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

Framingham on the Sudbury
Spring Camp
May 2010

Hi Folks,

Quite a bit has happened since my last correspondence with the Regiment! First of all, I hope everyone has dried out (again!) – which I hope is not a theme for the upcoming year.

Battle Road was another successful event – thanks to Bill Rose and Myles and the rest of the Battle Road committee for pulling together another fantastic event. Thanks also to the folks who participated in rolling parties at both my place and the Park so that the Park's goal of 6000 cartridges could be met. Though the weather was dicey through the day, everything worked out just fine and the weather held. The regiment as a whole, as usual, did great in the field – so well that the Park was giving us extra cartridges in the field to keep us going! Afterwards, we got on buses and did it again at Tower Park in Lexington. I was up on the ridge commanding the center, but what I could see from the ridge and in the field; the 4th did a fantastic job! Judging by the exhausted happy looks on everyone's faces on the way home, a good day was had by all.

The next event that we had the opportunity to attend was the Siege of San Juan in Puerto Rico. Accolades go to Anita and Bryon Bausk for presenting the event to Regiment and organizing information sessions and drills. Special thanks to Anita for being one of the more effective event organizers that I've worked with who made certain that everyone was taken care of and being the primary point of contact between the Fijo and the NPS in Puerto Rico. The site and event was one of the best that I've attended in quite a while. It was quite an event – the pictures that everyone is sharing shows only

part of our experience. Our “barracks” was the Gallery Inn – an absolute beauty of a restored 17th Century building, which was the school of Artillery at one time. We also had a few new members in attendance as well. Welcome to Bruce Leader as a fusilier, and Amy Smid and Kate Bolcar as fifers! We were also joined by Dwight and Neil Dixon, Bryon Bausk, Dana, Ron Moriera, Bob and Hannah Selig, and Bill Poole from Saintonge and Les Ford and Owen Hutchins from Gatinois. This event also was the unveiling of a new group with Bill Rose, Myles, and Matt Mees – the Belsunce dragoons – a pretty neat impression. We were also joined by a lot of distaff as well; Anita and Tarra Bausk, Zoe Estabrooks, Maureen Poole, Liz Mees, Eleanor and Madeline Mees, Cori Rose, and Heather and Anna Taskovics. Again, a good time was had by all!

The BOD met during April to go over planned events and tasks for the coming year. Event focus was one of the items discussed – this year we will focus on Borderlands (May 22), Ft. Ontario (7/30 – 8/1), Richardson's Tavern (10/16 – 10/18), the Battle of Red Horse Tavern (10/30). The goal is to get the maximum participation for these events. We discussed Regimental finances - which are in great shape – and the replacement of some worn equipment through the year. We discussed building the esprit-de-corps, changing the times for drills to increase member participation, and improving the Regiment's impression. We will be continuing the discussion of the Regiment's impression and looking at uniform/equipment resources at the next BOD meeting in May. Expect to see a drill and work party dates in the next few weeks.

For this month we will be busy with Borderlands and the Somerville and Andover Memorial Day parades. Borderlands is shaping up to be a great one day event with varied terrain and some interesting scenarios. This will be a militia event where Dana is the overall commander. This looks to be one of the better events of the year and we could use everyone! We also need as many folks as possible for our only two parades of the Spring. Details for both parades are later in this post.

That's all I have for this month. Let's all think dry thoughts and I'll see you later on this month!

Pour le Roi
et
Massachusetts and Congress,
Steven



Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE
Captain's Report

Why is the rum gone? Welcome back to all of those folks who traveled down to Puerto Rico. If you couldn't make it this year, start planning for next year. This event turned out to be a hit with almost every member who attended this year. Yeah sure, there were some things that didn't go as planned, and yeah nothing happened on time, but hey; we were on vacation interrupted by a small reenactment during the weekend. A very special thank you goes out to Anita and Bryon for pulling this event together. They did a lot of hard work to make sure that everything was taken care of ahead of time and that everyone got down there and back in one piece.

As Steven has mentioned, we have a very busy month ahead of us this May. Society of the Cincinnati, Lafayette Day, Action at Borderland, Memorial Day Parade (Somerville and Andover); I'm tired just thinking about it. Even though it's a busy month, it should prove to be a fun one. We are looking for head count for the up and coming parades. I understand that it's a long weekend and people like to go away for the holiday, but these parades cover some of our major expenses such as powder, insurance, uniforms, material, food and parties. Please make sure you do your part to help us keep a steady income.

See you all very soon.

