



# GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Juillet 2005.

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

Newport is almost here. We've been talking about this event for months, and now it's upon us. The latest returns indicate that we will have over 40 people attending the event. If you have not yet sent me your returns for this event, it's not too late, please call me or send me an email and let me know. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help bring gear to Newport. With over 40 mouths to feed, we have a lot of gear that needs to be transported. Please give me a call or send me an email if you are able to transport gear. Please remember, if the gear doesn't get there, we don't eat.

Last week, the Board of Directors got together to discuss upcoming events. The main topic of discussion was Old Sturbridge Village. The folks as OSV have asked us to participate in many of their activities that will take place throughout the weekend. These events include: **Candlelight Stroll:** we will set up a vignette where visitors can meet a French Grenadier and learn about this elite & highly trained soldier. **Fashion Show:** we have both men & women who can discuss/display 18<sup>th</sup> C clothing. **Recreated Battle:** our forte...we can also demonstrate a French bayonet charge. **Roleplaying for Member's Reception:** we can offer a French officer who can give his impressions of being in colonial America in 1780 to help fight for its independence from Great Britain and how these French officers, who served in America, later returned to France & were instrumental in their own French Revolution. **Treasure Hunt:** we will donate a small leather purse filled with colonial and French coins of the period. **Dance/Musical Performance:** perhaps a few members of the unit would be willing to show the public contra dancing. Our Fife and Drum could also put together a little something. **Craft Demonstrations:** we will provide (a) weaving demo (b) 18thC sword fencing demo and (c) our unit medical team will set up a field hospital complete with a surgeon and a nurse/herbalist who will offer the best in 18<sup>th</sup> C medical care.

More details about the event can be found later in this newsletter.

See you all in Newport

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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,  
Captain's Report*

Anaheim on the Santa Anna  
July 2005

For the Regiment, June has been a fairly quiet month. Your Captain has been traveling around the globe and is looking forward to rejoining the Regiment within a few days. July is the start of all activities in which the Regiment actually was involved with 225 years ago - so it begins! Dana and I have been keeping abreast of the latest schedule updates for the Newport event. Since we are a major part of this event, the more folks we can field the better the event will be for all of us!

Looking forward to Newport we are pretty much all set as a Regiment. Dana has uploaded the updated event schedule and has been doing a great job as liaison to the folks running the event. Since we will be busy within Newport proper, we are trying to make life easy for us while we are participating in the ceremonies. We will have a base of operations at the Newport Artillery Company armory. We will be provided lunch and the Regiment is working on lining up a catered dinner for us. After all the work we have been doing as a Regiment, it's good to spoil ourselves every once in a while - I can't think of a better event! Sunday will be a quiet day at camp at Fort Adams. Basically we will be showing off our precise drill and maneuvers. The details for the event are listed later on in this Gazette.

On the uniform side of things, Henry Cooke has delivered the first pattern to me. I'm in the process of cutting and assembling the coat – which I hope to have completed well before Newport. From the outset, the coat looks just like what we currently have. There are slight changes in the tail that will reduce weight, reduce assembly and fitting time, and improve the look of the coat. The tailoring is a little tighter – which will improve the look, but I want to make certain that maneuverability of the troops or the comfort to the individual is not compromised. I changed the lapels slightly to make them slightly wider at the neck. This is in-line with some of the originals that I have photos of. I have also discussed with Henry the possibility of having a workshop on the coat. This would include some history on the uniform and a fitted pattern for the individuals who are participating. They usually run for a weekend so that 75 – 100% of the clothing is finished by the end of the weekend. More information to come later.

On a side note, I just got back from Basel Switzerland after a 10 day performance tour. I spent a significant amount of time within the Basel History Museum – which had a collection of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Basel uniforms. Since France is just across the Rhine...guess what uniform style they were using. You guessed right – French. I have a significant amount of photos that show uniform details of late 1780's – 1790's uniforms. They allowed me to use a flash – so I have some great details to share. I'll see if we can get them loaded up on a public site soon.

