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# GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

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

Framingham on the Sudbury  
Summer Camp  
Late August 2010

Hi Folks,

What an August we've had from Fort George to OSV to Fort Taber – with lots of new faces. Again, I like this trend! We've also got the Marlboro Labor Day parade and Sudbury in September that we would like to prepare for. We should also get at least one work party in place to roll cartridges, fit black gaiters, and to prepare for an upcoming Regimental Coat workshop.

A stalwart group of us travelled to Fort George in Niagara-on-the-Lake in Ontario CA. What a great site! Plenty of flat camping, huge fields for maneuvers, wonderfully reconstructed fort, and a great little 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Century town to explore – what more could anyone really want! Dwight and Neil Dixon, Abe, Don Heminitz (fifer), Ben Ruesch, Adam A, Ron M, and Kevin C made the trip up as Saintonge. We were also joined by Bill R, Will H, Matt Mees, and Todd Bailey as Belsunce Dragoons aaannndddd...40+ muskets from the Fort George Garrison in the sleeved waistcoats! What was really cool is that the number of their Regiment is “41” and they were in white small clothes with red trim – exactly like the Soissonais Regiment – so we had a very impressive showing. Abe did a terrific job as Lieutenant, keeping both Saintonge and the 41<sup>st</sup> active on the field. Even though we were outnumbered both days, we had a fantastic time with plenty to shoot at, good tactical events (the evening tactical was really cool!!), and plenty of evening activities both inside and outside the Fort. A good time was had by all and another event at this site will be planned for the future.

The event at OSV was an event that will be remembered for quite a while – the French Line had quite the showing. Dana was the overall allied commander for the event – I was the French commander. We were also joined by a significant presence from the Regiments Gatinois and Bourbonnais – in total over 30 muskets, not including officers, music, and distaff! In our Regiment we had quite a few new faces in the Line; Adam Page, Greg M (Miko), Greg Chaber, Kerry Glennon, Alex Doucette, Jessica Reardon, Dominic Ryder, and Dayna Margarita (distaff). These new faces were joined by quite a few of us in the field; Abe, Adam A, Beth H, Ben R, Bruce L, Bryon and Bruce Bausk, Carl and Will (Ellie) Hutchinson, Dana R, Dave H, Klaus S, Reed Harder, Ron M, and Sean Robinson. Our distaff rounded out the event with Anita Bausk, Colleen and Wendy Humphries, Teddy and Harry Humphries, Heather and Anna Taskovics, and Sherry Schneller. As you can see, quite a few folks! Bryon and Anita spoiled us (as usual) with a great commissary!

On Saturday we got our newest recruits all dressed and accustomed to life in camp. All the Regiments gathered together for combined drill – what a site – the most amount of white we have seen on the field in a great while! After a fantastic nooning and Regimental drill, we were off to the field. For this action, we were supposed to be beaten back, despite the Crown Forces being out numbered and their inability to expose/turn our flank. We had quite a sharp little action at the beginning of the tactical that was really not part of the scenario, but it was fun just the same for everyone! Dana did a great job moving all the Regiments around the field and keeping the event moving. We eventually got pushed back across the field and were able to retire in good order back to our camp. Once the muskets were clean, we had plenty of time to roam the Village, meet with friends on both sides of the Line, and (again!) enjoy a terrific meal back in camp followed by merriment through the evening.

On Sunday, pretty much the same tactical scenario, except that we started at the other end of the field, and

we were schedule to win. Once entering the field we were able to get about 6 crashing volleys from the entire French Line – which was really impressive from both sides of the scenario. We also had one “cannon-shot” during the company firings that we took care of after a brief stop – other than that, everything went according to plan. After sweeping the Crown Forces off the field (and taking the 10<sup>th</sup> Grenadiers captive) we retired back to camp. Again, we had plenty of time to clean muskets, break down camp, and enjoy the Village and the company of the folks participating in the event. We also did a great job welcoming the new folks into the Line and mentoring them in Regimental activities and tactical events. In summary, a good time was had by all.

A section of us went down to participate in the event at Fort Tabor in New Bedford, MA. By all reports, everyone had a great time and was another great training event for our new folks. In attendance were Dwight, Neil, Bryon, and Adam Page – who were also joined by an equal set of numbers from the Bourbonnais. It was in interesting site with a great museum. Obviously the group did have some fun, since they stated they captured the Royal Irish guns – twice. I guess we’ll get all the details over a frosty beverage at the Regimental Party.

