



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Janvier 2006.

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

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday Session.

Just a friendly reminder, the 19th Annual Continental Line Meeting is coming up. The meeting will be held in Annapolis, MD on February 4, 2006. I'd encourage anyone who is interested in running a reenacting group to attend this meeting. You don't have to be an elected officer of the regiment to attend. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please let me know ASAP, registrations need to be in by January 21st.

Speaking of meetings, our Annual Voting Meeting will be the weekend after the CL Meeting. The Regiment will be meeting in Berlin, MA on February 11 (Details can be found later in the Newsletter). At the February meeting we will be discussing the schedule for the 2006 Campaign Session, and we will be electing cooperate officers, Board of Directors and Commanding officers. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please mail your absentee ballot to the P.O Box. We need to receive all ballots before February 4, 2006. Further instructions can be found later in the Newsletter.

The nominating committee has done a great job of putting together a ballot for this year's elections. I want to thank them for all of their hard work.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as President of the Regiment for the past 3 years. Serving as President has been both fun and exciting, and at times challenging. I will be stepping aside as President for the up and coming 2006 Session for a couple of reasons. First and foremost I believe that in order for a group to grow, it's important that everyone has a chance to partake in running the organization. A group can become stale if new ideas are not brought forward. I would like to see other people in this group come forward and have a chance to organize and shape this regiment. The other reason I'm stepping aside is

because I'm throwing my name in the ring for the position of Commanding Office of the Regiment. I've had the distinct pleasure of serving as First Lieutenant for Regiment for the past year and a half, and I feel that I'm ready to move on to be the Commanding Officer.

Hope to see you all at the next drill.

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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,
Captain's Report*

Framingham on the Sudbury
January 2006

Hi Folks,

A New Year is upon us as we look forward to a new campaign season and winter camp. From all the posts that you have seen so far, it will be a very busy year of changes, new horizons, and worthwhile campaigns! Due to the holidays, it was a fairly quiet month for the Regiment; however a lot has been happening behind the scenes.

The nominating committee has been very busy this last month, with Abe Fisher doing a great job leading the committee. As you all know, I will not be running as your Captain this year due to the Regiment's and my personal schedules. This is all good, since the main reasons are my wedding and acceptance as the overall French Commander at Yorktown. If anyone is interested in the open positions for the Regiment, please let Abe know.

There was a brief meeting of the Battle Road Committee earlier this month – the major topic of the meeting is the event at the Hartwell Tavern site. Bill and Myles were also in attendance as well. The push for this year's event is to add more "civilian" type events at the Tavern as well as the Smith House site. A follow-up meeting and

the Commander's Round Table meeting will be held at the Minuteman National Historic Site on January 11, 2006.

The main push for this year will be the improvement of our kit and drill as we head towards Yorktown. This will be accomplished by work parties and drills in the "off season". I'm finishing my work on coat pattern to make it accessible through the website. I think I have the sleeves, cuff, and collar to finish. I'm working on getting a new sleeved waist coat and sleeveless vest pattern. Unfortunately with vests and waistcoats, all you see is the front – I'm trying to find a picture of the back, which is the only question I have! After all the patterns are drafted, we'll grade them for most sizes (I'll need some help here!) as we'll get them up on line. Work parties will follow for the gear that folks don't have and for rolling cartridges – for which we will burn quite a lot this year.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the opportunity and the confidence in me for allowing me to be your Captain these years. I'm very pleased at the progress and the continued growth that the Regiment enjoys. Please welcome the new command staff as they come on board and give them all the patience and understanding that you gave me when I came on board. I'm going to participate in the same capacity as I have in the past, with the typical work and life interruptions swaying the schedule in ways that often can not be predicted. I am very proud to be part of this group and will continue on to share in the journey.

See you all very soon!!

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

Steven



ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, *Upcoming Events*

DRILL & DISTAFF GATHERING,
Saturday, January 14 ~ Arrival: Drill & distaff gathering will begin at 12:30am. It will be meeting for only 90 minutes so please try to arrive on time. **Directions:** We'll be at the Old Town Hall in Stow, MA – many thanks to Dave Walrath for securing the location. Old Town Hall is on Route 117 in Stow, one

