



N° 73

GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Février 2010

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

Thank you all for your participation in last Saturday's Regimental Meeting and Election. I want to thank you also for allowing me (again!) to be President of this fine (illustrious!?) group of folks who make up our Regiment. Congratulations to Dana, Heather, Adam, Carl, Dwight, Bryon and Abe for winning their respective posts and to be willing to serve in leadership/staff positions. I would very much like to thank our outgoing staff for their contributions to the running of the Regiment – Ellie, Dave, Matt, Myles, Bill. All of your contributions this past year have helped us remain one of the top organizations in New England as well as a vibrant, dynamic, and influential group within our little sphere in Massachusetts. In particular I want to thank Ellie for her leadership and direction for these past 3 years. This is not an easy job which she has accomplished humbly and gracefully all the while helping to plan events, develop new relationships between Saintonge and others, and working to improve our overall impression.

As anyone who has served in a leadership position knows, not every project/event that you started (or wanted to start) gets finished. Once those projects are started and are successful, you want to make certain that they continue including the relationships and contacts that were made. Ellie has done this work where she reinvigorated the Commander's Roundtable. This effort has improved the overall communications between Crown and Allied Commanders and has resulted in developing new relationships between our Regiment and established and new groups in the Hobby. Another important project that is underway is to raise the standard of our general impression through formal scheduled drills and improved uniformity/appearance of the clothing and accoutrements. In order to keep continuity of these important and on-going efforts, Dana and I have asked Ellie to become the Regiment's Adjutant. Through this role, Ellie can continue these

important relationships within and outside of our organization and help Dana and I to be effective in our roles.

Throughout the reenacting community, Saintonge is known as one the premier French reenacting groups – both locally and nationally. My primary goal this coming year is to continue the efforts of the past leadership/staff to improve our impression. There is some concern that we may have “lost” some of the “panache” that we once had either through drill/execution or perceived lower standards of uniformity. By continuing with the scheduled drills we started last season and building on the efforts to put everyone in newer uniforms through the coming year will improve our image. We don't need to go overboard here – simple things like reblocked hats, fitted gaiters, cloth stocks and garters, and properly fitted small clothes are small things that will go a long way to improving our impression to a consistent standard. So, for this year, our goal is to look internally to improve so that those improvements can radiate outwards. Stay tuned for some “off-season” work parties and drills to start this process going. We have a lot of fun at these work parties and the drills are a good opportunity to socialize with our friends and members.

Again, thanks and I look forward to serving this coming year!

Pour le Roi!

Your humble servant,
Steven Taskovics, President
85eme Regiment de Saintonge



Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE
Captain's Report

It was great seeing everyone again at the Annual meeting a few weeks ago. There were a few people I hadn't seen in almost a year. Thanks to everyone who was able to come out and join us.

I want to send out a special thank you to Ellie, for all of her hard work the past few years serving as President of the Regiment. Ellie built some great relationships with other units and event organizers. All of this hard work has paid off and it is evident within the unit. We are attending more gigs and we are being asked to co-sponsor more events than ever before. Please take the time to thank Ellie for all that she has done in the past few years, and for the work she will be doing in the years to come as Adjutant.

I would like to invite everyone to the upcoming drills and cartridge rolling parties that are planned for this month. We have a lot of work to do before the official start of the season. At last count we have around 100 cartridges rolled; that's not even enough to get us through the parade in South Boston. Trust me, we want to be heavily armed for that parade. We also have Tower Park coming up in April, and I plan on burning a lot of powder there as well. Please make an effort to attend these work parties. The cartridges won't roll themselves.

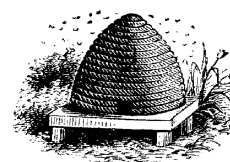
As many of you might have heard, there will be new rules enforced at Battle Road this year. These new rules are being put into place to keep the event fun and more importantly safe. This year, all invited units are being asked to submit a list of names of all members who are planning to participate at the event this year. If you are planning to attend, please get your names in to Ellie as soon as possible. If your name is not on the list come April 17th you will not be allowed to come and play with everyone else. This rule holds true for men-at-arms and civilians alike. So please get your names in as soon as possible. Also, keep in mind clothing regulations will be strictly enforced. Learn more at www.battleroad.org

Massachusetts and Congress
et
Pour le Roi et le Regiment!



