



N° 40

# GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Janvier 2007

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

Well, I hope everyone had a happy holiday. It was great to see so many old and new members turn out for our end of year party. I would like to thank Bill and Cori Rose for hosting and organizing the party.

I received a wonderful letter thanking us for our participation in the Yorktown commemoration. We made quite an impression as you will see from reading the letter (letter is further along in this newsletter).

We have a winter drill on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Frank has arranged for the community center to be available for us again. Our winter meeting and elections are also coming up. Take a look at the ballot think about who you want running the unit. Also consider designating a proxy or sending in the ballot ahead of time if you can't make the meeting.

Good work by everyone this year I'm sure 2007 will be at least as much fun as 2006.

Happy New Year!

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

## *Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE, Captain's Report*

Happy New Year! Now that the Holidays are over, it's time to get back to work. Our first event for the year is a Drill and Distaff Gathering in Berlin, MA. From there several of us head down to PA for the Annual CL meeting. After which is our annual meeting, which will

include a drill, distaff gathering and a pot luck lunch. Please stay tuned as we get more information about the meeting.

I want to take a minute and bring everyone up to speed on what the Board of Directors has been doing. The Board has been working hard to amend our current By-Laws. This amendment will clarify what actions should be taken in the case of a tie during elections. The proposed amendment will be available for the Regiment to review in the coming weeks.

The Board has also been revisiting the issue of determining who is a member of the Regiment and who is not. This issue is becoming more and more relevant as we discover information about insurance. It turns out that we cannot simply have a book with several names in it and call it our member list. To rectify this, all members **MAY** be required to sign a membership form or pay dues to verify that they are a member of the group. The Board will continue to investigate and will report their findings as soon as possible. In the meantime, they have asked for any comments, ideas, and opinions, publicly or privately.

Lastly, the Board has been working on some Tax Filing issues. It turns out that the regiment had not filed tax returns for the past several years. This may seem bad, but it's not as bad as it sounds. Steven and Abe are working very closely to retrieve financial information for the past 5 years. Once all the information is gathered, the filings will be submitted.

I want to thank the Board of Directors for all their hard work in the past year and the months to come.

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



### *Important Notice to all Members*

For many years now the Regiment has been providing FREE paper copies of the newsletter to all members upon request. Due to increasing costs of copying and stamps, the regiment will no longer provide a free paper copy of the Newsletter to inactive members. The regiment defines inactive members as those who have not participated in two Regimental events in the past year. All active members who request a paper newsletter will continue to receive a free copy. For those who are inactive members of the regiment, you may continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter for a nominal subscription fee of \$5/year. A check may be written out to "The Regiment Saintonge" and mailed to the following.

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You may also opt for an electronic copy of the newsletter, free of charge. The newsletter can be viewed at any time via our Yahoo Group. If you prefer, you can receive the Newsletter via email. Please contact our Clerk, Elizabeth Mees at [emxmees@juno.com](mailto:emxmees@juno.com) and let her know your preferred method to receive the newsletter. This new policy will go into effect starting with the March Newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience, and thank you for your support and understanding.



### *2007 Governing Board Ballot*

As determined by the Nominations Committee, with the input from individual members of the regiment, the Ballot for the 2007 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 5, 2007.**



### *Annual Continental Line Meeting*

The Annual CL Meeting will be taking place at the Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel in King of Prussia on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8am to 4pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dana Rock: [stonge85@comcast.net](mailto:stonge85@comcast.net) as soon as possible.



### *A word from the Major General*

Framingham on the Sudbury  
Winter (!) Camp  
January 2007

Hi Folks,

Another year has passed and what a year it has been! The push for this year was Yorktown, which we attended with style and panache. Our numbers grew – as expected – to support this event. Some of this growth was organic – welcome Heather Mixter – and some was from outside as we welcomed members from Acton and Lincoln who joined the ranks of Saintonge. We also got significant support from the outside for the "French Line" as we joined ranks without friends from Bourbonnais and Royale Deux-Ponts, but also from Lauzon's Legion (WI), Metz Artillery (UTA), Gatonais (11<sup>th</sup> PA), Bourbonnais (NJ Militia), and Auxonne Artillery (Quebec). At the beginning of the year, Bill Rose and the rest of the staff wanted at least 100 men-at-arms. Through Bill's efforts and others, we not only reached that goal, but exceeded it in terms of enthusiasm where everyone who came had a blast. All who came still want to come and work together as the French Line, so we will all continue to grow.