block west of the intersection of Routes 117 & 62. There is limited parking on the street; additional parking is available at the "new" Town Hall directly across the street. **From the East:** Take Rt. 117(W) to Rt. 62 (Stow Ctr.); Old Town Hall is on the right, one block west of the Rt. 117/62 intersection. **From the West:** Take I-495 to Rt. 117 (E) - Old Town Hall is about 8 miles on your left, just before the Rt. 62 intersection. **From the South:** Take Rt. 62(E) to Route 117; turn right and it will be one block on your right. From the North, take Rt. 2 or Rt. 111 to Rt 62(W); take Rt. 62 to Rt. 117 and turn right for one block. **Details:** A dual purpose meeting a drill and distaff gathering, this will give every member a reason to go out into the cold on this January Saturday! We will be meeting from 12:30 – 2:00. For the soldats - the French Drill will be worked on during this time, so please remember to bring cartridge box, musket & hat. If the weather looks good, the drill will take place out doors – so keep that in mind when getting dressed... you might want those regimentals if the weather is chilly enough! For the distaff members of the regiment – we'll be meeting indoors for another gathering. Feel free to bring projects that you have been working on. This is a great chance to get to know your fellow distaff members a bit better and to ask questions and share ideas about projects and upcoming events. Hope to see you there! If the weather is nasty – call Dana at 978.758.9350 for any change or cancellation info.

REGIMENTAL WORK PARTY, Tuesday,

January 24 ~ Arrival: Doors open at 7pm. Folks are invited to stay until 9pm. **Directions:** Bill & Cori Rose will be opening their home to us for the evening. Their address is 36 Rocky Dundee Road in Bolton and the phone number is 978.779.5488. (*Editor's note: These directions are my best recollection on how to get to Bill's – if you haven't been there before, please email the list to verify the directions*) 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:** 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. This month, Bill has

suggested the following projects to work on: Hats and/or French Musket Slings. For those that aren't in need of either, Bill has also offered to conduct a brief lesson on constructing 17th-Early 18th century Six Board Chests. It's a great chance to get a bit accomplished and enjoy the company of fellow members, as well as get to know new friends! Hope to see many people there – call Bill, Steven or Dana with questions.

ANNUAL MEETING, DRILL & GATHERING, Saturday, February 11. ~

Arrival: We will be conducting a Drill starting at 10:30am. I would like to encourage the Distaff to join us at the time to work together on any projects that they might have. **Directions:** Once again we'll be at the Meadow Brook Village Community Center at 59 Brook Lane, Berlin, MA. (Almost next door to Frank Marini!) Frank's number is (978) 838-2112 - just in case! From Sudbury, Framingham, Concord: Take Route 62 through Hudson. Stay on RT 62 through Rotary. You will come to a three way fork in the road. Take River Street on Left. Travel for about 3 Miles. Look for Meadow Brook Village on the right. Turn Right onto Brook Lane. Travel ¼ mile down Brook Lane. It's #59 Brook Lane on the Right. From 290 and 495: Take 290 to the Solomon Pond Mall Exit. Turn Right at end of Ramp. Stay in far Left Lane. Travel straight for 1 mile. You will come to a rotary; take first right onto River Road. Travel for about 3 miles on River Road. You will pass the 1790 Farm. Meadow Brook Village will be on your Left. Turn Left onto Brook Lane. Travel 1/4 Mile down Brook Lane. It's #59 Brook Lane on Right. **Details:** A dual purpose meeting time from 10:30 – 12:00 will give every member a reason to go out into the cold on this January Saturday! For the soldats - the French Drill will be worked on during this time, so please remember to bring cartridge box, musket & hat. For the distaff members of the regiment – we'll be meeting indoors for another gathering. Topics for discussion will be next years schedule. We will also be holding elections! Coffee & tea will be available for all – hope to see you there! If the weather is nasty – call Dana at 978.758.9350 for any change or cancellation info.

REGIMENTAL WORK PARTY, Tuesday, February 21 ~ **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 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.



*SAINTONGE GOVERNING BOARD,
The Duties of Each Position*

Duties of Commanding Officer: The Commanding Officer shall be the senior field officer commanding the Regiment at its field events. The Commanding Officer may appoint another person to act temporarily in such capacity, and may appoint such subordinate officers as he shall deem necessary or advisable. The Commanding Officer shall designate members of the corporation to serve in the Grenadier, Chasseur, Musique or Fusilier companies, who shall elect the senior noncommissioned officer of each company.

Duties of President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and as such shall have charge of the affairs of the corporation subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors. The President or his or her designee shall preside at all meetings at which he or she is present.

Duties of Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the corporation. The Treasurer shall also have such powers and duties as customarily belong to the office of Treasurer ... [those duties include maintaining checking accounts and filing annual tax returns with the IRS and an annual report with the MA Atty. General].

Duties of Clerk: The Clerk shall record all proceedings of the members and directors in a book or books to be kept therefore and shall maintain such records...The Clerk shall also maintain or have custody of the books and records of the corporation relating to membership, participation of members in field events and related matters.

Duties of Safety Officer: The Safety Officer shall administer the safety rules and policies of the corporation, as adopted by the Board of Directors from time to time. Subject to the oversight and approval of the Board of Directors and the President, the Safety Officer may from time to time take other actions determined by such officer to be advisable in order to promote the effectiveness of the corporation's safety rules and policies.

