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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,
Captain's Report*

Well the calendar has come full circle and we've had quite a year. We'll be gathering at Bill Rose's house for a party and very brief meeting on December 10th. If you have something you want to talk about let me know ahead of time, if an item is not on the agenda I cannot guarantee we'll have time to cover it. Everyone wants to keep the business part of the gathering short.

I want to thank those who showed up for the Parade in Plymouth. Sadly the turnout was much lower than we had hoped. Six muskets isn't a lot especially when you compare it to the members we had at Yorktown. I know the parades aren't exactly fun but they are something we have to do so the regiment can take care of insurance and other incidentals like renting a van to get our gear to Yorktown.

Ok, enough of that. Regimental elections are coming up we need people who are willing to help at all levels. I will be running for President again and I believe Brian Mixter will be running also... if you don't like your choices step forward. Contact Brian if you are interested in any of our elected positions.

It's been an honor to serve with all of you this year. I hope you and your families enjoy the holiday season.

Joyeux Noel

*Your Humble Servant,
Adam Carriere,
Président Régiment de SaintOnge*

It's December. Does everyone know what that means? It's time to start planning for next year. The first planning meeting for Battle Road will be taking place the first week of December. Both Steven and I will be attending the meeting remotely, as we will both be traveling that week.

As a reminder, I'm still collecting Yorktown pictures for the Victory party at the Rose's house. I would like to have as many pictures as I can so we can show them at the party. If you have pictures that you have not yet shared with me, please send me an email and let me know. As Adam stated, the party will be on December 10th. Details can be found later in the newsletter.

As an officer of the Sudbury Militia, I need to add a shameless plug for the 12th night ball. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get all dressed up in your fancy clothes and hang out with your friends. This is a very low key ball, with called contra dancing. I have provided more information in this month's newsletter.

Some of you might be wondering about how much money we are charging for use of the truck down to Yorktown. Well, to be honest, we still haven't figured that out. I will be sitting down with Steven in the next couple of days to work that out. As soon as we know, we'll let everyone else know.

See you all at the party.

For Massachusetts and Congress
et
Pour le Roi et le Regiment!
Dana Rock



*ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS,
Upcoming Events*

**VICTORY PARTY, Bolton, MA,
December 10th ~ Arrival:** The festivities begin at 1:00pm. **Details:** The Rose's are opening up their house to us so we can celebrate our glorious victory in Yorktown. They are also graciously providing food for the event. Soda will also be available, however if you are looking for adult beverages, you are encouraged to bring your own. **Directions:** 36 Rocky Dundee Road in Bolton and the phone number is 978.779.5488. The best route to Bill's house is from Route 495. From Route 495, take Exit 27 (Route 117) and head west on Route 117 into Bolton. In Bolton center, at the blinking light, take a left onto Watoquodoc Road. You will pass Nashoba Valley Winery and Orchards on your left. Take your next left onto Old Bay Road – it's a sharp turn and easy to miss. Follow Old Bay Road to the end and take a right. You will pass Rocky Dundee Farm (or something with a similar name) and the road will end a bit further ahead at a dead end/dirt path. Take a left turn immediately before the dead end. Follow the road around the island and continue straight on the far side. Bill's house is the large colonial on a slight rise - #36.



*GALERIE des IMAGES,
Picture Gallery*



TWELTH NIGHT BALL, Sudbury, MA

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

Twelfth Night Ball

**At the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts
Friday, January 12th at 8:00pm**



**Musick and Contra Dance calling by Yankee
Ingenuity**

**Be our King and Queen by find the magic bean
hidden in the cake!**

**Join us in the Traditional Flag Changing
Ceremony**

**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 8th, 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. Keith Downer at
(508) 865 7997 or revwar1775@hotmail.com**



*ÉVÈNEMENTS R#ALIS#S,
Past Event*

THE PLYMOUTH TIME LINE AFFAIR

We arrived at the site of our previous encampment in Plymouth at 8:00 AM only to discover an unmistakable Civil War era campsite. Seeing no one in attendance, we surmised that they had actually spent the night in modern comfort. We were hailed by a woman and asked if we were the Bill Mixter family. Sadly, we were not. However, we did assure her that more people dressed like us would be arriving and we would be able to set up camp when we had an abundance of hands and backs. Being hungry, we decided to walk to the insight Friendly's restaurant. As we made our way down the street, the Water Street Café appeared and we opted to eat there and support the local establishments. We were not disappointed with the food, service, atmosphere or price and whiled away our sipping our tea and coffee afterwards. We strolled back to the allotted campsite to discover the Mees family deciding on the best place for the tents and fly. Our expanded crew was joined shortly by the Fisher-Humphreys, Captain Rock, President Carriere, Pvt Wentworth and Mistress Felshin. We now had distaff, music and a few muskets. We acquired some wood from the 25th Mass Volunteers next to us and sent out a few foragers to buy some water from the local stores.

At around 10 or so, we lined up for the parade and took powder, each person having about 15 rounds. We overtook some members of the Lexington Training Band while on our way to the start of the parade who graciously shared a short cut with us along the water's edge. We were slotted behind a band and some pirates and in front of some bicyclers and another band. We went through some drill and were started on our way. We had a difficult time hearing our fifer since the bands in front of and in back of us were continually playing, and we did our best to keep in step with each other. The weather being perfect for parades, powder and participants, we had some very good volleys, even with a few muskets that had to be persuaded to fire every now and again. We fired all our rounds by the end of the parade route and fixed bayonets for the reviewing stand.

We dismissed after securing our firelocks and headed back to camp for nooning. We had chicken stew, breads, cheese and crackers, carrots and turnip. The food that was set out on our table was somehow thought by the general public to be available for the taking but Cadet Teddy put out a sign politely asking people to not eat our

lunch. Delicious food is always a magnet and ours was exceptional that day. We had an apple pie made by Liz in the dutch oven and a pumpkin custard in the pumpkin shell cooking in the fire. Many people stopped by just to look and ask questions about the cooking and camp life. One person, having asked if there would have been women in the ranks, was told, "There are no women in the ranks. We have no one portraying an 18th century woman trying to be an 18th century man. There are 20th century females portraying 18th century men – hence there are no women in the ranks." A difficult concept for some to grasp, but the spectators were of all opinions and it was a good time explaining simple things like dishwashing and other chores around the camp.

After lunch, we did a short drill for the public which included the signature French bayonet charge. Under the instruction of Adam and Abe, we learned a few new insights into bayonet maneuvering. This is something we will need to practice in the future for bayonet competitions. Continual improvement keeps us all sharp!

We struck camp when the sinking sun made for cooler temperatures. A cooperative effort had things taken down and packed away in no time and we were all able to leave and make our way home in time for a late night repast in the warmth of our own homes

Pvt Will Hutchinson.



I'd like to thank Ellie and Matthew for their contributions to the Newsletter. Please continue to send articles and pictures. All articles and pictures should be sent to stonge85@comcast.net



*Le PROGRAMME,
the schedule for 2006*

Remaining events for the year.

<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>All</i>	Victory Party Bolton, MA
<i>Jan 13</i>	<i>All</i>	Drill Berlin, MA
<i>Feb 3</i>	<i>All</i>	Continental Line Meeting King of Prussia, PA
<i>Feb 10</i>	<i>All</i>	Drill TBA



Reviewing the Troops, Yorktown, VA

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