So what does this mean for the coming years – well...more events, work parties, and research!

As the overall commander of the French this year, I was able to watch the efforts of members within our group as well as other groups within the "French Line". It was great to see new leaders come into their role – like Dana as Captain and Ellie as Corporal – but to work with commanders from other Regiments. It was the first time that I worked with the folks from the 11<sup>th</sup> PA and Lauzon's, but also with Bernard (Auxonne and RDP) and John Tabor with the artillery. What fun, what a pleasure, and what an experience! Now just imagine what camp life will be like in the warmer weather!

As we look to future events, we have a number of great events coming up this year. We (of course) will be attending Battle Road, as a matter of fact we are one of the major players this year – again. The event is looking for more civilian type of activities, so if you have something in mind, please let Dana or I know. Our big French events for the year looks like it will be at Bordentown, Mount Vernon (CL Birthday Party), and Chrysler Farm in Ontario. Aside from these events, there will be some smaller ones to consider as well.

Looking towards winter camp, there is a lot of interest in holding work parties to improve the kit impression. I've been asked to host one on French Regimental Coat construction. Between what Rhonda, Anita, Colleen, and I have been constructing, as well as the research from Henry Cooke and John Kochan, I think we have done the best we can in constructing the most authentic coats we can. I'm going to look to see what we can do in February or March for that particular work party. I would also encourage everyone to attend the Hives that are happening at the Park and overseen by the Ladies of Refined Taste.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you for all the hard work that was put in by all of you as we headed to Yorktown. I can't tell you how proud I was to look at OUR line coming back from Surrender Field and witnessing the marching and maneuvers executed by the Regiment – it was a thing of beauty. It can only get better as more of our friends from other Regiments helps in increase the numbers in the entire French Line. I am very proud to be part of this group and will continue on to share in the journey.

Now off my horse and back in the ranks for me!!

See you all very soon!!

Steven



## *ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, Upcoming Events*

*Drill and Distaff Gathering, Berlin, MA,  
January 13<sup>th</sup>* ~ **Arrival:** This month's drill will start a little later than most, seeing that the 12<sup>th</sup> Night Ball is the night before. Please plan on arriving no later than noon. **Details:** This will be our first drill of the new year. Please make sure you bring your musket, cartridge box and hat. **Directions:** 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.



## *Stays Making Workshop, Billerica, MA, January 9<sup>th</sup>*

Cherry Dawson, Milliner is pleased to announce an upcoming Stays Making Workshop to take place on Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm - 9:30pm from January 9, 2007 - February 13, 2007. Full details may be found at <http://www.cherrydawson.com/stayswkshpjan07.htm>

Expand your sewing skills and discover the secrets to being well-dressed in the eighteenth century.... having properly fitted & well made stays beneath all the finery! A stays making workshop is being conducted by Carrie Midura, owner of Cherry Dawson, Milliner.

The workshop will take place on Tuesday evenings over the course of six weeks, beginning on Tuesday, January 9. Classes will take place in Billerica, MA

### What to Expect:

Participants will attain a better understanding of how stays in the 18th century were constructed and fitted through individual & group fittings, a slide presentation and hands-on experience. Using this knowledge, each participant will create her own pair of half or fully-boned stays based on patterns taken from original garments. Construction of the stays takes place primarily during the workshop but participants are expected to complete additional work between classes. Detailed written instructions will be provided and assistance will be given through every step of the stays making process.

Each class will take place from 6:30pm - 9:30pm.  
Workshop Class Dates: Jan 9, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30, Feb 6, Feb 13 In the event of inclement weather, class may be extended additional week(s).  
Workshop fee is \$150 per person.

Please email [milliner@cherrydawson.com](mailto:milliner@cherrydawson.com) if you would like to register for the workshop or if you have any questions.

A second class may be offered on Thursday evenings, beginning January 11. If you are interested in this second

session, please email [milliner@cherrydawson.com](mailto:milliner@cherrydawson.com) for more information or to be placed on the waiting list.

Thank you!

Carrie Midura, Owner  
Cherry Dawson, Milliner  
Historical Clothing Studies & Reproductions



### *The Hive Workshop Schedule Winter 2007*

The Ladies of Refined Taste and Friends are pleased to announce The Hive Workshop/Sewing Bee Schedule for Winter 2007!

