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Du février 2008

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

Burbank Road, Sutton, MA
February 1, 2009

Good Afternoon, my friends and fellow soldiers,

I am truly honored by your continued faith in my ability to hold the position of President. Without the support of all those who support our activities, I would not be able to perform my duties at all. It's always a rather sobering thought to know that there are so many of you willing to share your time and wisdom with me at a moment's notice. Thanks to all of you who attended the annual meeting on January 24 at the Buttrick Mansion. Special thanks go to Dave Harris for bringing a recruit and also for taking on the position of clerk. After Liz Mees, that is a daunting task! The official list is: Dana Rock – Commanding Officer; Dave Harris – Clerk; Steven Taskovics – Treasurer; Carl Hutchinson – Safety Officer; and Bill Rose, Matthew Mees, Adam Carriere, Myles McConnon and Heather Taskovics for the five-member BOD.

There are many plans this year to improve our regimental impression and efficiency. We will be starting monthly drills, which will be held at a regular time and location each month. There will be reminders sent once this program begins, so please watch your e-mails. In addition, we will be holding tent folding lessons and a gun cleaning workshop. I always learn some tricks and new things at these lessons when I watch other groups, and I look forward to benefitting from having our own instructions. Our goals are to have a smoother process to setting up and taking down camp, as well as muskets that work on a more consistent basis. Dave Harris will be in charge of organizing the rolling parties this year, so if you are interested in hosting one, please let him know.

The Evacuation Day parade will be held this year on March 15th. Again, details will be sent via e-mail with a phone call follow up. This is a paid event, and there will be a few others: two parades on Memorial Day weekend and an encampment at Plymouth in November. Since these are the main sources of our income—which allows us to feed the regiment at several events—please make every effort to support at least two of these. We depend on everyone to help us out and make a good showing.

Once again, I ask you all to share with me your ideas and opinions so that we may all work together and make this pursuit of history fun and enjoyable as well as educational. Without your input, my brain would quickly dry up and wither on the vine. I'm looking forward to serving with everyone again this year.

Vive le Roi,
Ellie Hutchinson
President, 85eme Regiment de Saintonge



*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE
Captain's Report*

I want to thank everyone for your vote of confidence by re-electing me as Commanding Officer for the 2009 season. I'm sure that 2009 will be a very successful year. We have many great events coming up, of which we will be hosting two of them. Once again we have been tapped to head up Battle Road, and Old Sturbridge Village. As always, we will be looking for everyone's help throughout the year. I'm going to have my hands full this year, with Saintonge, Sudbury Minutemen and work, so any help I can get from folks will be greatly appreciated. I'm looking for people to step forward to coordinate work parties and help setup events.

The Bylaw Review Committee met on January 29 at the Mixer homestead. The meeting was very productive; we have reviewed the Bylaws of 1998, and determined that we have changes that need to be made. It also came to our attention that an update to the Bylaws was made in 1999, which we have not been able to track down. If anyone has a copy of the updated 1999 bylaws, please contact me as soon as possible.

I'm currently putting together a schedule for monthly drills at the Wayside Inn. My plan is to have a drill on the second Sunday of the month at the Wayside Inn. Please stay tuned for further details.

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



*After Action Report:
Recipes from the Annual Meeting*

In keeping with the tradition of feeding the regiment only the best in outdoor cuisine, we were fortunate enough to grace our palettes with the following delicious desert created by Matt Mees during this year's annual meeting:

Cider Cake

From The American Frugal Housewife, Mrs. Lydia Child, 1833

Her recipe:

Cider cake is very good, to be baked in small loaves. One pound and a half of flour, half a pound of sugar, quarter of a pound of butter, half a pint of cider, one teaspoon of pearlsh; spice to your taste. Bake till it turns easily in the pans. I should think about half an hour.

