



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Juin 2005.

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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,
Captain's Report*

Framingham on the Sudbury
June 2005

In the words of Soldat Carriere, "Let the English keep this continent, it is a cold, wet and dismal place." If you hadn't heard already, Newbury was yet another cold and rainy event. It was a fun event however; the battle on Saturday went extremely well, we managed to push two British Light Infantry units into the woods, before being forced to retire.

We have a very quite month ahead of us as far as events go, but there is a lot to do in preparation of the Newport event in July. Steven and I have put together a work party in June 14th at his house (see details below). This will give everyone the opportunity to get themselves a new pair of gaiters. Whether you need a new pair of white gators, or you want to paint your old ones, we will have everything setup and ready to go. Don't need gaiters you say? Well stop by anyways, because we will have 8 pounds of Black Powder to roll.

Backpack anyone? I think just about everyone has seen those nice fuzzy backpacks that Steven and I carry around. Well, it's about time we make a few more for the rest of the regiment. In the coming months, we will be procuring materials and machinery in order to mass produce the calf skin packs. Stay tuned for more details.

As a final note; I'd like to remind everyone that every month Steven and I put this newsletter together to provide you with information about up and coming events, as well as After Action Reports, and sometimes a little history. Remember, this is **your** newsletter, so if there is anything that you would like to be included, please let us know. Also, we are always looking for people to write articles for the newsletter, so please, send your submissions to stonge85@comcast.net

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

Well, we're gearing up for our June and July events. We will have a fairly quiet June as we lead up to the events in July.

After last month I'm thinking of recruiting Noah to the ranks. To quote Brad Matthews, "So, can you tell me what recruiting was like in the olde days when it didn't rain?" OK, so we get a few wet ones every once in a while – but we still have fun! Newbury had a fine start, and a wet finish – but what a site! There are not many sites that are as well preserved right near the water. We also gained a few more seasoned folks to our ranks – Beth and Brian Mixter – that have fallen out with us as Militia and wanted to fall out in the white coat. Adam has a great after action report later in the newsletter.

As typical with the month of May we had a few parades that round off the month for Memorial Day. This year we only had two parades instead of our typical three. Somerville was the first of our parades. We decided to do this as Militia, since early weather reports stated rain and the last thing I wanted to do was to march a parade both days in wet clothes! Accolades go to William, Carrie, Beth, and Anthony (from the 4H) who beat feet and got to the parade in time for the final quarter, much to the delight of the parade committee. Welcome to Kevin, a friend of Katie McConnon's, who came with Myles to augment our ranks. Frank Marini played the part of Sergeant Major and Abe, Adam, Dana, Myles, Kevin, and I were the firing line with Sue and Teddy filled out our section. The volleys were good and crisp as we marched along. The next day was Andover – which had gorgeous weather! A good small parade around the block and we were done. Thanks to the Mees family, Dana, Frank, Abe, Carrie, Bill, Kevin and Sue for support the Parade.

Newport is finalizing their plans for the event in July. Dana and I just got back from a meeting on Thursday June 2nd, so the information is fresh off the presses. There have been some small changes – which will affect our group very little. We are looking into having a Regimental social Saturday evening – planning is underway. Information will be forthcoming within the next two weeks about this social. The latest schedule for the entire Newport event is posted within this newsletter.

The staff is investigating revamping of our patterns for the uniform based on recent research that has come to light. Since the bicentennial 24-25 years ago, there has been a significant amount of information presented regarding the way the French uniform should look. I've asked Henry Cooke to take a look at what we have and what he has found during his research of French Contract coats of 1778-1780. I'll have more information later this month or early next month on the progress of this effort. The eventual goal is to have a "package" that can be given to new folks to help them get their gear in a timely fashion. What I've noticed in the past few years is that some the sutlers and suppliers have changed, making uniform acquisition a challenge. A new pattern set and supplier list will make it easier for ourselves and our seamstresses (like Anita) and tailors (like me and some of the Line) to acquire and make the gear. Older equipment is grandfathered into the Regiment – so don't be worried that you will not be able to use what you have now. As a matter of fact the changes will be very subtle – we're just improving on what we have now and completely documenting it.

