



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Marf 2005.

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

I would like thank all of the Officers and Board Members from the 2004 Season for all their hard work throughout the year. I would also like to congratulate all those who have been elected to serve as a Board of Director or Officer for 2005. The new Officers and Board of Directors are as follows, President: Dana Rock; Command Officer: Steve Taskovics; Treasure: Abe Fisher; Clerk Kevin Collins; Safety Officer: Bill Rose; Board of Directors: Adam Carriere, Sue Felshin, Ellie Hutchinson, Les Malecki and Frank Marini. Also, I would like to mention that the Membership Proposal was fully accepted by the Membership.

If you have not sent me your returns for the 2005 season, please do so ASAP. It's very important for us to have this information so we can send accurate headcount to the host units of the upcoming events so they can plan appropriately. You may either send your returns via email to stonge85@comcast.net or by telephone @ (978) 758 9350 or USPS @ PO BOX 854 Sudbury, MA 01776

Please note the following change in the schedule. The drill scheduled for March 12 at the Stowe Town Hall, will not be held, however we will be participating in the Evacuation Day Celebration at Dorchester Heights on March 12. Further details for this event are listed later in this Newsletter.

As a reminder, we will be holding a work party at the Rose's house on March 8th. We have a few projects that need to be worked on, so please plan on attending if you are available Tuesday night.

I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as the President of the Regiment for the third year in a row. With the Schedule that we have put together and the staff that we have elected, I think things are shaping up nicely for the 2005 season.

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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,
Captain's Report*

Framingham on the Sudbury
March 2005

Welcome to blizzard season 2005, sheeh. Oh well, it held off enough for the annual meeting. Thanks to all who attended – we got all our business done in record time for folks to enjoy the day. Thanks to the past board members who labored through the year to help the organization run smoothly – the membership proposal is one of the many tasks that the board tackled this year. Congratulations to the new folks who are coming on, I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

This year's calendar has some very interesting events. For this coming month we have our drill at Dorchester Heights, the rally for Minutemen National Historical Park, and the South Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade. For April, we have Patriot's Day and Battle Road. Stay tuned for the Battle Road event – it will have the same "flavor" as last year, however we have more of the Park that we will be using. Bill, Myles, and I are working out the details with the "Loyal Opposition" and the Park – we'll let everyone know shortly what the exact details are.

The big push this year will be the French impression as we push forward to Yorktown. I'll be meeting with the NCOs to go over details of drill and uniforms while touching on how to effectively amalgamate with other units.

Dana and I have just returned from a planning event for Newport and Rochambeau's landing. Needless to say, we'll be very busy with most of our time spent in Newport instead of Fort Adams. Though the planning is in the initial stages, they are thinking about all the right things and getting the right people involved. As an example, in the meeting that we were in, the Governor of Rhode Island was in attendance as an active participant a not a figure head. Like every event, they are still working through the finances to make certain that everything they plan will be funded. Since we'll be "on the clock" while in Newport, we will not be able to go back to Fort Adams for food. To alleviate that problem, the Newport Artillery Company is opening up their armory for our use and the DAR will be feeding us – not a bad deal. We did not have an opportunity to finish all of the military schedule and logistics. Another follow on meeting will be scheduled within the next two weeks.

Suffice it to say, we're going to have a blast in Newport.

As I stated last month, thanks again for allowing me to be your Captain this past year and for the year ahead. We have some fun events ahead and some slight changes to make the Regiment run smoother. I look with great anticipation to the year ahead!

*Pour le Roi et le Régiment,
Steven*



ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, Upcoming Events

*REGIMENTAL WORK PARTY, Tuesday,
March 8* ~ **Arrival**: Doors open at 7pm. Folks are invited to stay until 9pm. **Directions**: See January 11 Work party directions. **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.

*DRILL & DISTAFF GATHERING,
Saturday, March 12.* ~ This event has been canceled and has been replaced by the event at Dorchester Heights. Please see the Dorchester Heights Details for further information

Dorchester Heights (Evacuation Day Battle Reenactment), Saturday, March 12 ~ **Arrival**: 8:30am at Dorchester Heights, this will give us time for inspection. Activities start at 9:00am. **Directions**: From downtown Boston, travel south on Route 93 (Southeast Expressway). Take Mass Pike exit. Once on exit ramp, bear left at Local sign. Take a left at the first set of lights onto Broadway. Follow Broadway until the fourth set of lights. Bear left onto East Broadway. Take the first right onto G Street and the second right to Thomas Park. Dorchester Heights is on the left after South Boston High School.

Details: Activities will begin on March 12, 2005 at 9 AM, with the Procession of the Lost Knox Cannon, lost through the ice by Major General Henry Knox in The Mohawk River, in January 1776, and recovered in 1875. In conjunction with the Fort Ticonderoga Museum, the South Boston Citizens' Association will transport the Cannon from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston and will be ceremoniously carrying it to Dorchester Heights, accompanied by Reenactors Groups, from the direction of Roxbury, the approximate route traveled by Washington's men in 1776.