See you all very soon in Newport!!

*Pour le Roi et le Régiment,  
Steven*



## ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS,

### *Upcoming Events*

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “From Redcoats to Rebels” at Old Sturbridge Village**

#### **A Celebration of Military History from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century**

#### **August 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

A quick reminder about the upcoming event at OSV: See the recent June 2005 newsletter (No. 21) for complete details:

On Saturday, Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, the event will be open to the public from 9:30am to 5:00pm and again from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Saturday evening for a candlelight tour in the Village.

On Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the event will be open to the public from 9:30am to 5:00pm.

We are expected to be available to the public during these event hours.

We will be allowed to register and set up on Friday, Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, between 3:00pm and 8:00pm and on Saturday between 7:00am and 9:00am. Breakdown on Sunday cannot start until after 5:00pm and must be completed by 8:00pm.

#### **OSV is providing the following enticements to each individual reenactor who participates in this event:**

- > 10% discount for the weekend at the OSV Museum Gift Shop & Bookstore
  - > 10% discount for food at both the Oliver Wight and Bullard Taverns
  - > 10% discount on the purchase of a year's membership to OSV
  - > After the event, each reenactor will be sent a complimentary daytime pass to OSV in appreciation for their participation
  - > During the weekend event, immediate family members of participating re-enactors will be admitted to OSV at half-price. They simply have to give the name of the participating family reenactor at the Visitor Center when purchasing their tickets.
  - > A special hotel rate of \$ 70.00 per night at the OSV Lodges is available for August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Call (508) 347.3327 or (800) 733.1830 x267 to make a hotel reservation.
- Be sure that you identify yourself as a participant in “Redcoats to Rebels”.

#### **Preliminary List of Events to be held over the weekend:**

- ~ Candlelight Stroll (Saturday evening from 6pm – 8pm)
- ~ Special evening social event (for reenactors only), Saturday evening, 8pm at the Bullard Tavern
- ~ Fashion Show for men & women (Sat & Sun in the Meetinghouse)
- ~ Battle Reenactments (details still TBD)
- ~ Parade of all participating units (details still TBD)
- ~ Treasure Hunt for Children
- ~ Dance & musical performances
- ~ Craft Demonstrations

The following OSV flyers & forms have been posted on the on our unit's Yahoo Groups website location. Please pull them up for complete event information and registration:

- > Event Guidelines
- > Unit Letter
- > OSV map
- > Release Waiver

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/regimentsaintonge/files/>

**What we need from each individual who will be participating at the OSV event:**

~ Please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to participate, and if you will be there for just Saturday or Sunday or for both days. If you are planning to camp, we need to know if you will be arriving Friday night or Sat morning.

OSV will have firewood and hay bales available for us.

~ Every reenactor must submit an OSV waiver release form. Please have the completed form with you when you register. OSV will also have extra forms there, but best to have them filled out ahead of time to expedite your registration.

~ If you are interested in performing in any of the activities listed in the Unit Letter, please contact either Dana or myself....**not OSV.**

YS, Les Malecki



*ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉALISÉS,  
Past Event*

*Fencing Seminar; June 11, 2005* ~ Our first fencing seminar was a great success. The event was attended by Steven, Heather, Dana, Jon & Ryan (Dana's cousins), my friend Gina, and I. Joe Cantor, one of the instructors at guard, up gave a quick outline of the differences between Olympic sport fencing (modern fencing) and historic fencing. Modern fencing has footwork that is purely linear, where historic fencing styles embrace lateral and even circular movements. I think everyone liked seeing Steven struggle to make his mind and muscles 'forget' the Olympic fencing movements. Anyone who has had Steven or Dana get after them for doing the wrong drill would have been very happy to see it.

