



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Avril 2007

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

Burbank Castle

Our season opener was not the Evacuation Day Parade, but Anna Catherine Taskovics who arrived at 9:03 PM on March 17th, hours before we gathered in the cold, snow and wind in Boston. Congratulations to Steven and Heather, who have produced the greatest of all things in this world, a new life.

Now that we have our first parade under our bicorns, it's time to concentrate on the upcoming Battle Road. The Muster Day is March 31st, 9:00 AM, at the Hartwell Tavern, Minuteman National Park, Lexington. This is a dress rehearsal for the annual Battle Road event on April 14th. Please make the effort to be there so things can go smoothly the day of the battle. Our own Dana Rock is in charge of the planning committee and it would really help him out if we look sharp and know what we were doing. It's a great photo opportunity as well as a lot of fun for all the participants. Look for the announcement about a much needed rolling party.

Looking further ahead on the schedule, we have parades on Memorial Day weekend, and Bordentown as our first big event this year. We hope to schedule a drill and perhaps a work party or two, and there are plans afoot to reorganize the trailer. As always, there will be events that pop up from time to time that we may consider attending in addition to those already on the schedule. Sue Felshin has updated the website to include the most current list of events. Take a look and let either Dana or me know which events you plan on attending. It's always helpful to know ahead of time what our numbers will be so we can have more efficient planning and more fun. After all, we need to know how much wine to bring!

Patience, hard work, communication, compromise, and working together help make this regiment the premier

unit that the rest of the reenacting community admires. While we all recognize that a bad fleur-de-lis day can happen to all of us, we still are able to support each other. This is what makes us a strong and cohesive unit and we can build on that strength.

Again, I'd like to hear comments, suggestions, and ideas and yes, even the complaints from members of the regiment. This is how we learn from each other.

Your most humble President,
Ellie Hutchinson
Président Régiment de SaintOnge



Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE, Captain's Report

April is finally here, and everyone knows what that means. You guessed it, last chance to clean the rust off those muskets, mend those torn garments, and send in event returns. That's right, I need everyone in the regiment to send me their returns for every event that the regiment is planning on attending this year. Even if you are not planning on going, I need to hear from you. Please feel free to give me call, send an email, or send us a note via snail mail. I would like to know who in your family is attending, who is staying in camp, and who is eating with us. It is very important to get me this information, so event planners can make sure there is enough wood, water and straw when we show up at an event.

Just a quick reminder, Battle Road and the CCC are this month. Battle Road, April 14th, will be very similar to years past. The one major change is the start time of the tactical demonstration. The start was originally going to be 3:00pm, however the park has move it to 2:00pm. The start time for the event is 9:00am, musket inspections will be at 9:30am, so please make sure that you are on time. The park service will be providing a

shuttle from the parking area starting at 7:30am. This gives us plenty of time to get there and get settled in. Please remember to leave any powder that you might have at home. NPS powder regulations are in effect. Powder will be provided by the Regiment and will be brought to the powder depot upon arrival. The regiment will not be providing breakfast or lunch, so please plan accordingly.

The Commemoration of the Concord Conflict otherwise known as the CCC will take place on Monday, April 16th. The start time for this event is 7:00am, I realize that it might be difficult for some people to arrive in Concord at that time, but it is important to arrive on time. The schedule is very tight for that day. If you are not on time, you may not get a chance to play. As an extra incentive to arrive on time, coffee and doughnuts will be available. The regiment will be providing powder for this event as well. Make sure to see me first thing in the morning to get your powder.

As a side note, I would like to invite everyone to join the Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute for their two major events of the month. The first of which is the March to Concorde on April 19th. Come join the Sudbury Minutemen as they walk to Concorde in commemoration of those who left Sudbury on April 19th to meet up with British Regulars. The event consists of a 12 mile walk to the North Bridge, coffee and doughnuts, Fife and Drum Music, two quick ceremonies and lots of musket fire. The group leaves the Sudbury Town Hall bright and early at 6:00am.

The other event hosted by the Sudbury Companies of Minute and Militia, is the annual Regimental Ball. Come celebrate spring, and the defeat of the His Majesties Forces. This is a low key event, where everyone can hang out, talk to friends, listen to some music, and of course, dance. For more information, please see the shameless advertisement further on in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all this month. There are plenty of opportunities to come and play with either 4th Middlesex or Sudbury Minutemen.

See you soon!!!

