



# GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Septembre 2005.

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

I'd like to thank everyone for a great event at Old Sturbridge Village last month. I think everyone had a great time, and I as you can see from the letter from OSV (later in the newsletter), they really appreciated having us there.

The past couple of months have been relatively quiet for us. The coming months are jam packed with ceremonies, parades and battles. First and foremost is the Labor Day Parade on Sept 4. Yes, it's on. We got word a week before the parade that they want us there. There were some money concerns, but it appears the town of Marlborough has worked them out. After the Parade we will be heading over to Steven's for the Regimental Birthday Party. Please contact Steven if you plan to attend. Next we have the AppleFest Parade, on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, in Northboro. This is a new parade for us. The parade is about a mile march through downtown Northboro. Soon after that is the Sudbury Fife and Drum Muster on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. As Co-Chairperson of the Faire, I strongly recommend this event to everyone. It's a nice laid back relaxing event, with plenty of Fife and Drum Music. We are looking for everyone to attend, especially our Musique. The following day we are traveling to Rehoboth for the Battle of Redway Plain. This will be a militia event for us. It will be our first real opportunity for us to burn powder. That should do it for September. Heading into the first weekend in October, our first event is Lebanon, CT. This is a one day event, W3R event celebrating Lauzan's encampment during the winter of 1780 – 1781. The next day, October 2, we are marching in the long awaited Medford Parade celebrating their 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The following weekend is the Battle for Warren Farm in Chelmsford, MA. This is another tactical event, but this time we will be fighting for His Most Christian Majesty.

I understand that this is a very aggressive schedule and everyone will not be able to make every event, however

Yorktown is coming and the schedule for the coming year will be much like what we are seeing this month. Please plan on attending as many events as possible, and helping out where you can. Remember these events can not take place without your support. Vive le Roi!!!!

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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,  
Captain's Report*

Framingham on the Sudbury  
September 2005

Hi Folks,

Thanks for a great event at OSV! The response that I've got from all the folks in the Regiment - including myself - is we had a blast. On Saturday we fielded over 18 men at arms and 3 officers - quite a showing! Our camp was situated on a great spot next to the meeting house which everyone seemed to like with a great vista looking down on the Village Green. A lot of happy visitors poured through the camp and the folks at OSV were ecstatic with us as well. As a group, the staff at OSV thought we were the most engaging and entertaining of all the groups in attendance. This was especially apparent during the candlelight stroll where we mesmerized a group for a better part of a half hour.

The event was one of the more interesting that I've been involved with in a long time. The timeline type of event gives everyone a rare opportunity to meet with friends who reenact different periods. What I thought was great was the "battle" where we amalgamated with our Napoleonic friends. As usual, we maneuvered effectively with our friends from the 10<sup>th</sup> Mass, Billerica, and the Lebanon Militia. As expected we carried the day and all had a great time - bee stings aside.

An event is fun, but is made better by the company you keep and the folks pitching in to make it happen. This is apparent when we were joined by Cole Jones and Christian of the Regiment Gatanais. They had so much fun with us at Newport that they asked if they could join us at Sturbridge. Thanks go to Les Malecki for making the contact to get the Regiment down to the event and acting as the Liaison to OSV. In camp, Liz and Matt Mees organized and prepared a feast for the group with Madeline and Eleanor aptly pitching in whenever possible – thanks to you all! Adam put on a great period fencing demonstration and found an apt pupil in Jon Kreutz. Everyone pitched in and had fun throughout the day – we'll definitely be going back next year.

