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## GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Mar 2007

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

First, I would like to thank Adam Carriere for serving as our president during a very busy and eventful year in 2006. He stepped up to the plate and dedicated himself to the regiment when everyone was busily engaged in W3R events. Along with Brian Mixter as vice-president, and a lot of hard work, he managed to keep things on an even keel for the year.

And what a year it was! From the first W3R event in Newport, RI in July of 2005 to the Siege of Yorktown in October of 2006, we were continually in motion. We had work parties for uniforms and gear, extra drills for both old and new members and meetings upon meetings. Our sharpened skills were demonstrated at every event we attended and other French units looked to us for instruction. Our bayonet charge is on its way to becoming legendary and elicited comments from the outright surprised and intimidated spectators to the grudgingly jealous fellow units. Our win in Ridgefield was no accident. Now we need to work re-claiming the cup for drilling prowess. (Yes, that means more drills this upcoming year.)

For this current year, we will build on the momentum we have built and have a chance to work on both our French and 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex impressions. The great attendance at the annual meeting shows our spirit to carry on, make continual improvements and, most of all, to have fun, enjoy old friends and foster new relationships. Growth has a positive impact on every unit and it is up to the current members to keep our company growing. While I recognize that people need to step back and breathe once in a while, it's wonderful to welcome back those who have been on sabbatical and learn from their considerable talents. Fresh faces always mean renewed enthusiasm and the more experienced are needed to lend direction.

Please keep in mind the upcoming events starting with the Evacuation Day parade on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. It's a tough parade, but a well paid event and a good

showing is imperative. Please make sure that you notify Brian Mixter of your intention, either good or bad. It's the only way to get a count. Also, we have Battle Road on April 14<sup>th</sup> and the Old North Bridge on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The call has gone out for all possible militia participation at the Old North Bridge or the event may be drastically reduced or even eliminated altogether.

As we all know, communication is paramount to having a successful season whether by phone, e-mail or even a visit. If you plan on attending an event, make every effort to let the regiment know. Even if you are NOT attending an event, that information is also important. Transportation of food and equipment is undertaken by volunteers. It is expensive to ask them to bring unnecessary items or to waste food. Just as it is important for the officers and board to talk to each other, so it is with the rest of the membership. This is an area where we are looking for improvement so we can run more smoothly and be better prepared for the benefit of everyone.

There are many events on the list this year, far too many for us to attend all of them. We will need to sort out the list and decide on those that suit us best and see about attendance at others. It's a wonderful thing to have so many choices.

As president, I will do my best to live up to the faith you have placed in me and I look forward to gaining insight into the inner workings of the regiment. I would also like to encourage everyone to talk openly to me about new ideas, changes and suggestions and even complaints. It's the only way I will really be able to serve the membership effectively. While I can't promise that every idea will be implemented, it will at least have an airing. I am most pleased that I will be working with the officers that were elected this year. Learning from the officers and board of directors will be the biggest gain for me this year and I hope that I can offer something of value in return.

*Respectfully and humbly submitted,  
Elinor U Hutchinson  
Président Régiment de SaintOnge*

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,  
Captain's Report*



*ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS,  
Upcoming Events*

I would like to thank everyone for their continued confidence in my leadership of this Regiment. Looking at the calendar, we have a busy year ahead of us, granted it's nothing like last year, but we will have plenty to do.

As most of you know, I've been working very hard with Steven, the National Park, Concord Minutemen and the 10th Regiment of Foot on the two big events in April. The first event is Battle Road, on April 14th. While, this event will be very similar to what we have done in the past, there are two major changes. The first one is the start time of the Tactical Demonstration. The Tactical will start at 3:00pm. The second change to the event will be the inclusion of Percy's Relief Column at the end the tactical.

The second event is the Concord Commemorative Ceremony. This event will be held at the Concord Bridge on April 16th. We have put a lot of effort into this event. We have reworked the entire scenario in order give the illusion of complete chaos as seen in the Doolittle paintings, while maintaining complete control. I would suggest that everyone makes a real effort to attend this event, it's shaping up to be the best CCC yet.

In preparation for these two events, we will be holding a muster day at the Hartwell Tavern on March 31st. We will mostly be concentrating on Battle Road, and the scenario that plan on executing on that day. We will also carve out some time to work on the Battle at the Bridge. The organizers feel this is important because we have only done this out on paper, and working with troops is completely different. This will give us a chance to test it out and make any changes if needed.

Lastly, I want to quickly touch on the parade that's coming up this month. We will, once again, be attending the Evacuation Day Parade in South Boston. This year we are getting more money for attending this event, so we are asking everyone to make an effort to attend this event. The weather for this event is usually a little chilly, so I suggest that everyone dress accordingly.

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

*SOUTH BOSTON / EVACUATION DAY  
PARADE, Sunday, March 18 ~ Arrival:*

No later than 11:00am since the roads surrounding South Boston close due to the parade. **Details:** Folks this is the official start to our season and Steven has asked the Parade Committee for a little extra money for us and they gave it to us. So the idea here is to not disappoint the wonderful people of Southie and put on a great show. Just a reminder that winter is still in effect so even though the exterior will be your regimentals please make sure that you have warm clothes on underneath, since it did snow a little last year. We are doing a head count for this event so please contact me and let me know that you are attending. **Directions:** The South Boston by-pass Road can be accessed from Exit 18 on the Expressway or the new right-hand exit just before the end of the turnpike. Take the By-pass Road to the Congress Street exit (this is the last exit before the Ted Williams Tunnel). Take a Left onto Congress Street and your first Left onto A Street and a Right into the rear gate of the Gillette parking lot. Dress: French, white gaiters, plenty of water (it's a 4 mile parade).

