantry maneuvering on the field. Based on attendance we may be able to form light, militia and infantry companies. Please come in full kit as either Militia or CL.

### *DRILL Saturday, April 9. ~ Arrival:*

Plan on arriving at the wayside at 9:30am **Directions: East of Sudbury.** Rt. 20 West. Into Sudbury take a right at large green sign "Wayside Inn Road" and the Inn is 1/4 miles down on your right (parking on your left). **West of Sudbury:** Rt. 20 East for approximately 5 miles, past The Home Depot for .8 miles and turn right for "Wayside Inn Road." Go back across Rt. 20 and travel down Wayside Inn Road for approximately 1 mile, and the Inn is on your left (parking on your right). **Details:** In preparation for the Battle Road 2005 event on April 16th, the 4th Middlesex will be having a combined drill with the Sudbury Companies of Minute and Militia. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to brush up on our 64 Manual of Arms. As a favor to the Wayside Inn for letting us drill in their fields, we will be drilling

in full kit. The schedule is as follows.

### Saturday's Agenda:

8:30am.....cancellation notice published (if required)  
9:30am.....coffee & danish  
10 - 11am.....Manual of Arms & drilling review  
11 - noon.....musket firing drill

### *REGIMENTAL WORK PARTY, Tuesday,*

*April 12 ~ Arrival:* Doors open at 7pm. Folks are invited to stay until 9pm. **Directions:** Bill & Cori Rose will be opening their home to us for the evening. Their address is 36 Rocky Dundee Road in Bolton and the phone number is 978.779.5488. (*Editor's note: These directions are my best recollection on how to get to Bill's - if you haven't been there before, please email the list to verify the directions*) The best route to Bill's house is from Route 495. From Route 495, take Exit 27 (Route 117) and head west on Route 117 into Bolton. In Bolton center, at the blinking light, take a left onto Watoquodoc Road. You will pass Nashoba Valley Winery and Orchards on your left. Take your next left onto Old Bay Road - it's a sharp turn and easy to miss. Follow Old Bay Road to the end and take a right. You will pass Rocky Dundee Farm (or something with a similar name) and the road will end a bit further ahead at a dead end/dirt path. Take a left turn immediately before the dead end. Follow the road around the island and continue straight on the far side. Bill's house is the large colonial on a slight rise - #36. **Details:** Bill Rose is generously offering his home for a series of winter work parties over the coming months. They will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, from approximately 7pm to 9pm - any changes will be published to the email list and in upcoming newsletters. Bring whatever project you are currently working on - cartridge boxes, gaiters, hats, musket repairs, leatherwork or sewing - whatever could use a few more hours of work! Projects that will be given special attention will be listed in the February newsletter - call Bill, Steven or Dana with questions or suggestions.

### *BATTLE ROAD: THE PRELUDE TO WAR, Saturday, April 16. ~ Arrival:*

Friday April 15. Encampment areas open from 5:00 pm for those re-enactors wishing to stay overnight. If overnight camp is set up, Camp Quartermasters should be available to ensure set-up in correct areas. For those Re-enactors arriving on Saturday, please plan to be at the park between 8:00am and 9:30am. **Directions:** Parking for this

year's event will be at Lincoln North.. From I-95/Route 128 - Take the Route 2A exit (Exit 30) towards Concord/ East Lexington. At the end of the ramp take a Right on Route 2A West. Follow Route 2A for 1.3 miles. Take a right onto Hanscom Road. Follow Hanscom Road for .6 miles. Take a left onto Old Bedford Road. Follow Old Bedford Road for .2 miles, Lincoln North office park will be on your left. Once you have parked, follow the path at the back end of the parking lot to Old Virginia Road and onto the Hartwell Tavern. **Details:** This event will be very similar to Battle Road 2004 held at the Hartwell Tavern. Since the event scenario is set in 1775, we'll be attending this event as 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex – so please dress accordingly. Due to the large number of participants there will be no organized commissary – all participants must provide their own food and drink. Last minute details will be available at [www.battleroad.org](http://www.battleroad.org). Now that the mundane details are out of the way, read on to learn more about the scenario for the day...

The year is 1775 and the fate of Massachusetts and perhaps all of New England is in doubt. General Gage and his Boston Garrison have been enforcing the Boston Port Bill and the Massachusetts Government Acts of 1774 for the past year. These acts of coercion are in response to Boston Town's refusal to pay a tax on tea. This tax was forced on this town without consent as the ship money of old. The Acts themselves exempted soldiers and officials from being tried in the colony, gave the King the right to appoint the Governor's council, gave the King's Sheriffs the power to choose jurors for local trials, limited our town meetings to one per year, and most insultingly closed the port of Boston. Tensions had increased over that year and almost reached a boiling point in February when a British column under Lt. Col Lesley attempted to raid Salem in order to obtain the arms stored there. Conflict was only avoided after the citizens of that town negotiated with Lesley such that his soldiers would cross the bridge, forgo their raid, and then depart thereby minimally carrying out their orders.