How I interpreted it:

3 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1 stick of butter
1 cup cider
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon each: nutmeg, allspice, cinnamon

Pour batter into a greased, glass loaf pan. Bake at 350 for 1 hour, until a toothpick comes out clean. Mrs. Child's oven was brisker than mine. You may experiment with temperatures, but keep an eye on it and try not to over or undercook the batter. This makes a dense tea cake that tastes very much like apples.

YMHOS,
Matthew Mees



The Hive 2009

The Ladies of Refined Taste and Friends are pleased to announce our Fourth Hive Clothing Workshop Season! We're following a similar format as we have in prior years, though are adding a project series as well as a choice of clinics for both beginners and experienced sewers. As before, the Sunday sessions are free of charge, and there are specialized fee-based Saturday sessions available. Location: Minute Man National Historic Park Concord/Lincoln, MA. See www.thehiveonline.org for more details and program additions/changes.

Winter 2009 Hive Schedule

Hive 1 – Cancelled Due to Snow. Rescheduling Date TBD – Minute Man National Historic Park Visitor Center, Lincoln, MA 1pm-4:30pm

1:15-2pm

Lecture: Inside a Colonial Closet – A Fashion Show Based on local Probate Inventories

What sort of clothing was owned by a typical 1770's New England resident? Using local probate inventories, we'll take a closer look at what kind and how much clothing someone might have had in 1775 New England.

2:15 pm-4:30pm

New this year!!!! -- Project Series

This season we are offering two project series. Wouldn't it be nice to stay with a project till it's done and be able to wear it at the start of the season? We've designed two workshops to be conducted at each Hive as one of the clinic options. They are free of charge (except for a materials/pattern fee). This will allow you to work on your project over the course of the Hive series and finish your item by the spring or earlier. Preregistration is required for these series.

Project Series A/Day 1-- Making a man's shirt

Learn how to construct and sew a man's shirt. All men need a shirt yet few have a completely hand sewn, fine quality linen shirt to call their own. A shirt is not hard to make if you can do your basic stitches and is a great tool for improving your sewing ability, not to mention the finished product is very rewarding! To help you get started – we'll supply a shirt kit – all the parts will be precut ready to assemble. During the first session you will learn how the shirt is constructed, review the stitches you need to know and start assembly. You'll have work to do before the next session, when you will learn another section of the shirt and have enough to keep you busy until the last class where you will learn how to finish it off. The cost of the kit is \$35, which includes all the materials you need to make the shirt. Cost of the series is free, but you must pre-register. Limit (10). Email stephsmith@gmail.com to sign up.

Project Series B/Day 1 -- Making a bedgown

A good starter garment, bedgowns frequently show up on New England inventories. A more appropriate alternative for New England women than a short gown, a bedgown satisfies Battle Road clothing standards for a sleeved outer garment for women. If you are still in a sleeveless bodice or short gown, this is a great chance for you to start your new season off in a brand new bedgown. Each class will show you how to finish a part

of your bedgown, with instructions on what to do before the next class. By week three, you should be completing the finishing touches. The series is free, though you need to pre-register. A selection of fabric will be available for purchase. If you are going to supply your own fabric it will need to be approved ahead of time by the instructor. Limit (10). Email stephsmith@gmail.com to sign up.

Clinic 1 - Hand sewing for Beginners -- Making a workbag or wallet

Never picked up a needle and thread before? Not to worry, we'll teach you the basics and best yet, you'll show off your new skills while making either a market wallet or drawstring workbag. Cost of materials: \$5

Clinic 2 - Advanced Hand sewing -- Construction techniques

For more advanced hand sewers. You'll learn tricks to make your stitches more effective and will learn some more advanced needlework. We'll also cover how to use these stitches and where. Bring your sewing kit.

Hive 2 – Sunday, February 15, 2009

Major John Buttrick House, MMNHP Concord, MA 1pm-4:30pm

1:15pm -2pm Lecture A: Head wear for men

Using period sources, we'll look at what English men wore on their heads from wigs to hats plain and fancy

1:15 – 2pm Lecture B: Head wear for women

From caps to hats to bonnets, what was the Anglo woman wearing in the 1770's. Looking at artwork and pictures of extant hats, we'll explore shape, size and trim, as well as examine the wide range of bonnets found on the heads of 18th century women.