*HARTWELL TAVERN MUSTER DAY,  
Saturday, March 31 ~ Arrival:*

The event starts at 9:00am, so please try to be there no later then 8:45am **Details:** What we plan on doing on this day is to get together many of the other units that will be attending Battle Road and get accustomed to working with them. You will need to be dressed in full 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex kits with muskets. Please leave your powder at home, the park will provide powder for this one. **Directions:** Parking for this year's event will be at Lincoln North. From I-95/Route 128 - Take the Route 2A exit (Exit 30) towards Concord/ East Lexington. At the end of the ramp take a Right on Route 2A West. Follow Route 2A for 1.3 miles. Take a right onto Hanscom Road. Follow Hanscom Road for .6 miles. Take a left onto Old Bedford Road. Follow Old Bedford Road for .2 miles, Lincoln North office park will be on your left. Once you have parked, follow the path at the back end of the parking lot to Old Virginia Road and onto the Hartwell Tavern.



*Le PROGRAMME,  
The Office schedule for 2007*

**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 Ellie Hutchinson: [ehutchinson@webconverting.com](mailto:ehutchinson@webconverting.com)

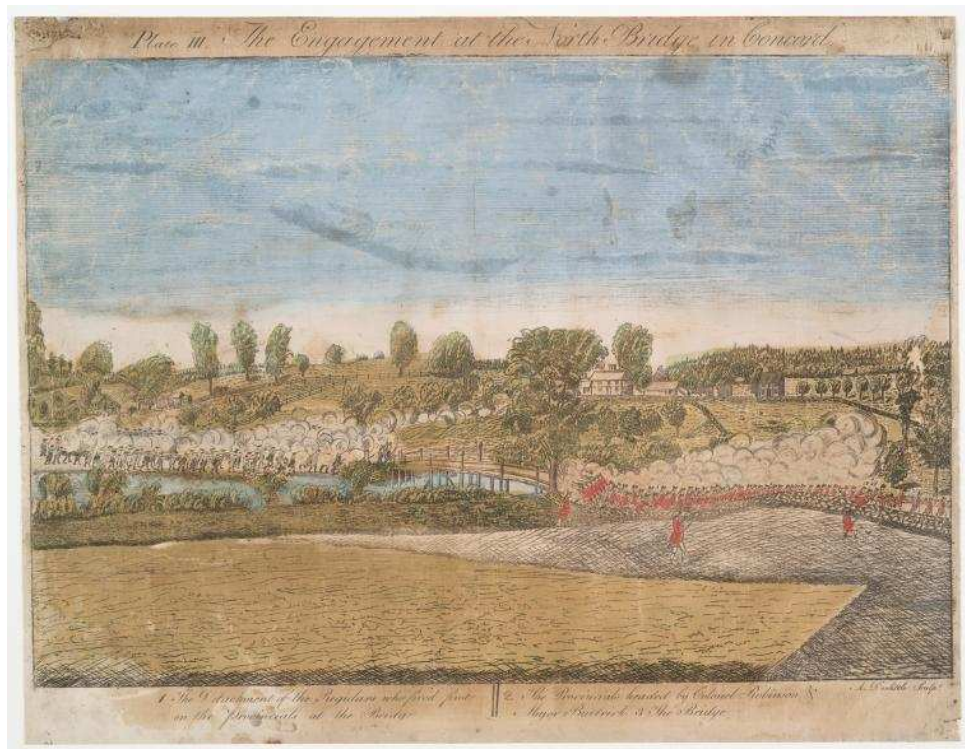
*EXERCICES et RENDEVOUS,  
Drills & Distaff Gatherings*

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 13	All	Drill Berlin, MA
Feb 3	All	Continental Line Meeting King of Prussia, PA
Feb 17	All	French Drill & Annual Meeting ( 12:00-4:30)
Mar 31	All	Drill / Muster Day Hartwell Tavern, Lexington MA

**2007 EVENTS**

Recommend Events are indicated by bold text

Date	Unit	Event
Mar 18	85eme	<b>Evacuation Day Parade</b> Boston, MA
Mar 31	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Muster Day</b> Lexington, MA
April 14	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle Road</b> Lexington, MA
April 16	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Old North Bridge</b> Concord, MA
May 27	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Somerville, MA
May 28	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Andover, MA
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Jun 9 & 10	85eme?	<b>Battle of Bordentown</b> Bordentown, NJ
Jun 23 & 24	85eme	<b>LaKermesse Festival</b> Biddeford, ME
Jun 31 & Jul 1	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Camp Cambridge at Hartwell</b> Lexington, MA
July 7 & 8	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle of Hubbardton</b> Hubbardton, VT
Aug 4 & 5	85eme	<b>Redcoats to Rebels</b> Sturbridge, MA
Aug 11 & 12	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle of Bennington</b> Bennington, NY
Sept 3	85eme	<b>Labor Day Parade</b> Marlborough, MA
Sept 8 & 9	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fort Ticonderoga</b> Ticonderoga, NY
Sept 29	85eme	<b>Sudbury Muster</b> Sudbury, MA
Sept 29 & 30	85eme	Mount Vernon <i>Mount Vernon, VA</i>
Oct 6 & 7	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saratoga</b> Saratoga, NY
Oct 20 & 21	4 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Ford Plantation <i>Lancaster, PA</i>



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