Though the OSV event was the only event in August there has been a great deal of activity leading up to all the events happening next year. The Battle Road Committee met in August to lay the groundwork for next year's event. The main thing that came from this meeting is that the Park is extremely pleased with the local Reenactors and would like to do more next year. On the French side of things, there has been a significant amount of activity leading up to Yorktown. Bill Rose volunteered to help with the organization and coordination of the 2006 events/calendar with a focus on the events leading to Yorktown. Needless to say Bill, Dana, Myles, and I have been very busy trying to make heads or tails of all the events that crop up on a weekly – and sometimes daily – basis. Bill has made great headway working with the BAR folks and following up on leads that come to Dana, Bill, or myself. We will be coming up with a master schedule within the next few weeks which will be presented to the BOD, then the Regiment. At this time I have on paper 16 events that folks would like us at which stretch from Boston, to New York, Connecticut, Delaware, and Virginia. We're in demand. Bill has done a fantastic job corralling these events – but we are going to need more help from all of you as we head into fall. Right now we have an ad hoc Committee of Bill, Dana, Myles, and I. Based on the amount of information that is coming in, we'll need more folks to help – we just need to organize where that help will need to be focused.

Coming up this month we have quite a few events. The Marlboro Labor Day Parade confirmation came up at the last minute – but they did find some funding for us. This event will be followed by a party at my place in Framingham, so I hope that you all can make it! Two weeks later we will be in Northboro for the Applefest Parade. Finally, we'll end the month at the Sudbury Muster and the Battle for Redway Plain in Rehobeth. There is information about all these events later on in the newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in the near future!  
*Pour le Roi et le Régiment,  
Steven*



## ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, *Upcoming Events*

*MARLBOROUGH LABOR DAY  
PARADE, Monday, September 5 ~ Arrival:* All members are asked to arrive at the assembly point (Pleasant & Chestnut Streets) no later than 11am. **Directions:** The directions are the same as in previous years. For first-timers: 1-495 (exit 25A, Route 85), take a right onto Route 85 at the second set of lights (at the 99 Restaurant) and follow Route 85 through part of Hudson and into Marlborough. Continue to follow Route 85 until you reach the parking areas, not too far beyond where you cross Main Street. **Parking:** Parking is available on Route 85 at Replacement Auto Parts, Inc., Verizon Co., St. Mary's Credit Union, and Community National Bank, or on nearby streets. **Details:** A shuttle bus service will operate from 10:00am until 11:30am between the American Legion Building (86 Maple Street) and parade assembly area. Persons with private cars or those being dropped off are encouraged to use this service. Portolets are located at both assembly and ending areas of the parade. The parade is 1.7 miles and will end at the American Legion Building. Dress is French, white gaiters. Bring full canteens and whatever you have for cartridges.

*LABOR DAY COOKOUT &  
REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY at the Steven's  
HOUSE, Monday, September 5 # NOTE:  
PLEASE RSVP TO DANA OR STEVEN ASAP SO  
THAT THERE IS ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE  
WHO ATTENDS! Arrival:* Immediately following the parade or at approximately 2:30, if you weren't at the parade **Directions:** Take 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. Park on the street. **Details:** The regiment will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and other grill food as in previous years. Some drinks (alcoholic and non) will be provided. If you would like to contribute, please bring salads (green, pasta, potato or other), munchies, or our regiment's particular specialty – desserts! We'll also be having birthday cake to celebrate the regiment's birthday. As always, the party is open to all members and their families. Looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend. Many thanks for your participation!

*NORTHBOROUGH APPLE FEST PARADE, September 17 ~* **Arrival:**

Participants are asked to be assembled no later than 11am in the parking lot on left side of the Northboro Town Hall (where parade ends) and then car pool over to the Lincoln St School for 11:30 assembly. That way we will have cars at both ends of the parade. Lincoln St gets closed off after 11:30am, so late arrivals need to identify themselves as parade participants. **Directions:** Directions to the Northboro Town Hall from Rt 495: Take Rt 20 West / Northboro Exit 24B. Follow Rt 20 West for 3.4 miles. Look for Northboro Town Hall on right side (large white identifies the building) with Minute Man Statue out front. If you pass the Northboro Historical Society (white building on left side)...you have gone too far. On left side of Town Hall is entrance to the parking lot where we can meet at 11am & park our vehicles. For those going directly to the Lincoln St Elementary School from Rt 495: Take Rt 20 West / Northboro bound Exit 24B Follow Rt.20 West through center of Northboro. Approx 4.6 miles from Rt 495 exit, turn right on to Lincoln St. at the solid green traffic light (only turns red for emergency vehicles). Just before the traffic light, look for a green sign on right side identifying Lincoln St. coming up on your right. The Lincoln St. School & parking lot is short distance down Lincoln St on the right side. **Details:** Parade is one mile, level route. Voluminous musket volleys encouraged. We will be the only colonial unit in the parade. Parade starts at the Lincoln St School and ends at the Northborough Town Hall (on Rt.20). Rain date for this parade is Sunday September 19th.

