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## GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

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

Bonjour mes amie et soldats,

Having just returned from the Continental Line meeting, I can see that we have a very interesting and busy schedule for this year. The Line is trying to help create great events and to that end, they are asking for the proposals a year ahead of time. Just think about the time and energy involved in putting on a national or even a large regional event. The site must be secured, funding applied for, permits granted, logistics planned, staffing organized.. all in addition to the usual wood, water, hay and portapotties. If we are to have crackerjack events to attend, we must lend our support to the organizers much earlier than four or five months. They need to know a couple of years ahead of time to give them enough time to get everything done to the satisfaction of the reenactors. These things can't possibly be planned in only a few months.

To that end, I'm going to recommend that we put our full support behind the big event at Fort Ontario, near Niagara Falls, in Canada on July 30 to August 1. Our own Bob Allegretto will be in charge of the Allied side. This will be one fantastic event, just over the border in Canada. The site is huge with plenty of room to have a really great battle and several skirmishes. For the shoppers who sometimes allow us to go to battles, there is Niagara-On-the-Lake, a shopper's paradise. This has been in the works for almost three years and will be one for the record books. Please update your passports. There will be representatives from the CL/BB at all the border crossings to smooth out any issues.

I would also like to recommend a regional event in Maryland, Mount Harmon Plantation in October 23 - 24. This is a restored colonial mansion in horse country on a peninsula in the Chesapeake Bay. The only access road is two miles of fields and woods. There will be a national event here in 2011, on the same weekend as the

Sudbury Faire, so it will be our chance to see a marvelous site with again, plenty of room for reenactors.

The battle of Richardson's Tavern in Millis (Oct 16-18, 2010) will be the best regional event of the year in New England. The Lexington Training Band and the 10th of Foot are the cosponsors. This site is ideal for burning loads of powder and there are many plans afoot for extra curricular activities. Don't miss it!

There are many, many more events that I will hand out at our annual meeting at Frank and Rosemary's Community Center on February 13th. Make sure that you are ready to drill at 10:00; don't let the bionic soldier put you to shame! Also remember to bring something for our potluck lunch. The regiment will supply the beverages.

Thanks again for all the help that I've had in the past year. I've received so much support that to name everyone would be impossible. Without all of you, the members, I would be nothing.

Your humble servant,  
Ellie Hutchinson, President  
85eme Regiment de Saintonge



*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE  
Captain's Report*

Happy New Year. I hope that everyone has had a safe and happy holiday.

Coming up in a couple of weeks is our Annual Voting Meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> in Berlin Ma. Directions

can be found later in this newsletter. This meeting, like past meetings will serve multiple purposes. We will kick off the meeting with our first drill of the year. It's been a long time since we were all together last, so we will have a lot of brushing up to do. Please make sure you bring your musket, hat and cartridge box as well as some warm clothing. My plan is to start off with of the individual companies conducting their drill. This will give sergeants and corporals the practice they need at command. The smaller groups will also allow for the more experienced troops make their drill snappy, while the less experienced folks work on musket, body and feet positions.

Once again the Nominations Committee has reached out to the membership to find folks who will serve as members of the governing board. I would like to thank everyone who has accepted a nomination. I would also like to thank those who help put the ballot together for this year's election.

I'm in the process of putting together rolling parties in February and March. If you are willing and able to offer up a place for us to meet, please let me know ASAP. I will take care of the organizing part, I just need someone to host the event.

See all of you very soon.

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



## ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, *Upcoming Events*

*Annual Regimental Meeting, Drill and Gathering, Berlin, MA, February 13<sup>th</sup>* ~ **Arrival:** We will be kicking off this year's annual meeting with a Drill and Distaff Gathering. Please plan on arriving at 9:45 and be ready to drill at 10:00am. **Details:** This will be our first drill of the New Year. Please make sure you bring your musket, cartridge box and hat. We have a lot of kinks to work

out so plan on working hard at this drill. For the distaff members of the regiment, you are invited to stick around, chat, work on projects, or watch the guys. Similar to past annual meetings, we will be having a potluck after the drill starting at 12:00pm. We will move on to our annual meeting starting around 12:30. Topics for discussion will be next years schedule. We will also be holding elections! If the weather is nasty – call Dana at 978.758.9350 for any change or cancellation info. **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.



