



N° 32

## GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Mai 2006

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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,  
Captain's Report*

Greetings once again, is it just me or are the months just flying by? Battle Road was, by all reports I have heard, and what I saw myself, a complete success!

So anyone want to burn some Powder? We've been invited to a tactical in Sutton on May 6. Please contact Dana or I ASAP so we can get this organized. It is a daytrip so no gear beyond the basics is needed but I think this could be a lot of fun for all of us. No public, just a chance to engage with our friends and have fun.

We have a drill and work party on May 13th. Hopefully we'll be able to finish up the Gaiters and put a dent in the hats. The current plan is to hold the drill at Bill's place and move right to the work party. Naturally you can bring any project you have if you're looking for help.

The first W3R Event is the following weekend May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. As my Grandmother is turning 90 that weekend I will not be at the event, but I know the regiment will again cover it self in glory. The schedule looks like it predominantly social rather than military. Ceremonies and parade are on Sunday only.

Finally we have our Memorial Day Parades which are big money makers for us so look at the calendar and make time if you can.

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

Well folks, now that it's warming up and the leaves are starting to come out; it's time to do some spring cleaning. So get out those tents and sleeping bags, and make sure they are ready for another season. Our first weekend event of the year is this month. We will be camping out at the Webb Deane Stevens Museum in Wethersfield CT later this month; let's hope the evenings warm up by them.

At the end of this month we have two parades lined up, one for Sunday and one on Monday morning. I would encourage everyone to make an effort to attend these two parades this year; I realize that we all have other things we would rather do on Memorial Day weekend, but it is important that we have regimental funds so we can continue to purchase equipment and powder.

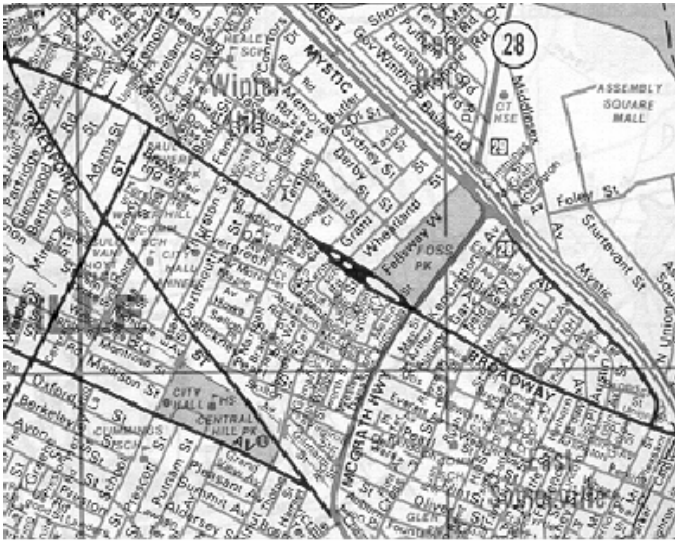
I'd like to give everyone a heads up on some recent emails that have been pasted back and forth between Steven and I and the BAR in regards to a posting on the NEREV list. It seems that our "friends" in the 1<sup>st</sup> New Market, Dearbore's Company has made an announcement to the NEREV list that their entire regiment will be coming to Yorktown as Sassionias, and will be riding on our coat tails. This is NOT the case. We as CL and BAR members are not allowed to invite an entire regiment to Yorktown in October, we are also not allowed to invite individual members of other units to Yorktown. We ARE however allowed to continue to recruit for our own Regiment. If anyone from 1<sup>st</sup> New Market approaches you about Yorktown, please direct them to either Steven or me.

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



*ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS,  
Upcoming Events*

**REGIMENTAL DRILL & WORK PARTY, Saturday, May 13 ~ Arrival:** Folks should arrive at 10:00am so we can start drilling at 10:30am. **Directions:** Once again we are meeting at Bill and Corri's house for the Drill and Work Party. Their address is 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.**Details:** We will be holding a drill from 10:30am to 12:00pm. After the drill we will be having lunch. Most likely we will be having pizza again, if you wish to bring your own lunch, please feel free to do so.