*COLONIAL FAIRE & MUSTER of FYFE & DRUMS, Saturday, September 24 ~*

**Setup:** Volunteers are requested to help with camp setup on Friday evening. If you are available to help, please try to arrive at the field across from the Wayside Inn between 5 and 5:30 on Friday, September 24. We plan to

set up wedges & the fly that evening. **Arrival:** The faire is open to the public from 10am to 4pm. Plan on arriving on site by 9:00 am to ensure plenty of time to get you and your car unloaded and parked as needed. **Directions:** The Colonial Faire and Muster of Fyfe and Drums will be held at the Wayside Inn.



**Arriving from the North/South:** Exit Rt. 20 West from 128 (US 95). Follow Rt. 20 through the Towns of Weston, Wayland and Sudbury. Follow signs to Wayside Inn Road on right. **Arriving from the West:** Massachusetts Turnpike to Rt. 495 North. Exit Route 20 East. Follow through the town of Marlborough to Sudbury. Wayside Inn Road is on the left. **Details:** The Faire day is a recruiting day for the regiment so plan to bring your full kit and anything that you might like to show off to spectators. It will be a great opportunity to meet many local visitors who have the potential to become new members! Due to the busy schedule of the day, there will be no commissary arrangements – so plan on bringing (or buying!) your food for the day.

*THE DEFENSE OF REDWAY PLAIN, REHOBOTH, MA September, 25*

~ **Arrival:** Members should plan on being at the event no later than 10:30am. We will be holding a drill at 11:00am. **Directions:** From Rt 495 Take Exit 2A; Merge onto Newport Ave (1.3 Miles). Turn Left onto Central Ave. (1.1 Miles), Turn Right onto Pine Street (1.4 Miles). Turn Right to stay on Pine St. (3.6 Miles). Turn Left onto Broad St. (0.3 Miles) Take slight Right onto Wilmarth Bridge Rd. (0.1 Miles). Turn Left onto Rt 44/Winthrop St. The sight will be a tenth of a mile from there. **Details:** The year is 1779 and the quiet of the New England countryside has been disturbed by the martial sound of British Regulars marching through the towns of southeastern New England. The recent withdrawal of American Forces from the town of Newport and the surrounding countryside has emboldened the British garrison stationed there. In an effort to follow up on his victory during that engagement and in order to gather supplies for the British garrison of

Newport, Gen'l Pigot is leading an expedition into Massachusetts. We will be attending this event as Militia. More information can be found @ <http://www.2ndmass.org/redwayplain>

### Sunday Schedule

**8:00 AM** Reveille  
**9:30 AM** Church Call  
**11:00 AM** Ladies' Tea  
**12:00 - 12:45 PM** Noonning  
**12:45 PM** Troop Formation  
**1:00 - 2:30 PM** 2nd Battle for Redway Plain  
**2:30 PM** *Break Camp - Safe Drive Home*

*LEBANON, October 1, 2005* ~ **Arrival:** The Regiment will be expect to be on site at 10:00am on Saturday Morning. **Directions:** From RT 495, take RT I-290 W to I-395S (52 Miles). Take CT-2 (Exit 82 towards Hartford) go 0.2 Miles. Turn Right at West Town St go 0.7 Miles. Continue on Yantic Rd go 0.2 Miles. Take CT-2W / CT-32 N Ramp towards Hartford go 0.2 Miles. Take CT-32 N Exit 25 towards Franklin, go 0.1 Miles. Bear right at Windham Turnpike, go 5.7 Miles. Turn left onto Pond Rd go 0.4 miles. Bear right at Exeter Rd, go 2.8 Miles. Turn right on to Trumbull Highway. The Green in located along this road. **Details:** In the winter of 1780-81 the French Cavalry, under the direction of the duc de Lauzun, encamped in Lebanon to winter over and prepare to join the main army led by Rochambeau in the spring. These French troops served as the American Army's key allies in helping to defeat the British forces and thereby form what we know today as a "free America".

