



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Décembre 2005.

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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,
Captain's Report*

It's hard to believe that the year is almost over. Where did the time go?

Framingham on the Sudbury
December 2005

Thanks are in order for Frank and Rosemary Marini for securing a place for us to meet last month. The morning drill went very good, I can see a huge improvement within the group. I think we are well on our way to being the best drilled group in the Continental Line. The meeting went extremely well, I think Steven and I were able to keep the meeting down to less than an hour and a half.

Hi Folks,

As we draw to a close the current campaign season we look to the very busy season that approaches. Based on the meeting at the beginning of November, I think that everyone has a good idea of what we will be involved in.

I'd like to thank all those who have volunteered to serve of the Nominating Committee this year. The nominating committee will consist of Frank Marini, Brain Mixter, Adam Carriere, Ellie Hutchinson, and Abe Fisher. I have asked Abe to be the Committee Chair Person, so if you have someone that you would like to nominate to serve as on the Board of Directors, a Cooperate Officer or Commanding Officer, please contact Abe Fisher at AbeFisher@earthlink.net

Thanks to everyone who came to the Regimental Drill and Meeting. Frank and Rosemary Marini were, as usual, perfect hosts for the Drill and gathering. The Line looked great as we went through our maneuvers. Welcome to Mary Harder who came out to drill with us – she looked like a pro! After the drill we gathered for a pot-luck lunch and jumped straight into the meeting. Bill, Dana, and I presented the schedule and events for the coming year – which are significant. The meeting ended pretty much on time as Dana predicted.

I'd also like to thank everyone who braved the cold and joined us for the encampment and parade in Plymouth last month. A special thanks to Anita for cooking us a superb lunch. From what I could tell, everyone had a great time, and the public loved talking to us.

We gathered again in Plymouth for their Thanksgiving Parade. Fortunately, the weather was quite nice and we gathered a very nice crowd. Anita kept us well fed and warm with stew and warm cider. There is a great write-up on this event later in the newsletter.

As we discussed at the November meeting, we are going to meet once a month for a meeting and drill. Please set aside the second Saturday of the Month in January, February, March and April. We currently do not have a location, but as soon as we have one, we will let everyone know.

Earlier this week, I had a great conversation with Pete Schaaphock of the BAR. Basically, the conversation was similar to the conversation I had with Paul Ackermann with the additional comments on the BAR/CL/BB meeting at Yorktown. The BAR is pushing for 3 events next year: Southbury, CT, Ridgefield, CT, and the Grand Reconnaissance at White Plains, NY. The Grand Reconnaissance is actually a reenactment of the French and American columns probing the NY defenses in preparation for an attack on

Happy holidays!!!

*Your Humble Servant,
Dana Rock,
Président Régiment de SaintOnge*

NY. Pete did not think that there would be an event in New Jersey and did not want to support the event in Philadelphia for the same reasons that we didn't want to support the event. The BAR is also very excited about the Prelude to Victory event at Williamsburg.

Building the French numbers for Yorktown is an important goal for next year. Pete reiterated the BAR's approach of adding 40 men in French uniform. The approach is to talk to the early war units in the BAR and asking them to convert. This way they can have cohesive units with a fixed command structure. For Yorktown the BAR and the Park Service is only looking at units that exist within the BAR/CL/BB. This removes the BAR from vetting individual units, which makes it easier for the BAR and the Park to invite units to the event.

Finally, Pete and I discussed the Yorktown event itself. There will be events at both Yorktown and Endview Plantation. It was a good meeting with representatives from the BAR, CL (Chip Gnam and Jeff Lambert), BB (Don Beale) and the Park. Don Beale was able to get the entire town of York as his encampment. As a result, there will be nothing modern in the town. The 23rd will be camped at the Fusilier's redoubt – which is at the Yorktown Victory Center. There are planned attacks at both the redoubts 9 & 10 as well as the Fusilier's redoubt. One of the planning issues is all the "side shows" going on by the various historical and fraternal organizations. All of these "shows" have requested reenactor presence, however each show has to be managed by the event and Regimental staffs. One of the consequences is that access to Yorktown on Thursday will be limited due to the events. Pete and I also discussed the organizational structure for the French Army. Pete officially asked if I would take the overall command of French forces, which I accepted. No surprise there.

As 2006 approaches, more folks are interested in the Yorktown event as French. I was contacted recently by Lauzan's Legion from Wisconsin. I'm currently working with them to find a way for them to join the Continental Line. Currently Lauzan's is expecting on fielding four men at arms and an artillery company of six. We are still working with the BAR to grow their Line as well as finding other folks who want to come on board with us. Recruiting will be a big item for us this year. So, if you have any folks who you think would be interested, let Bill, Dana, and I know.

We are currently looking at work parties for the coming year. The notices will probably go out on the website, so stay tuned!

That's all I have for now.

Joyeux Noel et une Bonne Anni!

