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## GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Juin 2007

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

From the banks of the Blackstone

Many thanks to those of you who turned out for all our events and parades in May. In gratitude for our participation in the Legion of Honor ceremony on Lafayette Day in Boston, we have received a formal invitation from the French Consul, Francois Gauthier, to attend a cocktail party aboard the French warship "Monge" in Boston Harbor on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8. Dress is casual. The parades had very good attendance also, even being a busy holiday weekend. I realize that it's not always convenient for people to attend parades on this particular weekend and I doff my chapeau to those of you who made the effort to support the regiment.

The Bastille Day dinner is fast approaching and we will need to take this time to visit and have some fun together. Anita Bausk is graciously hosting this event at the Wayside Inn on July 14<sup>th</sup>, so please respond to her as soon as possible so she can let the Innkeeper know how many refined and cultured Frenchmen and their escorts to expect. We'll have a great time, I'm sure and I'd hate to have anyone miss out.

The plans for Bordentown are shaping up well. Again, please respond to Dana or Brian as to your plans for the weekend. If you look on the Bordentown website ([www.battleofbordentown.com](http://www.battleofbordentown.com)), Saintonge is pictured from the last event held there ten years ago. We need to get that photo updated with all the most recent members. This event will showcase the French units and promises to be the big one of the year. We can definitely shine here! I've already ordered my bottle of Chateau neuf de Pape from Adam.

In closing, once again I would like to let everyone know how much I appreciate the response and support I've received. Through all the mis-steps and mix-ups,

communiqué conflicts, and just plain mangy, moronic mistakes, I've always been given a hand to pick myself off, dust off, and set out again in the right direction. This is truly one amazing regiment!

Ellie Hutchinson  
President, 85eme Regiment de Saintonge

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,  
Captain's Report*

Only a few days to go before Bordentown! This event will most likely be the largest French event of the year. At current count there will be 23 Saintonge Members, 12 Gatinois, 2 Bourbonnais members. The event is jammed packed with activities for the weekend. If this event is anything like the event 10 years ago, it's sure to be a good time.

Next up is La Kermesse Festival in Biddeford, ME. This is the largest Franco American Festival in the area, and is packed with things to do all weekend long. Activities include Biddeford Idol, Blues Bands and various other performances. Those who attended two years ago will all tell you how great an event it is. The Bausk Family will be taking care of commissary for the weekend. They have asked for a headcount to be submitted no later than June 12. Please contact me as soon as possible to let us know if you are going or not. For all those who have already contacted me, thank you. Please remember this is a paid event, and we need a large turn out, we have requested a large sum of money for this event, so is it imperative that we have a large turn out.

The last event of the month is Camp Cambridge. This event is being hosted by the 10th Mass Regiment. The event is being billed as Strangers in Arms: The Continental Army & the Birth of American Identity. The weekend is based off of General George Washington's trip to Cambridge to take command of the

Continental Army. Events for the weekend include. Food Issuance (Dried Fish, oatmeal, beans, peas, rice, cornmeal, etc), Pay, Camp Punishments for various infractions, hatchet throwing, musket firing, capturing runaway servants, Fascine building, artillery demonstrations and, Music. The 10th Mass will be celebrating their 30th anniversary, and is planning to have refreshments to help celebrate.

Lastly, I want to mention the Bastille Day Dinner, which is set for July 14th. The Bausk Family has graciously volunteered to organize this event for us. Anita has requested that everyone planning on attending the dinner to send her a check ASAP. In order for her to reserve the room at the Wayside, she needs to have checks for 35 people in hand. If you have already committed to going, please send her a check before you finish reading this newsletter. If you have not already committed to attending, but you would like to attend, please send Anita a check today. Please send a check to the following address.

Anita Bausk  
24 Linda Circle  
Marlborough, MA. 01752

Hope to see everyone real soon.

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



## ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, *Upcoming Events*

**BATTLE OF BORDENTOWN, Bordentown, NJ, June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Arrival: Directions:**  
From the South: Take I-95 north to NJ – After crossing the Delaware Memorial Bridge take I-295 north. Take exit 57 Bordentown, Route 130 north to the first light. (From bridge to exit 57 about 40 miles) Make a left at the first light at the top of the hill onto Farnsworth Ave. Now you're in the City of Bordentown. After 8 blocks you will come to a stop sign at Park Street. Make a right onto Park St. (pass Ocean Spray) and the site will be on your left. (This is about ½ mile after the right turn)  
From the North: Take NJ turnpike south to exit 7 Bordentown. After toll booth take first exit ramp on right – Bordentown/ Rt. 206 North. Straight through first traffic light. Move to left lane. Make left turn at 2nd traffic light (Farnsworth Ave.) Straight through next traffic light (Rt. 130). Now you're in the City of

Bordentown. After 8 blocks you will come to a stop sign at Park Street. Make a right onto Park St. (pass Ocean Spray) and the site will be on your left. (This is about ½ mile after the right turn). **Details:** This is the biggest French event of the year. The coordinators of the event have asked our unit once again, to provide the overall commander for the French Army. So we want to have a great showing. **The Regiment will be providing the commissary for the weekend.** Since we have members from the North and the South attending we are including directions from both areas.