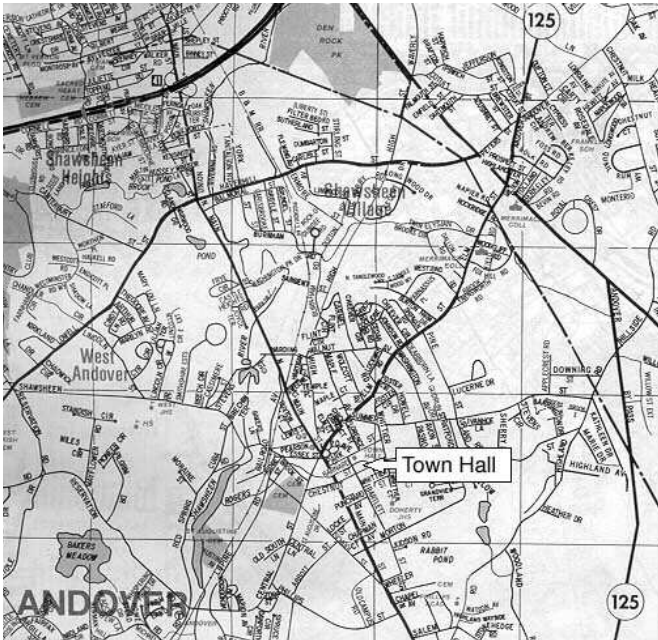
**Details:** We are marching as French with white gaiters. Please make sure to bring a full canteen. The parade is about 1-1/2 miles and finishes with a brief ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery. If there's any interest, we can head out for dinner after the parade.



**ANDOVER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, Monday, May 29. ~ Arrival:** Assemble at 8:45 for a 9:30 step-off. **Directions:** Assemble & park behind the old Town Hall on Rte. 28. A larger map image can be found on saintonge.org.



**SOMERVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, Sunday, May 28. ~ Arrival:** Meet at City Hall (Highland & School Streets) at 12:00 for a 1 pm step-off. Parking will be at the Dilboy Field. **Directions:** Take Route 2 East towards Boston. Turn Left on to Rt 16. Follow Rt 16 for 2 miles, the Dilboy Field will on the left. Shuttles to the High School end around 12:00pm.



**Details:** Same as previous years: great parade, very short route (8 blocks) with an excellent ceremony to remind us why we're doing this. And lunch provided by the sponsors before we head to Medford. Dress is French, white gaiters, full canteens.



*REVIST WETHERSFEILD with  
Washington and ROCHAMBEAU,  
WETHERSFEILD CT May 20 - 21. ~*

**Arrival:** Everyone should plan on arriving at 6 :00pm on Friday evening to help setup camp. At this time, we do not have volunteers to transport equipment, and not volunteers for commissary. If you are willing to help out with either of these, please contact Adam or Dana.

**Directions :** Take I-90 (Mass Pike) to I-84 West. Take Exit 57 on to Rt 15 South. Take exit 86 to I-91 South. Follow I-91 for 2.5 Miles. (This is where it gets interesting) Take the exit towards Old Wethersfield. Turn right onto Great Meadow Rd (<0.1 Miles). Turn Left onto Marsh St. (0.4 Miles). Turn Left onto Main St (<0.1 Miles). **Details:** Camp setup will be in two rows to form a company street. American tents on left side leaving wide street and French tents opposite on the right side. At far end of the street, one large fire will be permitted to be used by both camps. Officers tent will be behind the fire.

Additional Information:

<http://www.webb-deane-stevens.org/>

**Wethersfeild Schedule**

SATURDAY MAY 20

8:00A-9:00A-Set up camp

10A- Camp opens

Formation for inspection and safety check

Living History demonstration w/manual of arms

[If enough of the public is there at this time]

Washington and Rochambeau attend own regiments but do not meet. Save this for a more dramatic meeting on Sunday.