The Hive will be held on the first Sunday of each month from January to March from 1pm-5pm at the Major John Buttrick House at Minuteman National Historic Park in Concord, MA. Each Hive will include a one-hour presentation followed by two concurrent workshops. In addition, a room will be available for those who would just like to bring a sewing project and/or visit. The Sunday Hives are free of charge to reenactors and Park interpreters.

#### **\*\*Hive 1 Sunday January 7 -- 1pm -5pm\*\***

Focus on improvements to your Battle Road kit- This is a must for all Battle Road participants -- newbies and veterans alike!!!

Presentation 1-2pm: "10 Easy ways to Improve your kit & 5 a little less easy ways to improve your kit" - For both men & women. You have three and one half months before this year's Patriot's Day events -- Now's the time to start working on improvements to your impression.

Workshop 2:30pm-5pm: Making a Market Wallet - Save that haversack for your military impression! In this workshop you will construct a market wallet based on an original artifact. Great for the beginner or novice hand sewer. Fabric will be available for purchase, or bring your own (see our website for suggestions and sources [www.thehiveonline.org](http://www.thehiveonline.org)).

Workshop 2:30pm-5pm: Make a Shift -Learn the basics of shift construction. You will learn how to cut all the necessary pieces, as well as techniques for construction. Also good for the beginner.

Fabric will be available for purchase or bring your own linen.

#### **\*\*Hive 2 Sunday February 4 -- 1pm-5pm\*\***

Presentation 1-2pm: A Field Guide to British Uniforms

Mike Kaplan of His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot will take you through the parts and pieces of a British uniform and what it says about the soldier, his rank, his regiment, his function. A must for all Battle Road and Patriots Day interpreters!!!!

Mending 101 2:30-5pm: Keep your kit in good condition - learn the basics of repairs. Workshop will cover: reattaching a button, fixing a seam, patching a hole. Bring your items that need repair.

Workshop 2:30-5pm: Making a petticoat. It's time to retire that drawstring petticoat. Make a new one or convert your drawstring petticoat to one that is pleated and sewn to tapes. Materials will be available for purchase.

#### **\*\*Hive 3 Sunday March 4 -- 1pm-5pm\*\***

Presentation 1-2pm: Creating your 18th century Sunday best - How to enhance your existing kit and gussy it up for Sunday go-to-meeting or an English Country Dance. For both men & women.

Workshop 2:30-5pm: Buttonholes & Eyelets -- Put that sewing machine away, and make your eyelets and buttonholes by hand. The more you do the better you get - we'll teach you the technique, so you can add that special touch to your 18c clothing.

Workshop 2:30-5pm: Improve your impression - First person development and how to create a persona. You don't have to go over the top like William Wallace the Village Idiot or the Hannah Drudge the Chicken Lady to create a great impression. Sandie Tarbox, aka Mehitable Downs the Fish Monger, will share her advice on developing a credible impression to add to your 18c interpretation.

Tea and coffee will be available, please feel free to bring a snack or sweet to share.

Visit our website for additional information and/or changes [www.thehiveonline.org](http://www.thehiveonline.org)

Any questions, contact: Stephanie Smith [sksmith@comcast.net](mailto:sksmith@comcast.net)



*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 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm*



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

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January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 by sending a cheque to:***

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P.O. Box 187  
Sudbury, MA 01776**

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***If you have any questions, please contact  
Col. Keith Downer at  
(508) 865 7997 or [revwar1775@hotmail.com](mailto:revwar1775@hotmail.com)***



***ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉALISÉS,  
Past Events***

A Gathering in Bolton: The Regiment Amidst the Roses

It was a dark and stormy night .... No wait! The day was absolutely beautiful for early December with clear blue skies, warm sunshine and just a slight chill to remind one that it was indeed the holiday season. Bill and Cori Rose had been planning a magnificent party for the battle-wary regiment for several weeks and now were busily welcoming guests into their home starting around 1:00 PM that Sunday afternoon. As we all struggled to recognize each other in 21<sup>st</sup> century dress, the smiles appeared on our faces and soon conversation was filling the room. Hors d'Oeuvres and a myriad of snacks added to the festive air, whetting the appetite for more hearty fare that was to be served at a later time. Many Williamsburg and Yorktown episodes were exchanged, enhanced, endorsed and elucidated by the eclectic and energetic participants. Perspectives on the same occurrences were as varied as those who shared them, amusing some and enlightening others. The talk embodied the "around the campfire" camaraderie without having to chop wood, cook food, carry water, or clean dishes and muskets.