### Event Schedule

#### Friday

8:00 am Sutler registration opens  
12:00 pm Registration opens to participants  
8:00 pm Adjutants' Call at Brigade Major's Tent  
8:30 pm Battalion Commanders' meeting  
(Colonels' Tent)

#### Saturday

7:00 am Reveille  
8:00 am All cars out of camp  
8:15 am Musician Call  
8:30 am 1st Sgt. Call  
9:00 am Adjutants' Call  
9:00 am Registration closes  
9:30 am Brigade Formation for head count  
9:30 am Camp opens to the public  
10:00 am Musicians' Call & Drill  
10:00 am Guard Mount starts  
10:00 am Work on Redoubt starts  
10:00 am Battalion Drill  
11:30 am Battalion Commanders' meeting  
12:00 pm Nooning  
2:00 pm Troops form for Battle  
2:30 pm Battle of Bordentown  
5:00 pm Dinner  
5:30 pm Camp closed to public  
6:30 pm Adjutants' Call Brigade Major's tent  
7:30 - 9:30 pm Dance at Rock Garden  
10:00 pm Quit time

#### Sunday

8:00 am Reveille  
8:30 am 1st Sgt Call  
9:00 am Church Call  
9:30 am Camp open to the public  
9:30 am Guard Mount Starts  
10:00 am Brigade Formation & Drill  
11:00 am Battalion Commanders' meeting  
11:30 am Musicians' Call & Demo  
12:00 pm Nooning  
2:00 pm Troops form for Battle  
2:30 pm Battle for Bordentown  
4:00 pm Troops Break Camp  
(No cars in camp until 4:00 p.m.) Safe Trip Home!



*ANNUAL LA KERMESSE FESTIVAL,  
Biddeford Maine June 22nd – 24th ~*

**Arrival:** Dana and Brian will be on site no later than 3pm to setup camp, anyone who can arrive at the time is encouraged to do so. We ask that everyone tries to be in camp in full kit no later than 4:00pm on Friday. We will walk to the start of the parade at 5 past 4:00pm. Parade formation is at 4:30 **at** the corner of Maine & Jefferson Streets. If you are unable to make it to the parade on Friday, please try to arrive before 10am on Saturday. **Directions:** From the South, take 495 North. I-495 North becomes I-95 N (Portions toll) (Passing through NEW HAMPSHIRE, then crossing into MAINE). Follow 95 North for 48.37 miles. Take the ME-111 exit, EXIT 32, toward BIDDEFORD. Turn LEFT onto ALFRED ST/ME-111. (1.30 miles). ALFRED ST/ME-111 becomes WEST ST. (0.37 miles). Turn RIGHT onto BALD AVE. **Details:** This is a paid event for us and a nice laid back weekend. For those members that are planning on arriving on Friday we do have a parade to march in but after that it is just another weekend of showing the public who we are and what we do. Also Brian Bausk has offered to cook for the weekend so we can expect some tasty meals. There is great music all weekend as well. For those members planning on marching in the parade please contact Brian Mixter so he is able to let the organizers know what our numbers will be like. <http://www.lakermessefestival.com/>



*CAMBRIDGE CAMP INTERPRETIVE  
EVENT, Lincoln, MA June 30 - July 1*

**“Strangers in Arms: The Continental Army & the Birth of American Identity”**

Details:

Event Schedule

Saturday, June 30th

- 6:30 – 9:30 Registration continues
- 9:00 – 11:00 Augusta/Morgan’s Riflemen to march in from North Bridge
- 9:00 All cars to be out of camp area and at Noah Brooks – Virginia Road closed to vehicular traffic.
- 10:00 Opening scenario of event – rider announcing the march of the rifle men
- 11:00 Arrival of Riflemen
- 1:00 Firing Demonstration – Musket firing/firing at marks
- 2:00 Arrival of General Washington and his party – troops to turn out He will be received by Gen. Artemas Ward

- 3:30 Firing Demonstration – Training of soldiers in volley fire
- 4:30? Return of 2nd Mass to Camp
- 5:00 Camp Closes
- 5:30 Hartwell Tavern Closes

Sunday, July 1st

- 9:00 Site opens – Day trip participants need to be on site
- 10:00 Divine Service – to last one hour.
- 11:00 Musket Demonstration – Preparing for the Grand Review.  
Ongoing Vignettes – cooking , laundry, etc.  
Sick Call, Court Martial
- 2:00 Washington takes command of the Army
- 3:00 Morgan’s men march to a new sector of the siege line at Noah Brooks.
- 4:00 Camp Closes
- 5:00 Hartwell Tavern closes – Virginia Road opens to vehicles to de-camp



*ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉALISÉS,  
Past Event*

We were thinking the same thing and we both knew it. Watching the rain pour down on the windshield as we puddled our way to Boston Common we were sure that we were about to have one of those events where you are drenchingly aware that you are doing a good thing for the regiment. Our muskets were not going to fire, the powder was going to turn to mush, the muskets would make a nice rusting sound and, chameleon-like, the barrels would change from gray to brown. We tried to make light of the situation by making a few wrong turns after leaving the Pike, courtesy of the Mass Highway department in conjunction with Yahoo maps. We both thought that we had enough cleaning supplies at home to take care of any water damage we were going to incur.