*Minute Man Nation Park Rally, Sunday,
March 13* ~ **Arrival**: Plan on arriving at the Park no later the 12:30pm. **Directions**: From I-95: Take exit 30B. You will be on Route 2A west. The park is 1-mile west off ramp. From Mass Pike: Take I-95 Exit (exit 14) and follow above directions.

From Route 2: Follow Route 2 to I-95 North. Proceed north one exit to 30B. Follow directions above.

Details: The "troops" are mustering once again in Concord, this time standing up in defense of America's cultural and historical heritage. The North Bridge

Battlefield, that matchless icon of freedom world wide, has been under the protection of the National Park Service since 1959. Now, Minute Man National Historical Park, entrusted by Congress with the preservation and especially the interpretation of this hallowed place, is in danger of deteriorating and foundering as a result of senseless, shortsighted and endangering cuts or under-funding of its annual operating budget.

In recent years, full-time and seasonal Ranger staffs have been drastically downsized by not filling vacancies and by cutting many seasonal Ranger positions. Yet visitation continues near one million people per year! A lack of appropriate staff levels within the Park's Interpretive, Law Enforcement and Maintenance divisions threatens the welfare of our historic treasures and the public. The dedicated efforts of several hundred volunteers have also been jeopardized by the lack of staff supervision and coordination. Additionally, the Park is now forced in certain cases, to charge fees for interpretive programs once free to all. Most importantly, the rights and wants of the American public for a meaningful education about their historic heritage are neglected due to reduced historic site openings and elimination of many Interpretive Ranger and volunteer programs.

Show your support!

Join us on Sunday, March 13, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the North Bridge in Concord, for an historic remembrance of the 1775 muster and its purposes. Enjoy a program of fifes, drums and military display with hundreds of Colonial and British re-enactors, National Park Volunteers and other concerned citizens. Hear the "Rev. William Emerson's" 1775 words and "Henry David Thoreau's" view along with another guest speaker. Come and show your support for the preservation of **YOUR** American history and **YOUR** National Park!

South Boston/Evacuation Day Parade,
Sunday, March 20 ~ Arrival: 11 AM at the Gillette Parking lot (if you can't be there before 11:30, you'll probably be fine ... but that's what the letter said).
Directions: The South Boston by-pass Road can be accessed from Exit 18 on the Expressway or the new right-hand exit just before the end of the turnpike. Take the By-pass Road to the Congress Street exit (this is the last exit before the Ted Williams Tunnel). Take a Left onto Congress Street and your first Left onto A Street and a Right into the rear gate of the Gillette parking lot. **Dress:** French, white gaiters, plenty of water (it's a 4 mile parade).

Fencing Seminar, April 9 ~ Details: The Regiment is planning on attending a fencing seminar at the Guard Up facility in Burlington. This will be an

introduction to basic sport fencing with a discussion of historic sword-'play'. The seminar will be held Saturday April 9th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. The cost is \$300 divided by the number of people who attend; so the more the merrier. If you would like to attend please contact Adam Carriere at adamc1776@yahoo.com or by phone 339 927 0087, no later than March 14th.

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The Following is from a recent acquisition from a Book Shop in Paris. It is in reference to the Provincial regiment of the town of Paris. Look for the Translation in Next Month's Newsletter.



ORDONNANCE
DU ROI,
*Concernant le régiment Provincial
de la ville de Paris.*

Du 20 Juin 1779.

DE PAR LE ROI.



A MAJESTÉ jugeant à propos de faire quelques changemens dans la composition du régiment Provincial de Paris, afin de le mettre en état de remplir le service auquel Elle le destine ; Elle a ordonné & ordonne ce qui suit :

ARTICLE PREMIER.

L'ÉTAT-MAJOR du régiment Provincial de Paris, sera augmenté d'un Quartier-maître-trésorier, d'un Adjudant, d'un Aumônier, d'un Chirurgien-major & d'un Tambour-major, que Sa Majesté crée par la présente Ordonnance ;

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auxquels il sera payé par jour, savoir : au Quartier-maître-trésorier, trois livres; à l'Adjudant, seize sous huit deniers; à l'Aumônier, une livre treize sous quatre deniers; au Chirurgien-major, deux livres dix sous; & au Tambour-major, quinze sous quatre deniers : Au moyen de cette augmentation, l'État-major sera composé d'un Colonel, d'un Lieutenant-colonel, d'un Major, d'un Quartier-maître-trésorier, de deux Porte-drapeaux, d'un Adjudant, d'un Aumônier, d'un Chirurgien-major, & d'un Tambour-major.

2.