Our illustrious host, Bill Rose, had a marvelous surprise in store for us in the form of a compilation DVD from photographs taken at Yorktown, edited and sorted and set to background music by a professional director. We all joked at the start of the program, looking at ourselves and disguising our intense interest with a wisecrack or two, but then it slowly sank in that we had done our absolute best and it showed. Our pride kept us silent until the end of the program and we realized that we had all "gotten it", the whole point of our reenacting passion, shared by all of us. But there was more in store from Bill, as we should have suspected.

The honor of the day went to Liz Mees, who remains gracious even under the most adverse of circumstances. She was presented with the charge to serve as an example of camp morale and to inspire the rest of us with her continual good spirits and service. She was presented with the major domo's cane, as well as a badge and a copy of the map in the Mariner's Museum, "Plan de l'Armee de Cornwallis attaquee et faite Prisoniere dans Yorktown, le 19 8bre par l'Armee Combinee Francaise et Americaine". Then each of us was called in our own time to receive a map and a badge, with our illustrious president ending the grand

presentation. The ceremony served to show how each one of us, through individual talents and hard work, can contribute to an outstanding regimental impression while still having fun. Our maps will always serve as a reminder of that. It is to be hoped that all the maps will find their way into frames and onto walls.

The meal was literally enough to feed an army. Pulled pork, roast beef, Brunswick stew, baked potatoes, sweet potato pie, casseroles, salads, desserts and the like were only part of the array of choices that greeted each guest. Even the fussiest of eaters could find themselves filled and content. Martha Washington's great cake maintained its dignity among brownies and gingerbread. The leftovers were gently pressed upon each party goer on leaving and still the cupboards, along with the refrigerator and freezer, at the Rose home were decidedly full.

We were treated by the cameo appearance of John and Bernie Taber, who served as our artillery while at Yorktown. They were most heartily welcome and encouraged to join our ranks. An even more cameo appearance was made by the elusive Dwight Dixon, after all had left except for Myles McConnon. While the members who were unable to make our gathering were sorely missed and subjected to all manner of gossip, we hope to see them soon as the new season commences. To all the recently found new members, we wish to have them with us in the upcoming year as often as they would like. To the re-appearance of old members, we ask that they come and share their unique knowledge and experiences with us whenever possible. Re-enacting is a process of continual improvement and teaching the newer members all manner of information is part of the valuable resource known as the "old timers"

And the full moon rose on the departing ..... No wait!  
And a good time was had.



### *Detailed Information from Northern Department Continental Line Meeting*

Here is some of the key information that came out of the Northern CL meeting which took place on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Steven Taskovics attended this meeting. The following notes are provided by Brenda Lavin of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass.

#### **Insurance:**

John Taber urged all units to send in updated copies of their insurance to Sam Reco. You can bring a copy to

the CL meeting if that's easier. He explained that the CL is trying to have a more organized database of information on all units. This will only work if each unit sends their insurance info and other contact information to Sam. Bob Allegretto is heading up a committee to collect all the information and create a spread sheet. Then this can be used by all units. Bob A mentioned that if you contact your insurance company they will send the paperwork to whomever you'd like.

#### **Safety:**

We need to appoint a committee or have the board create guidelines to have units coming in with guns make sure they reapply as a different branch. If they want to change to Artillery or bring in Artillery they need to apply as an Artillery group as well as an infantry group. Add some wording to the bylaws.

#### **Relationships with other groups:**

Meeting was running late didn't spend time on this topic. However Neil mentioned that the British Brigade is holding their first elections in 16 years. He said expect some changes coming in the Brigade.

#### **2006 Event Review (Highlights):**

Battle Rd Park added Bloody Angel in 2006. Park Service loved what we did. Crown Forces loved it too. Very positive feedback from all sides. Mike Monihan is now organizing Battle Rd. He's just trying to get everyone organized for 2007. 2006 was well attended. The Park is looking for the same in 2007.

Southbury, CT: Only rained lightly. It was very hot. Feedback was very good. Spectators loved the natural seating. Dinner on Saturday for the reenactors was great. Nice land. More units would have been better on the American side. It was noted that leadership, (not the 5<sup>th</sup> CT.) but others were coarse, harsh and badmouthing the French. Behind the scenes were not so smooth.

Yorktown, VA: The French had a big turnout. They had over 100 men at arms. Steve said that every musket was safe. All had a great time. There were 1050 allied men at arms. Total reenactors: 3200. Brad mentioned that the national parks people were impressed. They loved that we were there to make the site come alive. In the spring a DVD will be available. You can go to [www.lionheartfilmworks.com](http://www.lionheartfilmworks.com) and review clips. Cost of the DVD will be \$20.00. Everything about this event was positive. If you didn't go you missed a great event. There were over 50,000 spectators.