2:15 – 4:30 Project Series A/Session 2-- Making a man's shirt

Those who enrolled in the series will learn how to attach their sleeves

2:15 – 4:30 Project Series B/Session 2 -- Making a bedgown

Those who enrolled in the series will continue work on their bedgown

2:15 – 4:30 Clinic 1 – Blocking and lining a hat

Matt Brenckle and Steven Taskovics will demonstrate how to block, line and finish a man's hat.

2:15 – 4:30 Clinic 2 -- Trimming a woman's hat

Bring your straw hat and ribbon and learn different techniques to trimming and shaping your hat. We'll even look at tips others have for wearing them and keeping them on your head. Silk ribbon and straw hats will be available for sale

2:15 – 4:30 Clinic 3 -- Making a sleeve pattern and setting in a sleeve (for women)

Making and attaching sleeves are a challenge for everyone. Whether we attach the sleeve to the wrong armhole or can't seem to get a good fit, this clinic will show you how to draft a sleeve pattern and attach it to your gown. Bring your gown in progress or an existing gown. Either way, you'll end up with a pattern that you can reuse for future gowns

Hive 3 – Sunday, March 15

**Major John Buttrick House, MMNHP Concord, MA
1pm-4:30pm**

1:15pm -2pm Lecture A: Neck ware for men

Bosom ruffles, neck stocks, neck cloths – a look at 18th century men's neck ware from yeoman to gentry.

1:15pm -2pm Lecture B: Children's clothing

So often we put all our efforts into our clothing and don't give much thought to what we put our kids into (since they'll grown out of whatever they are in) We'll look at children's clothing and best choices for young boys and girls.

2:15 – 4:30 Project Series A/Session 3-- Making a man's shirt

Putting the finishing touches on your shirts – collars, cuffs and buttons

2:15 – 4:30 Project Series B/Session 3 -- Making a bedgown

Finishing up your bedgown

2:15 – 4:30 Clinic 1 -- Making a petticoat

Turn that drawstring petticoat to one with ties and look at ways to finish off the hem.

2:15 – 4:30 Clinic 2 - Making a neckcloth

Practice your hand sewing by making a neck cloth

2:15 – 4:30 Clinic 3 - Death's Head and thread buttons

Learn how to wrap a death's head button as well as a simple thread button

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*Le PROGRAMME,
The Official schedule for 2008*

WORK PARTIES

Date	Unit	Event
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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
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2008 EVENT SCHEDULE

Recommend Events are indicated by bold text

Date	Unit	Event
<i>Mar 15</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Evacuation Day Parade Boston, MA
<i>Mar 21</i>	<i>4th</i>	Muster Day Lexington, MA
<i>April 18-19</i>	<i>4th</i>	Battle Road Lexington, MA

<i>May 3</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Rebecca Nurse Homestead Danvers, MA
<i>May 16 & 17</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Jerusalem Mills Event Jerusalem Mills, MD
<i>May 24</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
<i>May 25</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
<i>May 31</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Minute Cub Muster Westford, MA
<i>June 5-7</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Tewksbury 275th Parade Tewksbury, MA
<i>Jun 27 -28</i>	<i>4th</i>	Rising Storm MMNHP – Lincoln, MA
<i>Aug 1-2</i>	<i>85eme</i>	From Redcoats to Rebels Strubridge, MA
<i>Sept 7</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Labor Day Parade Marlborough, MA
<i>Sept 7</i>	<i>All</i>	Regimental Birthday Party Taskovics' House
<i>Sept 12-13</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Fort Ticonderoga Fort Ticonderoga, NY
<i>Sept 26</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Sudbury Muster Sudbury, MA
<i>Oct 2-4</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Rebecca Nurse Homestead Danvers, MA
<i>Nov 21</i>	<i>85eme</i>	Plymouth Encampment Plymouth, MA

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