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



ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, *Upcoming Events*

BATTLE ROAD, Saturday, April 14 ~
Hartwell Tavern historical area, Minute Man National Park, Route 2A, Lincoln **Arrival:** Please plan on arriving no later than 9:00 am as the official start time for the event is 9:30. **Details:** Folks this is the first pure event of the season and a great way to start the Patriots Weekend off. The uniform for this event is 4th Middlesex. The unit will be providing the powder. Each member is responsible for their own meal. So for those in line, a trail lunch might be suggested. Meat, cheese, bread, and dried fruit are always acceptable choices. Also there is a change in the order of the day as the “tactical demonstration” will occur at the end of the day around 2pm instead of after nooning. So please plan on attending that as well since Dana will be the overall commander for the first time this year. **Directions:** 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 past the Hartwell Tavern, Parking will be on the left as, 33 North Great Road Lincoln. This is the lot we used last year behind the Noah Brooks house. As we did last year we will run two vans continuously between Noah and Hartwell Lot through the day. The shuttle will start running **at 7:30am** and will stop running at about 6pm.

*COMMEMORATION OF THE
CONCORD CONFLICT / CCC, Monday,
April 16 ~* The North Bridge Monument Street, Concord **Arrival:** No later than 7:00am as there are drills to go over and last minute instructions to be made aware of. **Details:** This is the first year that the 4th Middlesex has been asked to participate in this annual event, and we are trying to make sure that this event continues as it is as important as the Battle on Lexington Greene. Our role will be 4th Middlesex yet again so please make sure you leave the white coats at home for one more event. This is an opportunity to live the events that actually happened on April 19th, 1775. It is a short event so if you can attend please contact Dana so he knows how many of us will be attending. **Directions:** 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 to the center of Concord. Take a right on to Monument St. Parking is about 1/2 up the street on the right.

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

Regimental Ball

*At the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts
Friday, April 27th at 8:00 p.m.*



*Musick and Contra Dance calling by
Yankee Ingenuity*

*Join us as we celebrate Spring and toast another sound
defeat of His Majesty's forces at the North Bridge in
Concord*

18th Century attire requested but not required

*\$36.00 per couple/ \$18.00 per person at the door
\$32.00 per couple/ \$16.00 per person if you prepay
before*

Tuesday, April 17th 2007 by sending 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*

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*ÉVÈNEMENTS RÉALISÉS,
Past Event*

It Was Cold in Southie

Twelve of our hardest members, including two distaff, gathered in the parking lot of the shaving division at Gillette. We greeted each other amid shivers and cold handshakes and recalled colder days of parades past. We continually jumped in and out of our cars to keep ourselves warm and take a break from the bone-chilling wind. There was the usual waiting period, mandatory for parades, before we marched to the bridge to await our step off command. We lined up near the MBTA windbreak, waiting for it to live up to its name which it did in some small fashion only. Finally we were given the command to form in the street and our fearless Capitaine Rock gave us the once over and the command to start. At the first step off, it was seriously snowing, but our marching soon helped us to warm up and our freezing fingers started moving a little quicker handling the powder. The route was the usual one, but the crowd seemed more subdued, perhaps from the effects of numerous parties on the day before. We had an overabundance of music, having the jazz band and its portable fire plug in front of us and a band behind us followed by a bagpipe band. Bob Childs and Rich White took turns calling cadence and managed to keep us in step in spite of competing rhythms. At some point early on we must have passed a TV camera since we were recognized by more than one acquaintance watching on the television. Reports were that we looked great firing.

It was still a long four miles and it was still up hill and down, but we all made it in good spirits. At the end of the parade in Andrews Square, we thumbed our noses at the Dunkin Donuts since we were treated to sandwiches and hot tea provided by Carl Hutchinson, his daughter and her fiancée. Yes, it was cold, snowing and windy and our feet hurt, but we made our traditional showing in good style. Pvt. Will's newly reconstructed foot performed well and none of us were the worse for the wear. Next up, Battle Road.



*GALERIE des IMAGES,
Picture Gallery*





*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 or Ellie Hutchinson: 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	Evacuation Day Parade Boston, MA
Mar 31	4 th	Muster Day Lexington, MA
April 14	4 th	Battle Road Lexington, MA
April 16	4 th	Old North Bridge Concord, MA
May 29	4 th ?	Golden Ball Muster Day Weston, MA
May 27	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
May 28	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
May 28	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Medford, MA ??????
Jun 9 & 10	85eme	Battle of Bordentown Bordentown, NJ
Jun 23 & 24	85eme	LaKermesse Festival Biddeford, ME
Jun 31 & Jul 1	4 th	Camp Cambridge at Hartwell Lexington, MA
Aug 4 & 5	85eme	Redcoats to Rebels Sturbridge, MA
Aug 18	85eme?	Fort Taber New Bedford, MA
Sept 3	85eme	Labor Day Parade Marlborough, MA
Sept 8 & 9	4 th	Fort Ticonderoga Ticonderoga, NY
Sept 29	85eme	Sudbury Muster Sudbury, MA
Sept 29 & 30	85eme	Mount Vernon Mount Vernon, VA
Oct 6 & 7	4 th	Saratoga Saratoga, NY
Oct 20 & 21	4 th	Rock Ford Plantation Lancaster, PA



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