#### **Proposed Events 2007**

-Bordentown June 9/10: Website gives info 3<sup>rd</sup> PA is running the event. Mostly a tactical weekend.

-Fort Ty 2<sup>nd</sup> NY, September 8/9: Involved, but the Fort is running the event. Although the Fort wants to control the event they want the CL and Brits to be more involved. There will be two Battles, a tactical on Sunday. The camps will run more like a military setup. All the necessities will be provided. They are working on bringing the quality up on this event. Looking for the Northern Department to support this event. Bring up the safety. Suggestion to limit who can attend for safety issues.

-Mount Vernon September 29/30: There are no battles for this event. Ceremonies only. Sponsored by 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia. They are looking for ideas from units. It's still a work in progress. Still working on details. The location and dates are locked in, but what will occur and when is still be worked on.

-Saratoga Oct 6/7: Sponsored by 24<sup>th</sup> Afoot Need more information. Look for this at CL meeting.

-Fort Montgomery Oct 6/7: Sponsored by 5<sup>th</sup> NY. The actual day of the battle took place during this weekend. The organizers however are willing to change their dates so there is no conflict with the Saratoga event. They want people to attend. It's a great location. No one from the allied forces is coming forward with info to support the event.

-Putnam Park Winter Encampment and Tactical Dec 1-2: Sponsored by 5<sup>th</sup> CT. Still working on Funding. Trying to field interest. Maybe just a one day event would be better.

#### **Other Events**

-Battle Rd 2007 April 14<sup>th</sup>: Same as last year. Maybe extending the scenario. There will be a muster day the week before

-Ride of Sybil Ludington Fri/Sat event April 27/28: looking for people to attend.

-June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>: Rev War. Maiybe Farm old house on Mohawk Trail

-June 16/17: Ethen Allen Days Location Hillblaine Meadows in VT.

-Battle of Hubbardton July 7/8: 7<sup>th</sup> being the actual day of the battle. Canadian army attending again

-July 28/29: Upper Canada Village Cherries Co-Hosting 1812 Battlefield, large fields to play on. Located right on the St. Lawrence. The space is a lot like Sturbridge Village

-BAR Aug 11/12: Bennington in NY State The town is trying to turn the original battle field into a dump. BAR wants to sponsor an event to support that this does not happen.

-Aug 18/19: New Bedford MA Fort Rudman invitation only. Great site right on the ocean.

-Burning of Kingstown –Kingstown NY Oct 20/21:

#### Northern Department Supported Events

-Bordentown

-Mount Vernon

-Upper Canada Village

### *85<sup>ème</sup> Régiment de Saintonge 2006 Governing Board*

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Mr. Adam S. Carriere  
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15 December 2007

Dear Mr. Carriere,

This letter is to express my great admiration and appreciation of the superb conduct of the Saintonge Regiment at several events marking the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Yorktown 1781. From the moment of their smart and well disciplined appearance at the early morning ceremony held at the French Monument, the Saintonge's presence provided a special elegance to the various commemorative ceremonies. One could see that even the modern-day senior military and naval officers, as well as civilian government officials from the US and France were drawn by the Saintonge's presence into the unique atmosphere of the Yorktown ceremonies.

The Saintonge's participation made all the difference at events that were special to many French visitors who crossed the Atlantic just for the 225<sup>th</sup> Yorktown Anniversary. The appreciation was also felt by many Americans who are interested in the actual history of the Yorktown Campaign and wish to see fully recognized the contribution of France. I know that the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution were most excited by the Saintonge's participation in the dedication of their 'Washington-Rochambeau Route to Victory' display. In particular, I wish to note the initiative and the enthusiasm of the Saintonge to participate in a quickly organized ceremony commemorating the French troops of the Gatinais and Royal Deux-Ponts who fell during the storming of the British Redoubt 9 on the night of 14 October 1781. The leader of the large French delegation of SAR, DAR and war veteran associations, M. Comte de Jacques Trentinian, made the following comment: the Saintonge's participation "was necessary to make this event memorable and I hope a precedent to be re-enacted every year from now"; it was "moving contribution to our common goal to revive the past and create the positive impulse to American and French friendship."