## *2010 Governing Board Ballot*

As determined by the Nominations Committee, with the input from individual members of the regiment, the Ballot for the 2010 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 12, 2010.



## *From the Editor's Desk*

As you all know a lot of work goes into creating this newsletter each and everyone month. It's always a struggle to come up with new material; this is where you come in. A lot of you folks have a lot of really interesting information locked up in your heads, and it's to let it free and share it with the rest of the regiment.

Please submit your articles to me no later then one week before the end of the month.

# *Le PROGRAMME,* *Proposed schedule for 2010*

## *Work Partiesf*

Date	Event	May 30	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
Feb	Cartridge Rolling Party	May 31	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
March	Cartridge Rolling Party	June 5-6		Gelston Castle Warren, NY
April	Cartridge Rolling Party	June 12-13		Minute Cubs Newburyport, 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 & Distauff Gatherings*

Date	Unit	Event
Feb 13	85eme	Annual Meeting and Drill – Marini’s Place Hudson, MA (10:00AM)
March	85eme	Drill Practice - Wayside Inn Sudbury, MA (6:00PM)
April	85eme	Drill Practice - Wayside Inn Sudbury, MA (6:00PM)

June 18-19		Battle of Monmouth Freehold, NJ
July 10-11		Wyoming Valley Massacre Scranton, PA
July 10-11		Battle of Hubbardton Hubbardton, VT
July 30-Aug 1		Taking the Capitol By Storm Niagara on the Lake, Ontario
Aug 6-8	85eme	Redcoats to Rebels Sturbridge, MA
Aug 27-29		Grand Encampment New Bedford, MA
Aug 27-29		Battle of Newtown Elmira , NY
Sept 6	85eme	Labor Day Parade Marlborough, MA
Sept 11-12		Fort Ticonderoga Ticonderoga, NY
Sept 25-26		Philadelphia '77 Campaign Wilmington, DE
Sept 25	85eme	Sudbury Faire Sudbury, MA
Oct 2-3		Governor Trumbell 300th Lebanon, CT
Oct 2		Battle of Germantown Philadelphia, PA
Oct 8-10		Arnolds Expedition Bingham ,ME
Oct 16-18		Richardson's Tavern Millis, MA
Oct 17		Assault on Fort Mercer Mount Holly, PA
Oct 22-24		Mount Harmon Plantation Earleville, MD
Oct 30	4 <sup>th</sup>	Battle of Red Horse Tavern, Sudbury MA
Nov 6-7		Putnam's Encampment Redding, CT
Nov 6-7		Storm the Redoubt Washington, PA
Nov 20	85eme	Thanksgiving Day Parade Plymouth, MA

## *Propofed 2010 Event Schedule*

*Recommend Events are indicated by bold text*

Date	Unit	Event
Mar 13-14		Battle of Guilford Courthouse <b>Greensboro, NC</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>85eme</b>	<b>Evacuation Day Parade Boston, MA</b>
April 10-11		Washington's Army <b>So Bound Brook, NJ</b>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Battle Road/Tower Park Lincoln, MA</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March to Concord Sudbury, MA</b>
<b>April 23</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grand Ball at Red Horse Tavern Sudbury, MA</b>
<b>April 23-24</b>		<b>Siege of San Juan San Juan</b>
April 24		BAR School of the Soldier <b>Vails Gate, NJ</b>
May 8-9		Siege of Charlestown <b>Charlestown, SC</b>
May 8-9		Artillery/Infantry School <b>Danvers, MA</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>85eme</b>	<b>Society of the Cincinnati New Haven,CT</b>
May 15-16		War in Schohary <b>Gilboa, NY</b>
<b>May 22</b>		<b>Action at Borderland No. Easton, MA</b>

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*85ème Régiment de Saintonge*  
*2010 Governing Board*  
*Ballot*

**President (Choose 1)**

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

**Commanding Officer (Choose 1)**

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

**Treasurer (Choose 1)**

Heather Taskovics                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Clerk (Choose 1)**

Adam Carriere                               Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Safety Officer (Choose 1)**

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

**Board of Directors (Choose 5)**

Bryon Bausk                       Adam Carriere                       Dwight Dixon  
 Abe Fisher                       Ron Moria                       Dana Rock  
 Heather Taskovics                       Other \_\_\_\_\_





Regiment Saintonge, mix of 76 and 79 regulation uniforms  
Hand painted by Adam Carriere

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