Looking forward to September, we have two scheduled events – the Marlboro Labor Day parade and Regimental Party and the Sudbury Muster at the Wayside Inn. Details of both events are included in this newsletter. Thanks go to Bryon and Anita Bausk for hosting this year’s Regimental party after the Labor Day Parade. My place right now is covered in dust due to construction and there’s a hole where the pool used to be, so an alternative venue is definitely necessary. PLEASE let Dana, Ellie, Anita, or I know if you are coming to the Regimental Party (and parade) so we can get everything planned properly.

Finally, we are working to get uniforms and suppliers worked out this year. Some things did not go quite as planned, but we were still able to (properly!!) dress and accouter 10(!) new folks in the Line and Musique. During September, stay tuned for a rolling party to get ready for Millis and a Regimental Coat Workshop. The Regimental Coat Workshop may focus initially on the 5 folks in need coats in preparation for Millis and will act as a dry run for a planned general workshop during the Fall and Winter timeframes. I will be working with Bill Rose to draft the new coat patterns which is based on more information that we have found. The workshop will be run by members of the Regiment and Bill Rose will be hosting the workshops at his place in Bolton. Bill has found some exciting information on uniforms and accoutrements that we will share with everyone in future meetings and newsletters. As usual, if you have a complete kit that is clean and serviceable, then it can be

still used. Our goal is to give folks the ability to replace their old gear with new, with the goal of getting folks properly fitting gear and complete uniforms and accoutrements.

Look forward to seeing everyone in Marlboro and/or at the Party at the Bausk’s!

Pour le Roi!  
et le Regiment!

Steven



## *Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE* *Captain’s Report*

Thank you to everyone who made August a great month. A lot of folks put in a lot of effort to make it a great month. A huge thanks goes out to Steven for all of his sewing and outfitting of all of new recruits. Also a big thanks to Dwight and Neil for doing a great job with recruiting. Lastly I want to thank Bryon and Anita for their efforts at OSV.

We have another great month ahead of us. First off we have our annual Labor Day Parade in Marlborough followed up by our Regimental Birthday Party. As usual, if you are unable to attend the parade you are still encouraged to join the after party. After several years of taking a much-deserved break, the Bausk Family will be hosting the after party. Please make sure the contact either Bryon or Anita to see how you can help out. Make sure you bring a change of clothing so you can be comfortable.

Later this month we have the Annual Sudbury Colonial Fair and Fire & Drum Muster. The Sudbury Minute Men have done a great job planning this years muster and would like to feature the combine French Forces in the muster field for a 45 minute drill demonstration. This is a wonderful opportunity to show folks how much we’ve grown in the past year and how far we’ve come with improving our impression and drill. I know many of you are planning to attend as militia, but I encourage all of you to consider attending at French this year.

See you on the field

et  
Pour le Roi et le Regiment!  
Dana Rock



## ADJUTANT'S REPORT

The next two events are the Marlboro parade on Monday, September 6 and the Sudbury Faire on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your uniforms are clean and mended. If you need help with any of your kit, call Steven and he can guide you. Our regimental birthday party and annual cookout will be at Steven and Heather Taskovics house after the parade and it would be courteous if you could bring something to help celebrate. Even if you can't make the parade, please try to attend the party and get to know the off-field side of the other members.

### A FEW WORDS ABOUT CAMP ETIQUETTE:

- Keep the muskets out of the cooking and eating areas.
- If you leave camp to roam around and visit, check the wood and water first, replenish them if necessary, and always let someone know you are leaving.
- Volunteer to help with the cleanup or preparation. You may not be needed, but then again you may make the difference in getting a meal ready in time.
- Do not leave personal belongings in the eating/cooking/dining area. Don't wait for someone to ask you to put away your things because they are in the way.
- Alcohol – most of the sites have rules about NO alcohol on the property, but they seldom enforce the rules. We should respect and honor their trust in us and be responsible in our consumption and in the cleanup of the litter afterwards. NO MOONSHINE. EVER. Any alcohol brought into camp must be labeled with the percentage of the alcoholic content. It's fun to socialize in the evenings (I really like it myself), but remember that you need to still be able to participate the next day. You are responsible for your personal consumption.

Remember to clean your muskets and keep them in good working order. If you need lessons, just ask an NCO (Dwight, Abe, Adam or myself.) If you have trouble with your musket working properly, see Carl Hutchinson, Steven Taskovics or Captain Rock.