Since the showing in February, the Regulars have been holed up in Boston while the countryside is abuzz with preparation for General Howe's next move.

**Boston Garrison** (located at the Captain Smith House)  
Come visit the soldiers and loyal citizens of Boston as they go about everyday life in a garrisoned town. Tour the Regular's encampment, visit headquarters, observe the soldiers drilling, or speak with some of the citizens from Boston about their feelings on recent events.

**Boston Neck** (located on Old Virginia Road)  
Aside from crossing to Boston by water, Boston Neck is the only access to the town. Notice the fluidity of the situation during this time prior to war as people from the

town leave as refugees. Meanwhile, the Redcoats are living in their encampment on Boston Common. The British Army surgeon may pay a visit there to examine the soldiers and attend to their sick. Supplies from the countryside cross into Boston to the patriotic citizens left and some people cross into Boston on Provincial "business". Beware of the guards stationed here on your way: they are likely to challenge all who pass.

**The Countryside** (located at the Hartwell Tavern)  
See the citizens of Massachusetts as they prepare for the Regulars next move. Listen to them debate the issues of the day, deal with local Tories, send supplies to Boston, drill the troops, and manage the daily tasks of working in an agrarian community such as cooking, repairing clothing, and more.  
With both sides on edge and tempers flaring, the fear of a skirmish between the militia and the Regulars is very real.



*GALERIE des IMAGES,*  
*Picture Gallery*



South Boston, MA. Waiting for the Parade to start.



South Boston, MA. "Are we there yet?"

# Battle Road 2005 Schedule

**Friday, April 15.** Encampment areas open from 5:00 pm for those re-enactors wishing to stay overnight. If overnight camp is set up, Camp Quartermasters should be available to ensure set-up in correct areas.

## Saturday, April 16

0700 - 0900	Camp Quartermasters arrive on site. Load-in by re-enactors setting up tents or kitchens at Hartwell Tavern or Smith House. Set up information booth. Temporary parking allowed in public lot or at roadside to expedite load-in. All re-enactor vehicles must move to re-enactor parking areas by 9:00 am.
0800 - 0930	Re-enactor arrivals on site. Parking at re-enactor parking areas only.
0930 - 1000	Camp QM inspects camp for anachronisms
1000	Public hours begin – first formations and inspections for battalions. Public demonstrations of political dialog, camp life, and military exercise, firing, etc., begin. Re-enactors posted to information booth.
1000 - 1100	First Battalion exercises at Bloody Angle and West Field.
1130	Officers and NPS Staff meeting at Bloody Angle to review details for afternoon activities
1100 – 1200	Second Battalion exercises at West Field and moves to East Field
1200 - 1245	First Michigan Fifes and Drums in front of Tavern on Road
1145 - 1245	Nooning
1245 - 1300	Militia begins to assemble
1315	Militia marches out of Tavern and assembles out of site of Battle Road
1330 - 1345	Crown Forces assemble and march out of Smith House
1345	Skirmish line beings firing once Crown Forces have stopped at Virginia Road location.
1400	Three commemorative volleys from First Battalion. After 3 <sup>rd</sup> volley, Crown begins push.
1420	Crown pushes past First Battalion – Second Battalion starts
1435	Crown pushes past Second Battalion – Second Battalion moves to East Field
1445	Crown pushes past Hartwell Tavern to East Field orchards – Parker’s revenge sprung.
1500	Rear of Crown Column pushes past East Field and through Boston Neck
1500 - 1545	Corps of Drum Society starts performance at the Hartwell Tavern and eventually marches past Boston neck to end at Smith House.
1600	End of Public demonstrations
1610 - 1730	Break-down of Tavern displays and safe home.

### All day activities:

- Surgical and herbal demonstrations in Tavern
- Blacksmith in rear of Tavern
- Fabric arts demonstrations in and around Tavern area
- Food preparation
- Children’s Games



**TWELFTH NIGHT BALL**  
***The Sudbury Companie of Militia***  
***and Minute***

Cordially invites you and your guests to our  
*Twelfth Night Ball*

*At the Wayside Inn, Sudbury,*  
*Massachusetts*

**Friday, April 22nd at 8:00 p.m.**



Musick and Contra Dance calling  
 by Yankee Ingenuity

18<sup>th</sup> Century attire is appropriate  
 (but not required)

Join us as we celebrate Spring and toast another  
 sound defeat of  
 His Majesty's forces at the  
 North Bridge in Concord.