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



ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS,
Upcoming Events

SOCIETY OF THE CININNATI, New Haven CT, Saturday, May 15. ~ We need as many folks that can make it please contact Ellie or Dana if you are able to attend. **Arrival:** Please plan on arriving at the Yale Commons no later than 4:45pm as there is a plan to rehearse the presentation of the colors (which occurs after your flags) between 5 and 5:30. **Directions:** The Yale Commons are located at 168 Grove Street, New Haven CT. From Interstate 95 From the north: Connect to I-91 North in New Haven; take Exit 3 (Trumbull Street) and follow directions below for I-91. From the south: Connect to I-91 North in New Haven (left exit); take Exit 3 (Trumbull Street) and follow directions below for I-91. **Details:** Saturday's Society of the Cincinnati Banquet and its various ceremonies are expected to feature the flag ceremony at 6:30 during the cocktail reception, which begins around 5:45PM. The reception will be in Yale Commons if raining, and will spill out onto Beinecke Plaza if sunny. The French Flag ceremony will be outside if weather permits, indoors otherwise.



LAFAYETTE DAY, Boston MA, Thursday,

May 20 ~ **Arrival:** Please plan on arriving at the State House no later than 9:45am. We will take a few minutes to hand out powder and go over the manual of arms. **Details:** A celebration of French-American friendship will be held in Boston on Wednesday when the 75th-annual Marquis de Lafayette Day will pay homage to this freedom fighter, abolitionist and French hero who assisted Gen. George Washington in the war against England for colonial independence. At 10:30 a.m., a special ceremony, presided over by François Gauthier, the Consul General of France in Boston, will see the Légion d'Honneur, France's highest civilian and military distinction, conferred upon four American veterans who participated in the liberation of France during World War II. At 11:15 a.m., a procession will lead the participants to the Lafayette monument, on the Boston Common, where a wreath will be laid in memory of General Lafayette. A Liberty Tree will be dedicated, commemorating the famous tree where the Sons of Liberty met in Boston in the 1760s.



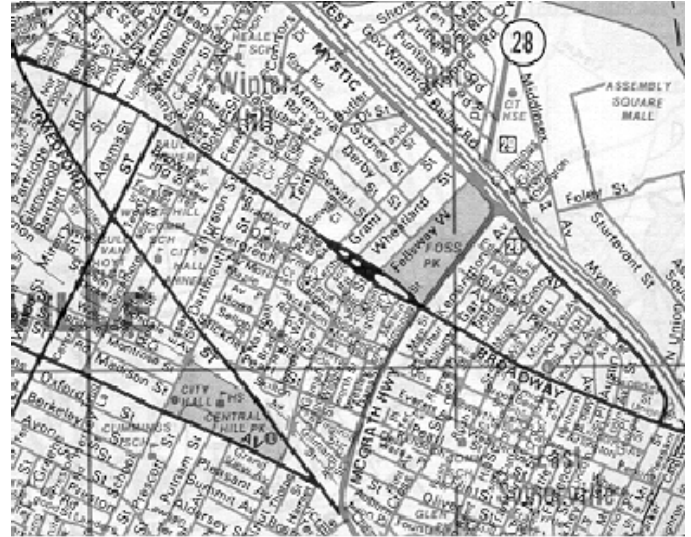
ACTION AT BORDERLAND, North Easton, MA, Saturday, May 22. ~ **Arrival:** Saturday, May 22, 2010. One-day event only; rain or shine. Parking shall open at 6:30am, on-site check-in shall open at 7:00am, first formation at 8:30am. All re-enactors must be off-site by 5:00pm. **Location:** The Borderland State Park, North Easton, Massachusetts; about 20 miles southwest of Boston and 30 miles north of Providence. Website for the Park at: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/borderland/> **Address:** 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA 02356. **Directions:** Multiple routes are available; see the Borderland website, above, for alternate routes. Generally, Route 95 to Exit 10: Coney St. Follow southeast; it becomes Norwood St., Route 27. Follow to downtown Sharon then right onto Pond St. After 1 1/2 miles this becomes Massapoag Ave.; follow to Borderland Park. **Parking:** Please use the wedding parking lot accessible by a service road about 100 yards to the south of the main entrance. Signs will be posted for participants directing where to park. Do NOT use the main Park entrance; this is for visitors of the Park only and will incur a \$2.00 parking fee. The participant lot is an open, flat and grassy field with good drainage. Plenty of room is available, with ample space for large vehicles, trailers, and good turn-around areas. **Details:** Re-create April 19th 1775 in a most realistic manner, over a 2.5 mile trail through superb ground. All the main locations are represented; from Lexington Common to Barratt's Farm; the North Bridge; Merriam's Corner; the Bloody Angle; Parker's Revenge; Percy's Relief and the slog through Menotomy. Resourceful rebels are encouraged to add their own ambushes. War-game the Relief of Marshfield in the afternoon, representing the British and Tory evacuation of that town, April 20th 1775. Can the rebels find and capture Captain Balfour's beleaguered redoubt before the British relief column arrives? Can the column get back to the 'ships' before the tide 'turns'? 1500 acres of woods, fields, creeks, marshes, rocky hills. Plenty of opportunities for the ladies, as role-playing refugees in the afternoon, nurses in the hospital and pickets for the battles. Cookfires permitted if you want to make a hot lunch (wood provided).