Regrettably, I cannot name all the Saintonge individuals who deserve praise for their energetic portrayals of French troops in our Revolution. However, Dana Rock, whom I understand is the commanding officer of the regiment, must be congratulated for directing the unit's spectacular performances in an array of different ceremonies.

The magnificent panache exhibited by Steven Taskovics directing his Saintonge formation about on the fields [and as 'Baron de Viom6nil' leading the assault on Redoubt 9] was exceptional.

Importantly, the ability of the French delegates to connect with and to coordinate their agenda with the Saintonge was due to the assistance of Bill Rose - usually a k a 'von Closen', but at most of these occasions an impressive 'de Grasse' appearing along with John Welsh [a k a 'Rochambeau'].

Sincerely,

Albert D. McJoynt





*Le PROGRAMME,  
the propofed schedule for 2007*

*The events listed below are the unofficial schedule for 2007 – the official schedule will be printed after it has been approved at the annual meeting*

**WORK PARTIES**

No work parties have been scheduled at this time. If you would like to take lead on a work party, please contact either Dana Rock: [stonge85@comcast.net](mailto:stonge85@comcast.net) or Adam Carriere: [adamc1776@gmail.com](mailto:adamc1776@gmail.com)

**Date Unit Event**

*EXERCICES et RENDEVOUS,  
Drills & Distaff Gatherings*

**Date Unit Event**

<i>Jan 13</i>	<i>All</i>	<b>Drill</b> Berlin, MA
<i>Feb 3</i>	<i>All</i>	<b>Continental Line Meeting</b> King of Prussia, PA
<i>Feb 17</i>	<i>All</i>	<b>French Drill &amp; Annual Meeting ( 10:30-2:00)</b> TBA
<i>Mar10</i>	<i>All</i>	<b>Drill</b> TBA

**2007 EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Event</b>
<i>Mar 18</i>	<i>85eme</i>	<b>Evacuation Day Parade</b> Boston, MA
<i>Apr 14</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Battle Road</b> Lexington, MA
<i>April 16</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Old North Bridge</b> Concord, MA
<i>May 27</i>	<i>85eme</i>	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Summerville, MA
<i>May 28</i>	<i>85eme</i>	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Andover, MA
<i>May 28</i>	<i>85eme</i>	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Medford, MA
<i>Jun 9 &amp; 10</i>	<i>85eme?</i>	<b>Battle of Bordentown</b> Bordentown, NJ
<i>Jun 23 &amp; 24</i>	<i>85eme</i>	<b>LaKermesse Festival</b> Bidderford, MA
<i>July 7 &amp; 8</i>	<i>4th</i>	<b>Battle of Hubbardton</b> Hubbardton, VT
<i>July 28 &amp; 29</i>	<i>????</i>	<b>Upper Canada Village</b>
<i>Aug 4 &amp; 5</i>	<i>85eme</i>	<b>Redcoats to Rebels</b> Sturbridge, MA
<i>Aug 11 &amp; 12</i>	<i>4th</i>	<b>Battle of Bennington</b> Bennington, NY
<i>Sept 3</i>	<i>85eme</i>	<b>Labor Day Parade</b> Marlborough, MA
<i>Sept 8 &amp; 9</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Fort Ticonderoga</b> Ticonderoga, NY
<i>Sept 29</i>	<i>85eme</i>	<b>Sudbury Muster</b> Sudbury, MA
<i>Sept 29 &amp; 30</i>	<i>???</i>	<b>Mount Vernon</b> Mount Vernon, VA
<i>Oct 6 &amp; 7</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Saratoga</b> Saratoga, NY
<i>Oct 6 &amp; 7</i>	<i>????</i>	<b>Fort Montgomery</b> Rouses Point, New York
<i>Dec 1 &amp; 2</i>	<i>85eme</i>	<b>Putnam Park</b> Redding, CT



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**President (Choose 1)**

- Adam Carriere                       Brian Mixer  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Commanding Officer (Choose 1)**

- Dana Rock                               Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer (Choose 1)**

- Steven Taskovics                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Clerk (Choose 1)**

- Liz Mees                                       Heather Taskovics  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

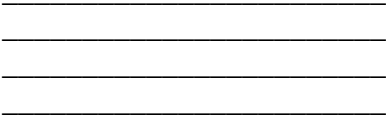
**Safety Officer (Choose 1)**

- Carl Hutchinson                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Board of Directors (Choose 5)**

- Abe Fisher                       Sue Felshin                       David Harris  
 Ellie Hutchinson                       Jerry Jaquinto                       Matt Mees  
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