ÉVÈNEMENTS PROCHAINS,
Upcoming Events

Rolling Party, Framingham, MA,
March 3rd ~ Arrival: We will be starting around 7:30PM. **Details:** At last count, we have about 100 cartridges left. We have 25lbs of powder to roll which is equal to almost 1600 rounds. It would be best if everyone could roll 100 tubes and bring them to the rolling party. **Directions:** Take Route 20. Follow Route 20 into Sudbury. At the set of lights immediately after the Shaw's Supermarket Plaza (heading east) or Sudbury Farms (heading west), turn onto Nobscot Road. Follow Nobscot Road into Framingham. (*It turns into Edgell Rd in Framingham*) Look for the Framingham Animal Hospital on your left. You will take the first real left after the Animal hospital onto Treeland Drive. (*Don't take the hairpin left turn onto Harrington.*) Follow Treeland Dr to the end, take a right and then a quick left onto Janebar Circle. Follow Janebar Circle down the hill and around the bend, take your first right onto Roundtop Road. #79 on the right, light grey with dark grey shutters. Park on the street.



The Ladies of Refined Taste and Friends
present The Hive 2010

Minute Man National Historic Park -- Concord, MA

Hive 3: Sunday, March 14 — 1pm to 4:30pm, Minute Man National Historic Park, all events at Noah Brooks Tavern except where noted otherwise

1-4pm Women's Caps

Try on different styles of caps till you find the one that looks good on you. Then construct your cap. How nice to have a new cap to debut at Battle Road!

Cost of Materials: \$15 Clinic is free of charge but pre-registration is required.

1–3pm Sewing for Children

(6 yrs old and up) Learn how to sew by mastering the basics—from threading a needle, knotting a thread, running stitch and backstitch. Make a drawstring bag to use at events. (Rescheduled from February.)

12–1pm (note change in time) Musket Tune Up—Lecture

Note location: Minute Man Visitor Center, Lincoln, MA
Gunsmith Jim Casco will demonstrate the how to get your musket in good working order. A well functioning, clean musket is a safe musket.

1:30–3pm (note change in time) Musket Tune Up—Workshop

Noah Brooks Tavern

Tune-up your musket for the season. This hands-on workshop will get your musket in top working order and ready for Battle Road. Pre-registration is required. Limit: 10 participants. Fee \$25.

3–4pm Learn the Norfolk Drill

Note location: Minute Man Visitor Center, Lincoln, MA
Join Park staff to learn/practice the Norfolk Drill. Bring your musket, bayonet and empty cartridge box. If you took the February session, use this class to perfect what you learned last month.



*Evacuation Day Parade, Boston, MA,
Sunday March 14th* ~ **Arrival:** Please try to arrive

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).

Regimental Drill, Sudbury, MA,

March 18th ~ **Arrival:** Please plan on arriving no later than 6:00pm at the Wayside Inn. **Details:** This will be our second official drill of the year. If possible please attend the drill in full kit (Saintonge). If you don't have time to get dressed before the drill, please make sure you bring your hat, cartridge box and musket. **Directions:** From the East. Follow Rt. 20 West to Sudbury. Take a right at large green sign "Wayside Inn Road" and the Inn is 1/4 miles down on your right (parking on your left). From the West. Follow Rt. 20 turn onto Wayside Inn Road for approximately 1 mile, and the Inn is on your left (parking on your right).



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*L' Habillement et L'Équipement de Sef
Troupes*

Article 8

The Equipment of the Soldier

The neckstock will be of white dimity 16 lines wide (1-1/3") lined in good white toile.

The sleeves of the shirt will be without cuffs. The Sergeants and Fourriers (Quartermaster-Sergeant) will be able to wear cuffs of 12 to 14 lines high (1-1/4"). The shirts will comprise a hem which will be 2 lines (1/6").

The Cadets-Gentilshommes will wear what they were provided by the Administration of the Royal Military School.

The soldier will have 1 pair of gaiters in white toile for parade; for service he will have gaiters of blackened toile and for winter gaiters of black wool completely lined in toile. The gaiters will be garnished with 20 to 24 small buttons, in toile for the white gaiters and in leather for the black gaiters. The gaiter will rise as far as the kneecap of the knee and attaches by one buttonhole made in the place of the lower button to the second button of the breeches on which the bottom buttonhole of the gaiter will come to be buttoned crossed on the other side. The kneestrap will be of toile or material of the gaiter and will attach with buckles of brass, which are squared inside and rounded on the outer edge.

The cartridge box of the Grenadiers, Chassuers, and Fusilers, with the exception of the Fourriers and Sergeants which will be smaller and lighter, remain in the ancient form with the ordinary flap, without the plaque and will perform better conforming to the model which will be used by each Regiment.

The shoulder strap will be white buff leather of 4'-10" in length and the width will be 27 lines (2-1/4") and conforms to the model which is currently in use. The Under-Officers of the companies of Fusilers will wear the saber in the same manner. The sword belt will cross on the coat with the shoulder belt which will pass over the sword belt.

The sling of the fusil and the drum sling of the drummers will be equally of white buff leather, the length and width as regulated.