11:00A- Kids Camp [5CR]

1. Pitch a Tent

2. Marching

3. Cooking Demonstration [Kids can help with preparation]

4. Clothing/Uniform seminar [5CR, French,Dragoons]

12:00P- Lunch [Soldiers own food]

Food available for purchase for public in Webb Barn.

[1:00p-4:00p Kids Activities] [Town]

Scavenger Hunt, Stenciling, Colonial Games

2:30P-3:30P- Barn Dance With Fiddle Music

4:00P-5:30P- Movie-"Felicity" in Barn

5:30P- Dinner [Soldiers own food]

Family Picnic-Food for sale in Webb Barn or bring own [Public]

6:30P-8:00P- Movie "Johnny Tremain" in Barn

SUNDAY MAY 21

10:00A- Camp opens Formation for Inspection and Safety Check

10:30A-11:30A- Kids Camp [5CR]

1.Pitch a Tent

2.Marching [wooden muskets]

3.Cooking Demonstration [Kids assist with preparation]

4.Clothing/Uniform Seminar [5CR, Dragoons, French]

11:30A-12:30P- Lunch [soldiers own food]

Food for sale in Webb Barn [public]

12:30P- Soldiers Formation at Hartford Ave. [This is the original route]

Museum guides will assist with location 1/2 block from camp

12:45P- Parade and Ceremony

Line of march

Daniel Chester Fife and Drum Corps

2nd Dragoons [On Horseback]

General Washington [On Horseback]

5th Connecticut

General Rochambeau

Saintonge and Bourbonnais French Regiments

1:00P- Stop at Main St for W3R Plaque Dedication Salute to Dignitaries Washington and Rochambeau [with Aides] will unveil Plaque. Musket Salute [5CR and French]

[2:00P-4:00P Kids Activities] by Town

1:15P- Washington Arrives on Horseback to Webb House Escorted to 5CR camp. [With Aides] Rochambeau Arrives and escorted to French Camp [Saintonge/Boubonnais] [With Aides]

1:30P- Rochambeau escorted [French Regiments] to 5CR Camp to Meet Washington. [Officers Tent] [With Aides]

Generals and Aides enter Webb House for Picture Taking In Historic Rooms.

2:00P- Panel Discussion -Keeny Building [Historical Society-across the street] Topic- "Washington s and

Rochambeau s Revolutionary Route' Speakers-Dr. Robert Selig, John Welsh, dignitaries

2:15P- Fife and Drum Music [Encampment Area]

3:00P-Period Music and Dance

3:30P- Parade Formation at Encampment Same Line of March as 1245p without Horses March to First Meeting House [1764] [1/2 block] for Concert. [Historically this occurred at this location and building]

4:00P- Colonial Concert at Meeting House. [At this point, all re enactors can return to the Webb House for camp breakdown, except for Washington, Rochambeau and Aides. However, concert is open to anyone who wishes to attend]

530p- Entourage will cross the street to the Tavern for Dinner with Dignitaries. Gens. Washington, Rochambeau, and Aides are invited guests of the town for Dinner. Officials are requesting that each officer sit among the guests. One per each room. American and French Cuisine will be served. Other Re enactors can return to Webb Barn for Light Collation

630P- Camp closed.



## *ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉGIMENTAIS,* *Past Event*

After Action Report for Battle Road 2006.

So in the past few weeks I had been waiting for Saturday April 15. It was the official start of the re-enacting season and a chance to see old friends and to work with the new friends. One of the first things that made this Battle Road many times better than the years past was the use of a shuttle. It is a welcome sight when you have a half mile walk with not only normal gear but baskets, and blankets to hide the objects from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century.

After a lengthy inspection and a few speeches we were off and running. And as we were lined up for the inspection there was another one of those new features of Battle Road 2006...Sutlers!!!! So from about 1100 until 1230 or so people that were not in command were able to do more than just hang out at the tavern and wait for tourists to ask us questions. So after a hearty picnic

lunch of meats and cheeses and breads....yes all very French, we were called to form up for the reason we all converge on this site every year...THE EXCHANGE OF NON OPPOSING FIRE!!!!