See you all very soon!

*Pour le Roi et le Régiment,
Steven*



ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, Upcoming Events

*Cartridge Rolling and Gaiterf Work Party,
Wednesday, June 14 ~ Arrival:* We will be meeting in Framingham at Steven's house at 7:00 PM, **Directions:** Take 495 to Route 20 East or Route 128 to Route 20 West. Follow Route 20 into Sudbury. At the set of lights immediately after the Shaw's Supermarket Plaza (heading east) or Sudbury Farms (heading west), turn onto Nobscot Road. Follow Nobscot Road into Framingham. (*It turns into Edgell Rd in Framingham*) Look for the Framingham Animal Hospital on your left.

You will take the first real left after the Animal hospital onto Treeland Drive. (*Don't take the hairpin left turn onto Harrington.*) Follow Treeland Dr to the end, take a right and then a quick left onto Janebar Circle. Follow Janebar Circle down the hill and around the bend, take your first right onto Roundtop Road. #79 on the right, light grey with dark grey shutters. **Details:** In an effort to roll the rest of the black powder, we will be holding another work party at Steven's. At the same time, we will be working on gaiters, Black and White. To make sure we have enough material on hand, please call Steven (508) 877-9648 and let him know if you plan on attending and which color gators you plan to work on.

Board of Directorf meeting Monday, June

20.~ Arrival: The meeting is open to all members of the Regiment, we will be meeting at the Malecki's house at 7:30 PM. **Directions:** From 495 north or south take route 20 west Northborough exit. I believe it is 24B. From anywhere else just take router 20 West. After going over the 495 bridge in Marlborough or getting off 495 in Marlborough, you will come to a traffic light. Go thru that light. You will start down a hill, at the bottom of this hill is another traffic light; you will go thru that light. You will see a McDonalds on the right and a Wendy's on the left at the light. Keep going west. As your traveling you will see a restaurant on the right called the country villa. Shortly after, ou will see the "Entering Northborough" sign. As you travel into Northborough, you will see a bagle shop on your right and a Fiskes Garden Center on your left and Stan's Sub Shop on your right. At that traffic light (Which is your next light) you want to take a left. (Bartlett Street). Proceed about 1/4 mile and take you first right (Maple Street), proceed only a short distance and take your first right again onto Omaha Ave. (no street name sign, but look for yellow "Dead End" sign). It's a Cul de Sac. It's the last house on the right. Gray Cape, #20 with a Betsey Ross flag... **Details:** We will be discussing finial preparations for Newport RI and Old Sturbridge Village.

Fencing Seminar, June 11 ~ Arrival: The fencing seminar will start promptly at 3:30pm. **Directions:** **From I-95 North or Southbound:** Take exit 32B. Bear right at the end of the exit ramp. Drive past the Burlington Mall then down a short incline to the intersection of Burlington Mall Road and Middlesex Turnpike. Proceed through traffic light and look for 141 Middlesex Turnpike about a quarter mile ahead on the corner of Meadow Road. Drive past the building and turn right onto Meadow Road and park in lot behind Guard Up. **From Route 3 Southbound:** Take the Rt. 62 (Bedford Street/ Burlington Road) exit. Turn left at

the exit ramp traffic light. Drive approximately 1/2 mile. Turn right onto Middlesex Turnpike. Drive through three traffic lights staying in the left lane. Look for Meadow Road approximately 1/10 mile after third light. Turn left onto Meadow Road (the building on the right corner is 141 Middlesex Turnpike). Drive around until you see the Guard Up parking lot on the right. **Details:** The Regiment will be meeting on June 11th at Guard Up facility in Burlington. The seminar will be held from 3:30PM to 5:30PM. We are currently planning on having a class room of 10 people, which means the class will cost no more the \$30 per person; however if more people show up, the less the lessons will cost. If you would like to attend please contact Adam Carriere at adamc1776@yahoo.com

225th Rochembeauf Landing in Newport Rhode Island, July 8, 9 & 10 ~ The Fort Adams encampment in Newport, RI will be commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the arrival of the French Army under Rochembeau in aid of the Americans in their Revolution. The encampment is in the stunning setting of Fort Adams at the South entrance of the harbor.