Directors: The directors shall be responsible for the general management and supervision of the business and affairs of the corporation, including without limitation adoption and operation of all guidelines, policies, standards, procedures and rules necessary or advisable in connection with the activities of the corporation or otherwise contemplated by these bylaws, except to the extent specifically reserved to the members by Massachusetts law, the Articles of Organization or these bylaws.

*As determined by the Nominations Committee, with the input from individual members of the regiment, the Ballot for the 2006 Saintonge Election appears later in the newsletter. If you will be unable to attend the meeting in February, you may mail your completed ballot to Regiment Saintonge, PO Box 854, Sudbury, MA 01776. Mailed ballots must be **received** prior to February 4, 2005.*



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

☼ **BAR DUES ARE DUE** – For Saintonge members who also hold membership with the Brigade of the American Revolution (BAR), 2006 membership dues will be collected at the Saintonge regimental meeting in February. Dues are \$25 for the year and include subscriptions to their bi-monthly newsletter and quarterly research journal. A membership also permits participation in BAR events throughout the year. Checks should be made payable to Regiment Saintonge. If you can't attend the meeting, please mail your dues to Regiment Saintonge, PO Box 854, Sudbury, MA 01776. If you are interested in becoming a new member with the BAR, you can download a membership form at www.brigade.org or forms will be available at the meeting in February.



TWELFTH NIGHT BALL *A Night of Dancing & Merriment*

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

Twelfth Night Ball
*at he Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts
Friday, January 13th at 8:00pm*



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

**Be our King and Queen by finding 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 9th, 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. Klaus
Schneller at
(508) 495-1779 or kssmet@verizon.net*



85ème Régiment de Saintonge
2006 Governing Board
Ballot

President (Choose 1)

- Adam Carrier Brian Mixer
 Other _____

Commanding Officer (Choose 1)

- Dana Rock Other _____

Treasurer (Choose 1)

- Abe Fisher Steven Taskovics
 Other _____

Clerk (Choose 1)

- Kevin Collins Elizabeth Mees
 Beth Mixer Other _____

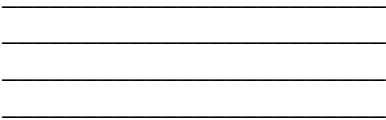
Safety Officer (Choose 1)

- Bill Rose
 Other _____

Board of Directors (Choose 5)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Collins | <input type="checkbox"/> Sue Felshin | <input type="checkbox"/> Abe Fisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ellie Hutchinson | <input type="checkbox"/> Les Malecki | <input type="checkbox"/> Frank Marini |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Mees | <input type="checkbox"/> Beth Mixer | <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Mixer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steven Taskovics | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |





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*Le PROGRAMME,
the schedule for 2006*

The events listed below are the unofficial schedule for 2006 – the official schedule will be printed after it has been approved at the annual meeting

WORK PARTIES

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 24	All	Work Party (7-9) Bolton, MA
Feb 21	All	Work Party (7-9) Bolton, MA
Mar ?	All	Work Party (7-9) TBA
April ?	All	Work Party (7-9) TBA

*EXERCICES et RENDEVOUS,
Drills & Distaff Gatherings*

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 14	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (12:30-2:00) Stow Town Hall
Feb 11	All	French Drill & Annual Meeting (10:30-2:00) Berlin, MA
Mar 11	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (12:30-2:00) Stow Town Hall
Apr 8	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (12:30-2:00) Stow Town Hall
May 13	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (TBA) TBA

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 13	4 th	225th Cowpens Cowpens, NC
Mar 18	4 th	Guilford Courthouse Greensboro, NC
Mar 19	85eme	Evacuation Day Parade South Boston, MA
Mar 25	4 th	Muster Day Concord, MA
April 8	4 th	Liberty Pole Bedford, MA
April 15	4 th	Battle Road Lexington, MA
April 17	4 th	Patriots Day Ceremonies Concord, MA
May 20	85eme	Wethersfield, CT
May 28	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
May 29	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
May 29	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Medford, MA
June 6	85eme	East Hartford, CT
June 16	85eme	Providence, RI W3R
June 17	85eme	Southbury, CT
July 1	85eme	Ridgefield, CT
July 22	85eme	Grand Reconnaissance White Plains
Aug 5 & 6	85eme	From Redcoats to Rebels Sturbridge, MA
Sept 4	85eme	Labor Day Parade Marlborough, MA
Sept 4	85eme	Regimental Birthday Party TBD
Sept 22	85eme	Sudbury Muster Sudbury, MA
Sept 29	85eme	Wilmington, DE
Oct 13 -16	85eme	Prelude to Victory Williamsburg, VA
Oct 19 -22	85eme	225th Victory at Yorktown Yorktown, VA
Nov 18	85eme	Plymouth Time Line Plymouth, MA



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