Another one of the upgrades to this year's event was all of the clearing that had been done. Thus giving all of us a chance to run around more and to burn more powder. The majority of our members were place under the command of our own Sgt. Abe. And it was quite a spectacle to see. As we gathered at an edge of the field we could see the Crown forces gathering and preparing for battle (or simulated battle based on American government regulations). As we see that we are inspired by our fearless leader Steven who reminds us that the role that our division was playing was the actual roles that the members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex played in 1775.

The battle went off without a hitch. Again the 4<sup>th</sup> leading the way with excellent volleys and total safety. All in all there is no better way to get the motivation for the season than to have the first non parade event go off without any issues.

Also it was a very special event for Beth and I as we let those members of the hobby and regiment that did not know that we are expecting our first child this coming October. So it was Baby Mixter's first of many events as part of the regiment.

The day ended as all French events should...by the members of the regiment sitting around and drinking. The Park Service was nice enough to provide those people that were still hanging around a nice cocktail time after the event had concluded. Again giving us time to bond even more and to wind down after a wonderful day.

So to sum up it was a wonderful event that was well written, safe, and very memorable. And we are looking forward to next year's already.

Humbly Submitted by,  
Brian Mixter



*Le PROGRAMME,  
the schedule for 2006*

The events listed below are the official schedule for 2006

*WORK PARTIES*

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 24	All	<b>Work Party (7-9)</b> Bolton, MA
Feb 21	All	<b>Work Party (7-9)</b> Bolton, MA
Mar 11	All	<b>Work Party (12-3)</b> Bill Rose's House (Bolton, MA)
April 8	All	<b>Work Party (12-3)</b> Bill Rose's House (Bolton, MA)
May 13	All	<b>Work Party (12-3)</b> Bill Rose's House (Bolton, MA)

*EXERCICES et RENDEVOUS,  
Drills & Distaff Gatherings*

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 14	All	<b>French Drill &amp; Distaff Gathering (12:30-2:00)</b> Stow Town Hall
Feb 11	All	<b>French Drill &amp; Annual Meeting ( 10:30-2:00)</b> Berlin, MA
Mar 11	All	<b>French Drill &amp; Distaff Gathering (10:30-12:00)</b> Bill Rose's House (Bolton, MA)
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Date	Unit	Event
Mar 5	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Boston Massacre</b> Boston, MA
Mar 19	85eme	<b>Evacuation Day Parade</b> South Boston, MA
Mar 25	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Muster Day</b> Concord, MA
April 8	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Liberty Pole</b> Bedford, MA
April 15	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle Road</b> Lexington, MA
April 17	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Patriots Day Ceremonies</b> Concord, MA
May 20 & 21	85eme	Wethersfield, CT
May 28	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Somerville, MA
May 29	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Andover, MA
May 29	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Medford, MA
Jun 6	85eme	East Hartford, CT
June 10 & 11	85eme	<b>Artillery School</b> Charlestown, NH
Jun 17 & 18	85eme	Providence, RI W3R
Jun 17 & 18	85eme	Southbury, CT
July 1 & 2	85eme	Ridgefield, CT
July 22 & 23	85eme	<b>Grand Reconnaissance</b> White Plains
Aug 5 & 6	85eme	<b>From Redcoats to Rebels</b> Sturbridge, MA
Sept 4	85eme	<b>Labor Day Parade</b> Marlborough, MA
Sept 4	85eme	<b>Regimental Birthday Party</b> TBD
Sept 9 & 10	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Brandywine</b> Chadds Ford, PA
Sept 23	85eme	<b>Sudbury Muster</b> Sudbury, MA
Sept 30	85eme	Wilmington, DE
Oct 13 -16	85eme	<b>Prelude to Victory</b> Williamsburg, VA
Oct 20 - 22	85eme	<b>225<sup>th</sup> Victory at Yorktown</b> Yorktown, VA
Nov 18	85eme	<b>Plymouth Time Line</b> Plymouth, MA



*Battle Road April 15, 2006*

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