July 8 – 10, 2005 “Four Main Events Commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Arrival of the French Army under General Rochambeau to Newport, Rhode Island”

Friday, July 8 – Rochambeau Arrives. General Rochembeau and his staff and a company of grenadiers disembark as the Newport Long wharf the first day of the arrival of the French Fleet. Rochembeau and his officers took lodging in the houses in the city. Our representation of this event will include a portrayal Rochambeau, and of Lafayette (who did not arrive until a couple weeks later) and of Washington (who did not come to visit until March of the following year). Raison d’être: In the embodiment of these personalities the course of history and its underlying ideas can most elegantly expressed.

Saturday July 9 – The French Army Disembarks. For the following threes days after Rochambeau’s arrival the French Army landed its troops and supplies in the area of Kings Park. Raison d’être: While the French Army had set foot before in the 13 Colonies in aid of American Independence (briefly on the Jamestown Island during the Battle of Rhode Island in 1778 and in the major effort Siege of Savannah in 1779), this landing in Newport was the first foot fall in the long march to the climatic Battle of Yorktown and the successful conclusion of the War on Independence.

Saturday and Sunday, July 9 & 10- The French Encampment: The French Army set-up their camp slight to the East of Kings Park; this area is now occupied by housing; the encampment will be reproduced in Fort Adams, slightly to the West. However, Lauzun’s Legion (one of Rocheambeaus’ five regiments) and several cannon batteries were established in this area. Raison d’être: The presence of the French Army in Newport was a profound cultural event. Indian Tribes came to visit the French made the acquaintance of the ‘Black Regiment’ (the 1st RI Regiment comprised primarily of freed Negro slaves); and the French and Americans came to know each other in one of the most unique cultural exchanges in history.

Saturday, July 9 – Military Review and Tribute to the French Fallen. The historic military commands of Rhode Island and neighboring states and the French reenactors will assemble at Queen Anne Park for a military review and the gather near the area of the grave of Admiral d’Ternay in the Trinity Church graveyard. Raison d’être: The French will thanks the American units for coming to their aid when the first arrived (many were sick from the voyage and they were vulnerable to attack, not having time to establish their defenses); these are the actual units who came and served with the French. Then respects will be paid to the grave of Admiral d’Ternay, who also represents all of the French soldiers and sailors who gave their lives in the struggle for American independence. The military review will be repeated on a grander scale as the concluding finale of the weekend’s events at Fort Adams on Sunday at 2:30 PM. (Event Schedule can be found later in this newsletter)

From Redcoats to Rebel, Old Sturbridge Village, August 6 & 7 ~ We have been invited to participate in this annual event as the Regiment de Saintonge, and from the information provided so far by OSV, this event has the makings of an extremely enjoyable weekend, both for us, and for the public who will be coming to Old SturbridgeVillage on this first weekend in August. As this is a new event for us, we are not sure yet just how many different reenactment groups will be participating, but we will pass on this information as it becomes available to us.

On Saturday, Aug 6th, the event will be open to the public from 9:30am to 5:00 pm and again from 6:00 – 8:00pm on Saturday evening for a candlelight tour in the Village. On Sunday, August 7th, the event will be open to the public time 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 5th, between 3:00 – 8:00pm and on Saturday between 7:00 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 6th and 7th. The "Lodges" are located right outside the Village. (There are no hotel rooms available in all of Sturbridge proper the night of Friday, August 5th due to a Pan Mass bicycle race that kicks off from Sturbridge early on Saturday morning, but which does not interfere with the event at OSV). You can find the Lodges on the OSV web site, www.OSV.org and then click on Lodging. You can also call to make a reservation at either (508) 347.3327 or (800) 733.1830 x267. Be sure that you identify yourself as a participant in "Redcoats to Rebels" when you make your hotel reservation.