As we circled the common, we finally discovered the entrance to the underground garage and we bravely entered the tunnel. Being early, a parking space was quickly found and we, in turn, were discovered by other members of the regiment. The regimental standards, and a commander and NCO were at hand, along with some much needed distaff. The day was getting better. We made our way to the upper world and took our bearing, finding the promised tent, but with few people as yet. There were some modified cannons making their way via John Deere to a set apart area for mad artilleryists. We reconnoitered with their representatives and made our way to the tent to put together a plan, in lieu of the “PLAN” that was still nebulous in the minds of the organizer. Steven and Abe quickly ascertained what

had not happened, what had happened and what we needed to do. The only thing lacking was a fifer, a later story for campfires to frighten tired soldats.

Along with Lafayette, DeGrasse and Rochambeau, we marched to the Lafayette Monument and laid a wreath, celebrating the 250th anniversary of his birth. There were many photographers, spectators and gawkers, along with members from the French Consulate. We did not fire, but only had a presentation ceremony. There was slight drizzle and we marched back to the tent expecting the rain to start at any time and glad to have some cover. Lafayette, DeGrasse and Rochambeau were pressed into service as escorts for the men who were to receive the French Legion of Honor medal for their part in the liberation of France in WWII. It was their honor to do so and our honor to be a part of the ceremony. The pride and memories of these men were evident in their faces and in the way they did their best to walk down the aisle, despite their age. There were even some Native American code talkers present. Still the rain was just a mist and there was no downpour in sight.

At the end of the presentation, we marched to the area just next to the two cannons. We had already planned out a nineteen-gun salute (a 21-gun salute being reserved for presidents and heads-of-state) and we were able to keep the firepower going by alternating volleys between the muskets and the cannons. How often does one get a chance to fire on Boston Common and have all the spectators quiet and solemn? We then did a pass in review, along with the mounted Rangers. The veterans there were in tears, the smoke of the cannons and muskets having reminded them of their sacrifices for their country. I do believe that every single one of them would have made the same choice, given the chance to do it all over again. On a more personal note, I know that my own father, who served in Holland, France and Germany, would have been pleased to know that I was a small part of the ceremony. I can never repay this debt; I can only be the keeper of the flame.

A small buffet was held afterwards, and the fussiest of us as well as the gourmet eaters recognized the high quality of the offerings. We stood and talked and made new friends while renewing our spirits. A more worthwhile effort by the regiment will be hard to come by. And, unlike D-Day, it never rained, except on the cheeks of the vets.

Humbly and respectfully submitted,  
Elinor U Hutchinson

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*Le PROGRAMME,  
The Office schedule for 2007*

*WORK PARTIES*

Date	Unit	Event
May 16	All	Cartridge Rolling Party, 7:00pm Berlin, MA

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> <b>Lexington, MA</b>
April 16	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Old North Bridge</b> Concord, MA
May 19	85eme	<b>Lafayette Day</b> Boston, MA
May 20	85eme	<b>Golden Ball Drill</b> Weston, MA
May 27	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Somerville, MA
May 28	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Andover, MA
Jun 9 & 10	85eme	<b>Battle of Bordentown</b> Bordentown, NJ
Jun 23 & 24	85eme	<b>La Kermesse Festival</b> Biddeford, ME
Jun 31 & Jul 1	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Camp Cambridge at Hartwell</b> Lexington, MA
July 14	85eme	<b>Bastille Day Dinner</b> Sudbury, MA
July 21	85eme	<b>Thayer House</b> Braintree, MA
Aug 4 & 5	85eme	<b>Redcoats to Rebels</b> Sturbridge, MA
Aug 18	85eme?	<b>Fort Taber</b> New Bedford, MA
Sept 3	85eme	<b>Labor Day Parade</b> Marlborough, MA
Sept 3	85eme	<b>Regimental Birthday Party</b> TBA
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 Mount Vernon, VA
Oct 6 & 7	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saratoga</b> Saratoga, NY
Oct 20 & 21	4 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Ford Plantation Lancaster, PA
Oct 27	85eme	<b>LTB Tactical</b> Ossipee, NH



*Memorial Day Parade, Somerville, MA 2007*

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