*Pour le Roi et le Régiment,
Steven*



ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉALISÉS, Past Events

PLYMOUTH, MA November 19th

The weather at the Plymouth event was beautiful. It was a little cool, in the 40's with a light wind, which was perfect for marching; Last year's weather was overcast and in the 30's

We had an excellent turn out for the event. The following members turned out of the event. Dana, Steve (fyfe), Les, Rudy Arn, Jeff Campbell, Carl & Ellie Hutchinson, Klaus & Sherry Schneller, Matthew & Liz Mees, Eleanor & Madeline Mees, Anita & Bruce Bausk, Sue Felshin, Bill Rose, Abe, Colleen, Teddy, Wendy Humphreys & Beth Humphrey (fyfe). This gave us nine muskets (with Abe as Sergeant), one officer, two fifers and a handful of distaff.

We began the day by setting up camp at 8:30; we were done by 10:15. After setup we headed out at 10:30 for assembly point which was about 1.5 miles away from camp. We arrived at the assembly area at 11:15 and met several friends from Old Guard, 5th Foot and Lexington who were also in the parade

We were positioned in Division 2; same as last year; in first half of the total parade. There were and estimated 60 units total in the parade this year. This year the Mattatuck Fyfe & Drum were in front of us. They were a bit loud but their drums kept us in step. The Parade stepped off at 11am and we started moving around 11:40. We were back in camp around 12:30.

As in previous years the parade was televised to all local Plymouth TV stations plus broadcast for troops overseas and especially those in Iraq. Steven was interviewed by local cable TV after we passed the reviewing stand. In an effort to bring in new recruits, Anita feed the Cable TV announcer some of our stew.

After the parade many of us stayed in camp to enjoy the wonderful Stew and Mulled Cider that Anita cooked up for us. Followed by a drill and firing demonstration for the public.

The Coast Guard put on a great demonstration of a sea rescue in the bay just off the point where we were camped. Breads, popovers, cookies, brownies and other goodies were brought by Liz Mees, Sherry S. and Jeanne Malecki. Over all we had a great day and we look forward to participating again next year.

Humbly Submitted by,
Dana Rock



GALERIE des IMAGES,
Picture Gallery



*TWELFTH NIGHT BALL,
Friday, January 13th*

*The Sudbury Companie of Militia and Minute
Cordially invites you and your guests to our*

*Twelfth Night Ball
Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts
Friday, January 13th at 8:00pm*



**Musick and Contra Dance calling by Yankee
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**Be our King and Queen by finding the magic
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**Toast the passing of Winter Solstice with
Meeting House Punch!**

*\$36 per couple/ \$18.00 per person at the door
\$32.00 per couple/ \$16.00 per person if you prepay
before*

January 9th, 2006 by sending a cheque to:

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

*Reservations for dinner at the Inn may be made by
calling (978) 443-1776*

*If you have any questions, please contact
Col. Klaus Schneller at
(508) 495-1779 or kssmet@verizon.net*



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Additional submissions will be gratefully received
(hint... hint...) at stonge85@comcast.net.

A special Thanks to Sherry Schneller for
providing pictures for this month's newsletter.

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*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	Work Party at the Rose's (7-9) Bolton, MA
Feb 8	All	Work Party at the Rose's (7-9) Bolton, MA
Feb 26	All	Regimental Annual Meeting (10-12) Berlin, MA
Mar 8	All	Work Party at the Rose's (7-9) Bolton, MA
Apr 12	All	Work Party at the Rose's (7-9) Bolton, MA
Jun 14	All	Work Party at Steven's (7-9) Framingham, MA

*EXERCICES et RENDEVOUS,
Drills & Distaff Gatherings*

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 8	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (10:30-12) Old Town Hall, Stow, MA
Feb 12	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (10:30-12) Old Town Hall, Stow, MA
Mar 12	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (10:30-12) Old Town Hall, Stow, MA
Apr 3	All	4th Middlesex and 2nd Massachusetts Drill Dunstable, MA
Apr 9	All	4th Middlesex and Sudbury Drill Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
May 14	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (TBA) TBA
June 11	All	Fencing Seminar Burlington, MA
Nov 11	All	Drill & Distaff Gathering Annual Meeting Berlin,, MA

Date	Unit	Event
Mar 12	4 th	Dorchester Heights Dorchester, MA
Mar 13	4 th	MMNHP rally Lexington, MA
Mar 20	85eme	St. Patrick Day Parade Boston, MA
April 16	4 th	Battle Road Lexington, MA
May 13 – 15	85eme	225th Siege of Charleston Charleston, SC
May 21-22	Music	Drummers Call Williamsburg, VA
May 21-22	85eme	Little Farm Newbury, MA
May 29	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
May 30	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
July 8,9,10	85eme	Landing of Rochambeau Newport, RI
Aug 6 -7	85eme	Old Sturbridge Village Timeline Sturbridge Village, MA
Sept 5	85eme	Labor Day Parade/ Regimental Birthday Party Marlborough, MA
Sept 17	4 th	Applefest Parade Northborough, MA
Sept 24	85eme	Sudbury Muster Sudbury, MA
Sept 25	4 th	Rehoboth Rehoboth, MA
Oct 1	85eme	Lebanon Lebanon, CT
Oct 2	85eme	Medford Parade Medford, MA
Oct 7 -9	85eme	Warren Farm Chelmsford, MA
Nov 19	85eme	Plymouth Time Line Plymouth, MA



Plymouth MA, November 2005
Plymouth Thanksgiving Day Parade

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