Summary of Event Guidelines...

Directions to OSV ~ the main entrance to the Village is located off Rt. 20 just west of Sturbridge center. But to avoid any traffic delays on Rt. 20 in Sturbridge, follow these **Directions**: Mass Pike West to exit 9 for Rt. 84 South. After going thru the exit 9 tollbooth, go straight to Rt. 84 South. DO NOT get on Rt. 20 West for Sturbridge. From Rt. 84 South take exit 2 and turn left at end of exit ramp and follow signs to the "School Group Entrance" (ignore signs leading you to the Main Entrance). Park in the car parking area adjacent to the lot reserved for charter buses (see OSV map). This location puts you adjacent to the OSV Education Building and is closer to the Village Green, especially for unloading gear.

Check in and set up ~ can only be done between the hours of 3:00 – 8:00pm on Friday, Aug 5th and 7:00 – 9:00am on Saturday, Aug 6th. Camp set up will ONLY be permitted during these hours. Camp breakdown on

Sun, Aug 7th cannot start till after 5:00pm and must be completed by 8:00pm. Only historically correct camping is permitted at OSV. Our encampment location will be on the Village Common, approximately ¼ to ½ mile from the school bus parking area. We will need to transport our gear on handcarts, which will be provided, or delivered by OSV vehicle (also to be provided). Private vehicles are not permitted within the Village.

Hours and access ~ on Saturday, we will be open to the public from 9:30am until 5:00pm and again from 6:00 – 8:00pm Saturday evening for the Village candlelight tour. On Sunday, the event hours are 9:30am to 5:00 pm. We are welcome to tour the Village during the normal public hours. Touring the museum exhibits or grounds "after hours" is prohibited. Entrance or egress of the Village grounds before 9:30am or after 5:00pm must be through a security office gate.

- ~ OSV will provide firewood for fires in approved locations.
- ~ Firearms may only be discharged at times & places designated by OSV safety officer.
- ~ No alcoholic beverages may be opened or consumed during public hours.
- ~ Rest rooms are located in the Bullard Tavern and the Mill Area Lounge.
- ~ Water from the pump on the Village Common is potable.
- ~ No pets or other animals are allowed in the Village.
- ~ Please confine smoking to historic-style pipes.
- ~ Children under 16 must be under adult supervision at all times.
- ~ Cell phones & pagers, during public hours, should be turned off or on "vibrate" mode and ONLY used out of sight to the public.

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

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 as listed in the Unit Letter, please contact either Dana or myself....not OSV. (Dan & Judy Grillo will be with us at OSV demonstrating the latest in 18th C medicine).

Humbly submitted, Les Malecki



*ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉALISÉS,
Past Event*

This was a fairly frustrating event. Held at a great location at a historic farm that dates back to 1690, with a respectable 150 men under arms per side. The only problem, too much rain and cold. Still, not bad for a March event. What's that, it's May? Could have fooled me!

Saturday's action was brisk with the French light and grenadier companies forming the left flank of the army. We shot almost a full box of rounds in 10 minutes (that's between 18-24 rounds a man) a very brisk rate of fire. We were facing three English companies from the 24th Lt., 9th line and 10th line. I was an early casualty. Ecosaise of the heavy fire we faced. The English swept over me. After several minutes I got up on an elbow to watch, just in time to see Steven sending the Saintonge in a wild charge against the 24th, which broke and ran. Brad took off after them, apparently intending to bayonet all of them by himself. The rest of the unit was caught in a cross fire by the other two British companies. I was waiting for our American allies to bail us out but they never came. Steven saw a small hole and broke out of the trap leaving half the company and casualties behind, and dragging one 'wounded man' with him. The

night was cold and wet. I opted to head back to Lowell for a warm bed.