The last 30-45 minutes were taken up with sparring which every one liked. Some of our participants (Ryan) were quite aggressive and did well against their fellow newcomers only to have their ears pinned back when they met someone with experience. Steven and I had a good match up which was interesting since we were drawing on very different bags of tricks. On a number of occasions we found ourselves in a situation of what is poetically called 'the parry of two widows' our lack of wits notwithstanding. I very much hope that some of

the first time fencers write in as well so you can get a better sense of what this was like for everyone. I fenced for almost three and half hours that day and it was great!

-YHS Adam Carriere

*Golden Ball Tavern; June 18, 2005* ~ This was the first of what is supposed to be a series of civilian events. It was nice to be able to hob-knob with red coats like Lincoln and Paul O'Shaughnessy without having to display animosity, especially since the setting was 1771 when every one was pulling together in the hopes of avoiding war with Spain. I got a chance to talk with a fair number of public (and a lot of them had notebooks for some reason) they were very interested in my new 'fencing master' persona. I helped 'Honest Cheatem' (AKA Kimball Tarr) with the faro table until it was time for Eric Chetwind and I to have our fencing demo. The fencing jackets worn under waistcoats were reasonably period and fencing masks ensured that both of us would keep our eyes. Unlike the previous two occasions, neither site administration nor weather prevented us from fencing. 'Cheatem' attempted to get some wagering going, but not much action happened. Eric proved a worthy opponent requiring all my skills to hold him at bay. He did kill me a few times and we had a few double kills but, for the most part, I was able to strike him while avoiding 'serious' hits. Eric adapted to hand parries quite well and we got into a clutch several times, and even collided full on one time. In a real fight, wrestling would have ensued as it often did historically. Everyone was pleased and impressed with the display. I gave explanations about fighting with small swords between bouts. Then there was a very interesting debate on the merits of dueling, and Paul O'Shaughnessy gave a very long winded and convoluted explanation of dueling which made everyone's head spin. I wish someone had recorded it! After, it was off to Stef and Ken's place for the big bowl of alcohol.

-YHS Adam Carriere



*FOR YOUR INFORMATION*

☼ **Weymouth Day Parade**

The regiment has been uninvited to the Weymouth Day Parade due to budgetary reasons.

☼ **Applefest Parade, Northborough, MA.** Les has

secured us a spot in the Applefest Parade in Northborough on Saturday September, 17<sup>th</sup> (September 18<sup>th</sup>, Rain date) Assembly Time is 11:00am, with a Noon Step Off. The parade is one mile, level route.

Voluminous musket volleys encouraged. More information will be available in an upcoming newsletter