Commanded by the duc de Lauzun, the French "Hussars" as they were called spent nearly eight months in the town of Lebanon. Then as the left flank for the combined French and American Army marched across Connecticut and eventually to Yorktown, Virginia where they engaged in the battle that would signal the ending of the Fight for America's Freedom!

We have been asked by the W3R to help celebrate this 225th Anniversary event. The W3R was very impressed with us at Newport and would like to continue to work with us throughout the 225<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. This is our chance to impress the socks off of them and possibly get some funding for future events. More information can be found @ <http://www.geocities.com/lcraigeweb/lebanon05>

### Saturday Schedule

**10:00 AM** set up a French camp  
**11:00 AM** Drill and Firing  
**11:45 AM** Short Parade and ceremonies for the Ambassador and the unveiling of the marker  
**1:00 PM** Cannon firing demonstration  
**2:00 PM** drill and firing and practice  
**3:00 PM** bayonet drill on a straw stuffed dummy  
**4:00 PM** Selig speaks and this is the end of specific French Army activities.  
**5:00 PM** Breakdown and leave camp

### *MEDFORD DAY PARADE, Sunday Oct*

*2, 2005* ~ **Arrival:** Please plan to arrive in Medford by noon as the roads begin to close at that time. **Directions:** Park at Medford City Hall where the parade ends (exit 32 off Route 93, take the first left just after the Rotary) and get the Shuttle Bus no later than 12:15 pm. (The Parade starts near the Somerville line at Main & Medford Streets.) **Details:** Medford's 375th Birthday Committee is pleased to announce its plans to celebrate the City's birthday in style! The 375th events will take place on Sunday, October 2, 2005. At 10 AM, Medford's brand new World War II Honor Roll Monument will be dedicated, located at the entrance to Medford High School, 489 Winthrop Street. At 2 PM, the 375th parade will kick off from Winthrop Street. The parade route will be: (Staging Area - Playstead Road), Winthrop Street, to Hight Street, to Riverside Avenue, disbanding at Medford City Hall. All marching groups should plan to park at Medford City Hall and board buses that will shuttle your group to the staging area. Participation is requested of all members. Dress is French, white gaiters, full canteens. See you there!



### *GALERIE des IMAGES,* *Picture Gallery*



*Drill demonstration OSV August, 2005*





*French troops from 1780 and 1812 engaged in a battle.  
OSV August, 2005*



*Bayonet Charge  
OSV August, 2005*



*Returning from Drill  
OSV August, 2005*

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August 22, 2005

Les Malecki  
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Dear Les,

Please extend the appreciation of the staff at Old Sturbridge Village to the 85eme Regiment de Saintonge for their participation in our recent "From Redcoats to Rebels" timeline event. The support of your group allowed us to present a truly glorious event to our visitors. The comment cards and e-mail feedback have been outstanding. I've enclosed an evaluation sheet for your use. If you have the time, your comments are essential for our planning process for 2006. Please keep the date-August 4, 5 & 6, 2006. I have reserved the same location for your unit. It was so nice to finally put a face to the name. Thanks again for all your help!

Best regards,

Deb Friedman  
Program Co-ordinator

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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	<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>	<b>Rehoboth</b> Rehoboth, MA
Oct 1	85eme	<b>Lebanon</b> Lebanon, CT
Oct 2	85eme	<b>Medford Parade</b> Medford, MA
Oct 7 -9	85eme	<b>Warren Farm</b> Chelmsford, MA
Nov 19	85eme	<b>Plymouth Time Line</b> Plymouth, MA



**French Forces on Parade, August 2005**  
Old Sturbridge Village. Sturbridge, MA

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