Sunday was 'called' because of rain that started Saturday night and continued through Sunday off and on accompanied by a chilling sea breeze. Just as we got packed an English force attacked the camp. Dana decided this was an insult we could not ignore, so out of the cars came the muskets (most of them damp for the day and night before) and into a silly little action we went. We formed a scratch company with some of the militia exercising the Von Pickering 64 regulation with a French twist drill. Finally we charged the red coats and the battle ended with both sides shaking hands. If only all battles could end so amicably. With that it was all over but for the drive home and the musket and gear cleaning.

Humbly submitted, Adam Carriere

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Schedule for the Rochambeau's 255th Anniversary- Newport

Friday July 8, 2005

- 12:00 noon Rochambeau lands at Long Warf
Procession from State Pier to the Colony House with French re-enactors and honor Guard.
- 12:15 PM Rochambeau arrives at the Colony House
Cannon Salure at the Colony House
- 12:45 PM Rochambeau Gives speech from the Balcony of the Colony House
- 1:00 PM Rochambeau, Lafayette and Washington begin procession to White Horse Tavern
(escorted by French and American Honor Guard)
- 2:30 PM Lafayette and Washington depart White Horse Tavern (with Honor Guard) to Vernon House
- 6:00 to 8:00 VIP reception at Admiral's residence (possibility of 'social presentations')
- 7:00 to 9:00 Reception at Officers' Club (possibility of 'social presentations')

Saturday July 9, 2005

- 8:30 AM French Troops and American troops preposition in Kings Park
Pawtuxet Rangers and French honor guards preposition at corner of Thames & Wellington.
Longboat full of French troops preposition at yacht club.
- 9:00 AM Rochambeau, Lafayette and Washington board carriage at Colony House escorted by 2LD
Longboat takes position in harbor
- 9:15 AM Rochambeau, Lafayette and Washington turn onto Wellington
(Pawtuxet Rangers and French honor guard precede them)
- 9:30 AM The longboat will land and the French soldiers will step ashore (big photo op)
- 9:45 AM Rochambeau, Lafayette and Washington will inspect the troops
The French music and Pawtuxet Rangers can take turns playing music
- 10:00 AM Speeches and wreath laying at the Rochambeau Statue
- 11:10 AM Rochambeau, Lafayette, and Washington with French honor leave the field
- 11:15 AM Busses depart taking American units to Fort Adams; French, Pawtuxet Rangers and RI Militia to Colony House
- 11:30 AM Box lunches at Colony house for French, 2LD, and RI Militia
- 1:15 PM Formation of French and historic military commands at Colony House
- 1:30 PM Procession to Queen Anne's Square for Grand Review
- 1:40 PM Grand Military Review
- 2:00 PM Ceremony honoring Admiral d'Ternay and other French who fell in service to the US
- 3:00 PM David Wagner Lecture and exhibit at Colony House
- 4:00 PM 18th Century Dancing demonstration at Queens Anne's Square
- 7:00 PM Wine and cheese reception at Colony House

Sunday July 10, 2005

- 10:00 AM Camp Opens
- 10:00 AM Catholic Mass in French at Fort Adams, Rochambeau, Lafayette and Washington will wish to attend
(This is a REAL Mass, non-Catholics are welcome to attend but can not receive communion)
- 10:00-3:00 David Wager exhibit
- 11:00 AM book signing by the children's author David Adler
- There will be other activities at Fort Adams, we await a definitive schedule
- 2:30 PM Grande Finale Military Review
- 3:00 PM Camp Closes



*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

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 24	85eme	Sudbury Muster Sudbury, MA
Sept 25	4 th / 85eme	Rehoboth Rehoboth, MA
Oct 7 -9	85eme	Warren Farm Chelmsford, MA
Oct 1	85eme	Weymouth Day Parade Weymouth, MA
Nov 19	85eme	Plymouth Time Line Plymouth, MA



FIRST ANCHORAGE

(by David G Wagner)

This depicts the first anchorage by the French fleet under Admiral DeTarney, which was carrying all of General Rochambeau's troops.

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