\$36.00 per couple/ \$18.00 per person at the door  
 \$32.00 per couple/ \$16.00 per person if you prepay  
 before


Tuesday, April 19th 2005 by sending cheque to:


Sudbury Companie of Militia & Minute  
 P.O. Box 187  
 Sudbury, MA 01776

Reservations for dinner at the  
 Inn may be made by calling  
 (978)443.1776



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

 *Fencing Seminar, April 9* ~ **Details:** Due to scheduling conflicts, the April 9<sup>th</sup> Fencing Seminar will be postponed. The new date has not been set, however we are looking to reschedule around the month on June. If you have not yet signed up and still want to, please contact Adam Carriere at [adamc1776@yahoo.com](mailto:adamc1776@yahoo.com) or by phone 339 927 0087, no later then May 23rd.

 **THANK YOU** – Many thanks to Elizabeth Mees for providing pictures for this month's newsletter. Thank you to everyone for volunteering their time! Through out the year I will be asking people to help me with the newsletter. I will be looking for pictures, after action reports, articles, recipes, etc – anything you have to send would be wonderful! Additional submissions will be gratefully received at [stonge85@comcast.net](mailto:stonge85@comcast.net)

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The Following is the translation from the Ordonnance du Roi, Concernant le régiment Provincial de la ville de Paris. Du 20 Juin 1779. Which appeared in last month's Newsletter.

Thank you Carrie Albertin for the Translation.



Commandment of the King  
Concerning the provincial regiments of the City of Paris  
Of the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1779  
By the King

His Majesty considers making several changes to the composition of the Provincial regiment of Paris, in order to put it in a state to satisfy the service to which He destines it; He has ordered and commands what which follows:

First Article

The officers of the Provincial regiment of Paris with be augmented by a Quartermaster-treasurer, an Adjutant, a Surgeon-major, and a Drum major, that His Majesty creates by the present Ordinance; to which it will be paid by day, know: to the Quartermaster-treasurer, 3 pounds; to the Adjutant, sixteen sous 8 deniers; to the Almoner, 1 pound 13 sous 4 deniers; to the Surgeon major, 2 pounds 10 sous; & to the Drum major, 15 sous 4 deniers: To the means of this augmentation, the officers assembly will consist of a Colonel, a Lieutenant-colonel, a Major, a Quartermaster-treasurer, two Flag-bearers, an Adjutant, an Almoner, a Surgeon-major, & a Drum-major.

2.

His Majesty establishes in each company of Grenadiers and Fusiliers, a sergeant and two corporals, in addition to those who are already there, & doing away with three men of each of the said companies.

3.

To the means of the arrangement of article 2 of the present Ordinance, each company of Grenadiers will continue to be commanded by a Captain, a Lieutenant, a (SUB)lieutenant; & and in the future will be made of three Sergeants, six Corporals, 99 Grenadiers, & two Drums: And each company of Fusiliers will also continue to be commanded by a Captain, a Lieutenant & a (SUB)lieutenant; & will be composed of three Sergeants, six Corporals, 139 Fusiliers, & two Drums.

4.

The intention of His Majesty is to count from the day of arrival of this regiment to the prescribed destination, the

Officers, lower Officers, Grenadiers, Fusiliers & Drums, so they of the creation of this corps, that those of the augmentation prescribed here below, will be paid of their appointments & pay (income), conforming to article 4 fo the Title III of the Ruling of the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1778, concerning the Provincial Troops.

5.

As to the means of the pay which this regiment must enjoy, during their employment by His Majesty, it will be established a Mass of sixteen deniers per day per sergeant, Adjutant, Drum major, & of eight deniers for each Corporal, Grenadier, Fusilier & Drummer, for the upkeep of clothes and shoes.

6.

His Majesty authorizes the superior Officers of the Officer Corps for the said regiment, to establish a Masse of fifteen pounds per man, for the practical means in the regiments of his Infantry.

7.

The city of Paris will furnish the replacement of the men of this regiment, by way of enlistments, there will not be any leave of seniority, of reform or of pardon, except by the proposition which will be to the Secretary of War, the general Officer which his majesty charges to make the review of the inspection. The price of the said leave of grace will be taken back until the new order, between the hands of the Lieutenant general of the police of the city of Paris, in order to be joined to the funds that this city has for the raising of recruits. The duration of the enlistments will continue to be eight years, as it was ruled by His Majesty on the 24th of April 1777.

8.

His Majesty wishes that his preceding proclamations, concerning the provincial Troops, and his French Infantry, will be followed in all that is not found to be contradictory to the present [ordonnance].