SA MAJESTÉ établit dans chaque compagnie de Grenadiers & de Fusiliers, un Sergent & deux Caporaux, en sus de ceux qui y sont actuellement, & supprime trois hommes dans chacune desdites compagnies.

3.

AU moyen des dispositions de l'article 2 de la présente Ordonnance, chaque compagnie de Grenadiers continuera d'être commandée par un Capitaine, un Lieutenant, un Sous-lieutenant; & sera composée à l'avenir de trois Sergens, six Caporaux, quatre-vingt-dix-neuf Grenadiers, & deux Tambours : Et chaque compagnie de Fusiliers continuera aussi d'être commandée par un Capitaine, un Lieutenant & un Sous-lieutenant; & sera composée de trois Sergens, six Caporaux, cent trente-neuf Fusiliers, & deux Tambours.

4.

L'INTENTION de Sa Majesté est qu'à compter du jour

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de l'arrivée de ce régiment à la destination qui lui sera prescrite, les Officiers, bas Officiers, Grenadiers, Fusiliers & Tambours, tant ceux de la création de ce corps, que ceux de l'augmentation prescrite ci-dessus, soient payés de leurs appointemens & solde, conformément à l'article 4 du Titre III de son Règlement du 1.^{er} mars 1778, concernant les Troupes provinciales.

5.

AU moyen de la solde dont ce régiment doit jouir, pendant le temps que Sa Majesté l'emploîra, il sera établi une Masse de seize deniers par jour par chaque Sergent, l'Adjudant, le Tambour-major; & de huit deniers par chaque Caporal, Grenadier, Fusilier & Tambour, pour s'entretenir de linge & chaussure.

6.

SA MAJESTÉ autorise les Officiers supérieurs de l'État-major dudit régiment, à établir une Masse de quinze livres par homme, par les moyens pratiqués dans les régimens de son Infanterie.

7.

LA ville de Paris fournissant au remplacement des hommes de ce régiment, par la voie des engagements, il ne sera délivré aucun congé d'ancienneté, de réforme ou de grâce, que sur la proposition qu'en fera au Secrétaire d'État de la guerre, l'Officier général que Sa Majesté chargera d'en faire la revue d'inspection. Le prix desdits congés de grâce sera remis, jusqu'à nouvel ordre, entre les mains du sieur Lieutenant général de Police de la ville de Paris, pour être

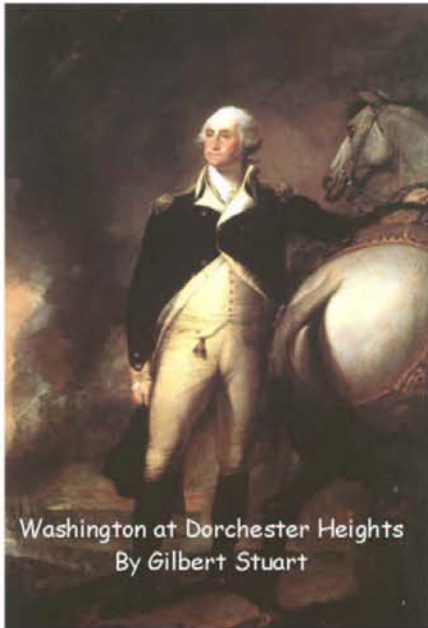
joint aux fonds que cette ville fait pour la levée des recrues. La durée des engagements continuera d'être de huit années, ainsi qu'elle a été réglé par Sa Majesté le 24 avril 1777.

8.

VEUT Sa Majesté que ses Ordonnances précédemment rendues, concernant les Troupes provinciales & son Infanterie françoise, soient suivies en tout ce qui ne se trouvera pas contraire à la présente.

MANDE & ordonne Sa Majesté aux Gouverneurs & Lieutenans généraux dans ses provinces, aux Gouverneurs & Commandans de ses villes & places, aux Commissaires des guerres, & à tous autres ses Officiers qu'il appartiendra, de tenir la main à l'exécution de la présente Ordonnance.

FAIT à Versailles le vingt juin mil sept cent soixante-dix-neuf.
Signé LOUIS. *Et plus bas,* LE PRINCE DE MONTBAREY.



Washington at Dorchester Heights
By Gilbert Stuart

Evacuation Day Battle Reenactment

At

Dorchester Heights

South Boston, Massachusetts

March 12, 2005 10:30 AM

The South Boston Citizens' Association

In Commemoration of its 125th Anniversary,

*Welcomes All Revolutionary War Reenactors' Groups
To Join Us in a Battlefield Reenactment to Celebrate the*

229th Anniversary of Evacuation Day

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Evacuation Monument at
Dorchester Heights



*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

*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 9	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (TBA) Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA or Old Town Hall, Stow, MA
May 14	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (TBA) TBA

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
Jul 8-10	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



Capitaine Kermit la grenouille

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