The haversack will be of calf-skin with the hair on and conforming to the dimensions in use. It will contain bread for 4 days in addition to the belongings and small equipment which the soldier will carry on the march. Each soldier is to have a cloth sack for distributions, with which he will be able to cover for bed.

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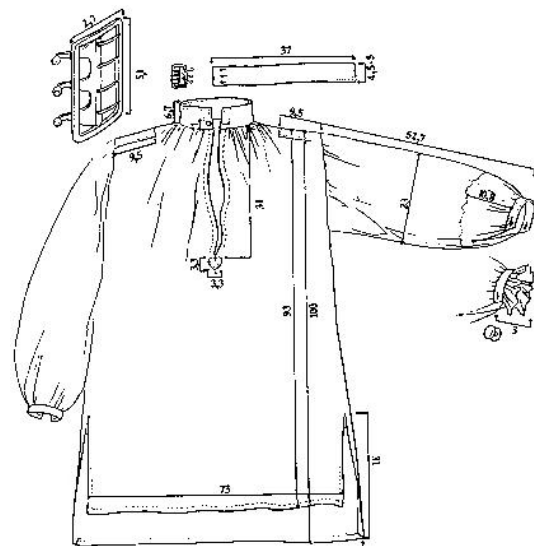
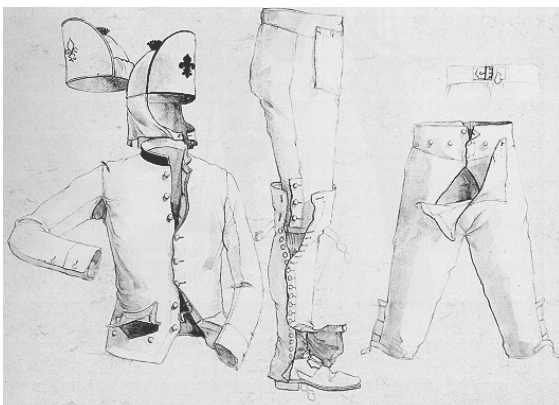
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Ellie Hutchinson – Fusilier Coy

Dwight Dixon – Chasseur Coy



Le PROGRAMME, Schedule for 2010

Work Parties

Date	Event
March 3	Cartridge Rolling Party Taskovics House @ 7:30pm
March 18	Cartridge Rolling Party Taskovics House @ 7:30pm
April 7	Cartridge Rolling Party Taskovics House @ 7:30pm
April 21	Cartridge Rolling Party Taskovics House @ 7:30pm

May 30	85 ^{eme}	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
May 31	85 ^{eme}	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
June 12-13	85 ^{eme}	Minute Cubs Newburyport, MA
July 30-Aug 1	85 ^{eme}	Taking the Capitol By Storm Niagara on the Lake, Ontario
Aug 6-8	85 ^{eme}	Redcoats to Rebels Sturbridge, MA
Aug 27-29	85 ^{eme}	Grand Encampment (Fort Taber) New Bedford, MA
Sept 6	85 ^{eme}	Labor Day Parade Marlborough, MA
Sept 11-12		Fort Ticonderoga Ticonderoga, NY

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 & Distauff Gatherings

Date	Unit	Event
Feb 13	85 ^{eme}	Annual Meeting and Drill – Marini's Place Hudson, MA (10:00AM)
March 18	85 ^{eme}	Drill Practice - Wayside Inn Sudbury, MA (6:00PM)
April 21	85 ^{eme}	Drill Practice - Wayside Inn Sudbury, MA (6:00PM)

Sept 25-26		Philadelphia '77 Campaign Wilmington, DE
Sept 25	85 ^{eme}	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	85 ^{eme}	Richardson's Tavern Millis, MA

Propofed 2010 Event Schedule Recommend Eventf are indicated by bold text

Date	Unit	Event
March 14	85 ^{eme}	Evacuation Day Parade Boston, MA
April 17	4 th	Battle Road/Tower Park Lincoln, MA
April 19	4 th	March to Concord Sudbury, MA
April 23	4 th	Grand Ball at Red Horse Tavern Sudbury, MA
April 23-24	85 ^{eme}	Siege of San Juan San Juan
May 8-9	85 ^{eme}	Artillery/Infantry School Danvers, MA
May 15	85 ^{eme}	Society of the Cincinnati New Haven,CT
May 22	4 th	Action at Borderland No. Easton, MA

Oct 17		Assault on Fort Mercer Mount Holly, PA
Oct 22-24		Mount Harmon Plantation Earleville, MD
Oct 30	4 th	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	85 ^{eme}	Thanksgiving Day Parade Plymouth, MA



**DAMMIT MEN... WE'RE NOT MOVING UNTIL YOU GIVE
A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TO OUR CORPS OF ENGINEERS!**

Referencing an ill-fated crossing of the Assabet many years ago.
Les Longworth passed away late in 2009. He will be missed

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