His Majesty mandates and orders the Governors and Lieutenant-generals in his provinces, to the Governors and Commanders of his cities and places, to the Commissaries of War & to all his other Officers who he will be charged with the execution of the present Proclamation.

Done at Versailles the 28th of June, 1779.

Signed LOUIS and below, THE PRINCE OF MONTBAREY.

In Paris, from the Royal Printers 1779







*Le PROGRAMME,  
the schedule for 2005*

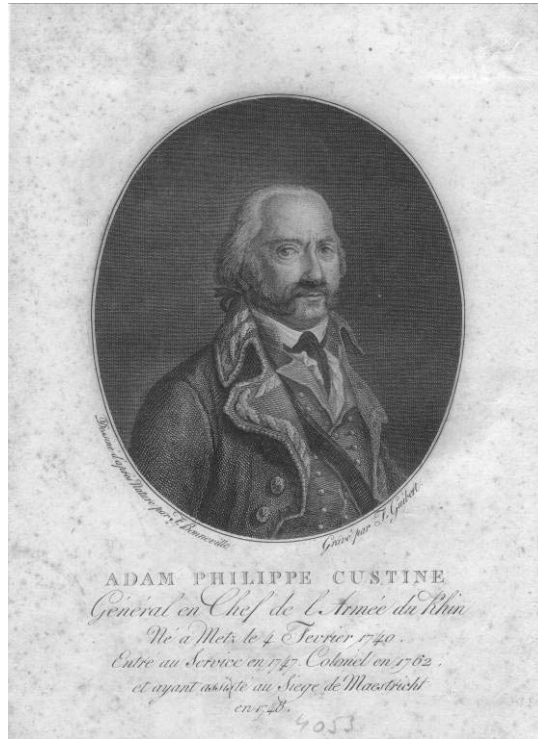
The events listed below are the official schedule for 2005 - as approved by the membership at the annual meeting. Questions and suggestions may be directed to members of the BOD.

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 11	All	<b>Work Party at the Rose's (7-9)</b> Bolton, MA
Feb 8	All	<b>Work Party at the Rose's (7-9)</b> Bolton, MA
Feb 26	All	<b>Regimental Annual Meeting (10-12)</b> Berlin, MA
Mar 8	All	<b>Work Party at the Rose's (7-9)</b> Bolton, MA
Apr 12	All	<b>Work Party at the Rose's (7-9)</b> Bolton, MA

*EXERCICES et RENDEVOUS,  
Drills & Distaff Gatherings*

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 8	All	<b>French Drill &amp; Distaff Gathering (10:30-12)</b> Old Town Hall, Stow, MA
Feb 12	All	<b>French Drill &amp; Distaff Gathering (10:30-12)</b> Old Town Hall, Stow, MA
Mar 12	All	<b>French Drill &amp; Distaff Gathering (10:30-12)</b> Old Town Hall, Stow, MA
Apr 3	All	<b>4th Middlesex and 2<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts Drill</b> Dunstable, MA
Apr 9	All	<b>4th Middlesex and Sudbury Drill</b> Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
May 14	All	<b>French Drill &amp; Distaff Gathering (TBA)</b> TBA

Date	Unit	Event
Mar 12	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dorchester Heights</b> Dorchester, MA
Mar 13	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MMNHP rally</b> Lexington, MA
Mar 20	85eme	<b>St. Patrick Day Parade</b> Boston, MA
April 16	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle Road</b> Lexington, MA
May 13 – 15	85eme	<b>225<sup>th</sup> Siege of Charleston</b> Charleston, SC
May 21- 22	Music	<b>Drummers Call</b> Williamsburg, VA
May 21- 22	85eme	<b>Little Farm</b> Newbury, MA
May 29	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Somerville, MA
May 30	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Andover, MA
Jul 8-10	85eme	<b>Landing of Rochambeau</b> Newport RI
Aug 6 -7	85eme	<b>Old Sturbridge Village Timeline</b> Sturbridge Village, MA
Sept 5	85eme	<b>Labor Day Parade/ Regimental Birthday Party</b> Marlborough, MA
Sept 24	85eme	<b>Sudbury Muster</b> Sudbury, MA
Sept 25	4 <sup>th</sup> / 85eme	<b>Rehoboth</b> Rehoboth, MA
Oct 7 -9	85eme	<b>Warren Farm</b> Chelmsford, MA
Oct 1	85eme	<b>Weymouth Day Parade</b> Weymouth, MA
Nov 19	85eme	<b>Plymouth Time Line</b> Plymouth, MA



*Comte Adam Philippe de Custine.  
Colonel du Régiment de Saintonge  
...more to come on Custine next month*

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