Memorial Day Parades

SOMERVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, Sunday, May 30. ~ **Arrival:** Meet at City Hall (Highland & School Streets) at 12:00 for a 1 pm step-off. Parking will be at the Dilboy Field. **Directions:** Take Route 2 East towards Boston. Turn Left on to Rt 16. Follow Rt 16 for 2 miles, the Dilboy Field will on

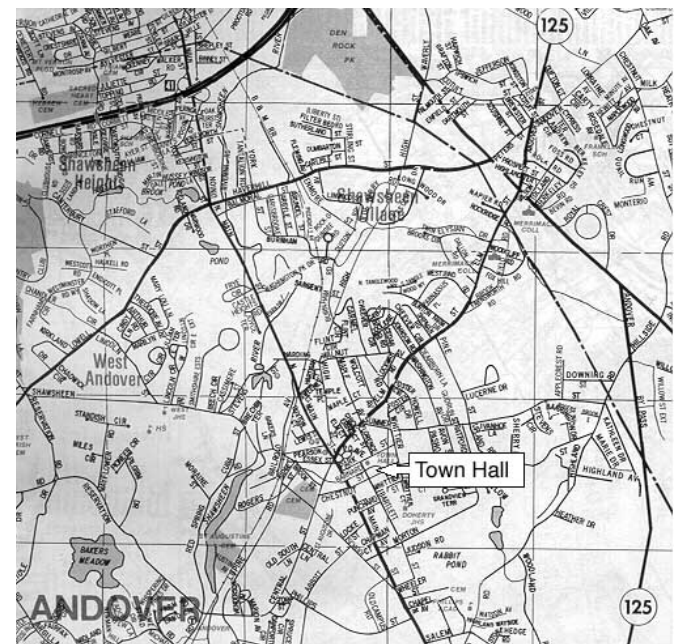
the left. Shuttles to the High School end around 12:00pm.



Details: We are marching as French with white gaiters. Please make sure to bring a full canteen. The parade is about 1-1/2 miles and finishes with a brief ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery. If there's any interest, we can head out for dinner after the parade.



ANDOVER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, Monday, May 31 ~ **Arrival:** Assemble at 8:45 for a 9:30 step-off. **Directions:** Assemble & park behind the old Town Hall on Rte. 28. A larger map image can be found on saintonge.org.



Details: Same as previous years: great parade, very short route (8 blocks) with an excellent ceremony to remind us why we're doing this. Dress is French, white gaiters, full canteens.



Note from the Treasurer: Commissary Fees are now due. All members are now asked to pay \$25 at the beginning of the year to cover costs of commissary for the year. Please send a check for \$25 per person in your family to P.O Box 854, Sudbury MA 01776. Checks should be made out to Regiment Saintonge.



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Le PROGRAMME, Schedule for 2010

Work Partiesf

Date	Event
June 19th	Taskovics House @ Noon
July 10th	Taskovics House @ Noon

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

Exercifef et RENDEVOUS, Drills & Distaff Gatherings

Date	Unit	Event
June 19 th	85eme	Drill and Muster Wayside Inn Sudbury, MA (9:00AM)
July 10th	85eme	Drill and Muster Wayside Inn Sudbury, MA (9:00AM)

Propofed 2010 Event Schedule

Recommend Events 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 20	85 ^{eme}	Lafayette Day Boston, MA
May 22	4 th	Action at Borderland No. Easton, MA
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
June 14	85 ^{eme}	Taste of Downtown Marlborough Marlborough MA
June 25-27	85 ^{eme}	La Kermesse Biddeford, ME
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
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
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



Siege of San Juan
El Castillo San Felipe del Morro, San Juan

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