***Rochambeau's Arrival 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*** – (Fort Adams Activities in Italics)

**Thursday, July 7, 2005 in Fort Adams**

**12:00** - *Fort Adams opens for re-enactors to set-up encampment.*

**Friday, July 8 in Newport**

**08:30 to 11:45** W3R National Leadership Meeting at the Colony House

**10:30** Re-enactors leave Fort Adams to go to Colony House (park behind Meeting House)

**11:30** Re-enactors in place at Perroti Park and Colony House

**12:00** French re-enactors process from ferry landing to Colony House

**12:00 Cannon fire (13 rounds)** at Colony House

**13:00** Ceremonies conclude at Colony House Honor guards (including horses) process to White Horse Tavern

**13:15 to 13:30** Press conference at White Horse Tavern

**13:30** lunch for re-enactors

**14:30** Honor guards (including horses) process to Colony House Washington, Lafayette & Rochambeau visit W3R-USA

**14:45** Honor Guards process from Colony House to Vernon House

**15:00 to 16:00** David Wagner, historical illustrator, lecture at Colony House

**15:00 to 16:00** Meet Washington, Lafayette and Rochambeau (location TBA)

**16:30 to 17:30** Wine and cheese reception at Colony House for SAR, DAR, Cincinnati, W3R,

French visitors and historical societies

**Saturday, July 9 in Newport**

**08:30** Re-enactors leave Fort Adams for ceremony at Kings Park (bus)

**09:00** Rochambeau & Co. in horse drawn carriage with horse guards leave Colony House

**09:15** Fife & drum joins Rochambeau's carriage from eastern edge of Kings Park

**09:30** Landing commences at Kings Park, dedicatory ceremonies at Rochambeau Statue follow

**09:45** Rochambeau Statue Program: Governor, Ambassador, Mayor & Comte de Trentinian

**11:00** Rochambeau carriage and horse guards depart Kings park, return to Colony House

**11:00** Re-enactors depart Kings Park, French to Colony House, others back to Fort Adams (bus)

**12:00** Re-enactors lunch at Colony House

**13:15** Re-enactors and RI Militia assemble in front of Colony House

**13:30** Procession to Queen Anne Square

**13:45** Military Review in Queen Anne Square

**14:00** Procession to Trinity Church graveyard and 'Fallen French' dedication

**14:10 Three rifle volleys** at the conclusion of 'Fallen French' dedication.

**14:15** Procession from Trinity Church straight to Mary Street parking lot for dismissal

**14:30** Re-enactors return to Fort Adams (bus)

**15:00 to 16:00** David Wagner, historical illustrator, lecture at Colony House

**16:00 to 18:00** English County Dancing at Queen Anne Square, the site of Mrs. Cowley's Assembly Room, where the 'Successful Campaign' was danced (weather permitting)

**18:00 to 20:00** Reception at Colony House by invitation only, re-enactors visit in shifts 20-per- 1/2 hr, wine & cheese hosted by the American Revolution Center at Valley Forge with honorary guest David McCullough, noted historian

**18:00** Re-enactors transported to Colony House in shifts (shuttle bus)

**Saturday, July 9 in Fort Adams**

**10:00** *Reveille, Camps Open to Public—ongoing camp activities throughout the day*

**10:00 to 17:00** *Naval War College History Exhibit by Professor John B. Hattendorf*

**10:30** *Officers' Call, Troop Formation and Exercise—musket drill and marching*

**11:00** *People of the Brigade—a narrated who's who of Revolutionary War soldiers and camp followers*

**12:00** *Roast Beef—lunch*

**13:00** *Artillery Demonstration—Artillery Company of Newport*

**14:00** *Music Practice—fife and drum performance*

**14:30** *Officers' Call, Troop Formation and Tactical Weapons Demonstration—display of battle tactics and maneuvers*

**16:00** *Retreat Formation with Feu de Joie—"Fire of Joy" celebratory musket firing announcing the arrival of the French Army in America*

**17:00** *Camps close to public*

**Sunday, July 10 – all activities are in Fort Adams**

**10:00** *Reveille, Camps Open to Public—ongoing camp activities throughout the day*

**10:00** *Catholic Mass in French*

**10:00 to 15:00** *Naval War College History Exhibit by Professor John B. Hattendorf*

**11:30 to 12:30** *Meet Washington, Rochambeau and Lafayette*

**11:00** *Officers' Call, Troop Formation and Tactical Weapons Demonstration—display of battle tactics and maneuvers*

**12:00** *Roast Beef—lunch*

**13:00** *People of the Brigade—a narrated who's who of Revolutionary War soldiers and camp followers*

**13:00 to 14:00** *Book signing by children's author David Adler*

**14:00** Music Practice—fife and drum performance  
**14:30** Grand Review and Retreat—combined parade and review of all military units  
**15:30** Break camp



*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
Jun 14	All	<b>Work Party at Steven's (7-9)</b> Framingham, 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
June 11	All	<b>Fencing Seminar</b> Burlington, MA

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
July 8,9,10	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 17	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Applefest Parade</b> Northborough, 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



**ARRIVAL AT NEWPORT, MARCH 1781**

(by David G Wagner)

Washington came ashore and was greeted by Rochambeau's land troops, standing several ranks deep on each side of the street all the way to the Colony House.

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