Your Humble Servant,  
Sgt Will Hutchinson



## ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, *Upcoming Events*



### MARLBOROUGH LABOR DAY PARADE, Monday, September 6. ~ Arrival:

All members are asked to arrive at the assembly point (Pleasant & Chestnut Streets) no later than 11am. **Directions:** The directions are the same as in previous years. For first-timers: 1-495 (exit 25A, Route 85), take a right onto Route 85 at the second set of lights (at the 99 Restaurant) and follow Route 85 through part of Hudson and into Marlborough. Continue to follow Route 85 until you reach the parking areas, not too far beyond where you cross Main Street. **Parking:** Parking is available on Route 85 at Replacement Auto Parts, Inc., Verizon Co., St. Mary's Credit Union, and Community National Bank, or on nearby streets. **Details:** A shuttle bus service will operate from 10:00am until 11:30am between the American Legion Building (86 Maple Street) and parade assembly area. Persons with private cars or those being dropped off are encouraged to use this service. Portolets are located at both assembly and ending areas of the parade. The parade is 1.7 miles and will end at the American Legion Building. Dress is French, white gaiters. Bring full canteens and whatever you have for cartridges.



### LABOR DAY COOKOUT & REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY, Monday,

September 6. ~ This coming Monday, September 6, is the Marlboro Labor Day Parade followed by a party at Byron and Anita Bausk's following the parade. Bryon and Anita are located at 24 Linda Circle in Marlboro.

In preparation for the party, we need to know how many folks are coming so we can plan on buying the burgers, dogs, soda - which is provided by the Regiment. Anita is requesting that folks bring a dessert or a salad to contribute to the "groaning board". The Regiment will also be picking up wine and beer, but we are looking for contributions for beer and wine as well. Even if you can't make it to the parade, please come to the Regimental Party following the parade!



*COLONIAL FAIRE & MUSTER of  
FYFE & DRUMS, Sudbury, MA, Saturday*

*September 25th ~ Setup:* Volunteers are requested to help with camp setup on Friday evening. If you are available to help, please try to arrive at the field across from the Wayside Inn between 5 and 5:30 on Friday September 28. We plan to set up wedges and the fly that evening. **Arrival:** The faire is open the public from 10am to 4pm. Plan on arriving on site by 9am to ensure plenty of time to get you and your car unloaded and parked as needed. **Directions:** The Colonial Faire and Muster of Fyfe and Drums is held at the Wayside Inn. Arriving from the North/South: Exit Route 20 West from Route 128 (US 95). Follow Route 20 through the Towns of Weston, Wayland, and Sudbury. Follow signs to Wayside Inn Road on right. Arriving from the West: Mass Turpike to Route 495 North. Exit Route 20 East. Follow through the town of Marlborough to Sudbury. Wayside Inn Road is on the left. **Details:** The Faire day is a recruiting day for the regiment so plan to bring your full kit and anything that you might like to show off to spectators. It will be a great opportunity to meet many local visitors who have the potential to become new members! Due to the busy schedule of the day, there will be no commissary arrangements~ so plan on bringing or buying your food for the day.



*GALERIE des IMAGES  
Picture Gallery*



# *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](mailto:stonge85@comcast.net) or Ellie Hutchinson: [ehutchinson@webconverting.com](mailto:ehutchinson@webconverting.com)

## *Exercices et RENDEVOUS, Drills & Distaff Gatherings*

Date	Unit	Event
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	85eme	Drill and Muster Wayside Inn Sudbury, MA (9:00AM)
July 10th	85eme	Drill and Muster Wayside Inn Sudbury, MA (9:00AM)
Aug 6-8	85eme	This month's drill will be at OSV.

## *Proposed 2010 Event Schedule Recommend Events are indicated by bold text*

Date	Unit	Event
<b>March 14</b>	<b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>	<b>Evacuation Day Parade Boston, MA</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>85<sup>eme</sup></b>	<b>Siege of San Juan San Juan</b>
May 8-9	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Artillery/Infantry School Danvers, MA
May 15	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Society of the Cincinnati New Haven, CT
May 20	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Lafayette Day Boston, MA
May 22	4 <sup>th</sup>	Action at Borderland No. Easton, MA
May 30	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
May 31	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
June 12-13	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Minute Cubs

Newburyport, MA

<b>June 14</b>	<b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>	<b>Taste of Downtown Marlborough Marlborough MA</b>
<del>June 25-27</del>	<del>85<sup>eme</sup></del>	<del>La Kermesse Biddeford, ME</del>
July 24	4 <sup>th</sup>	Market Day & Militia Drill Hartwell Tavern, Lincoln, MA
July 30-Aug 1	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Fort George Niagara on the Lake, Ontario
Aug 6-8	85eme	Redcoats to Rebels Sturbridge, MA
Aug 27-29	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Grand Encampment (Fort Taber) New Bedford, MA

<b>Sept 6</b>	<b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>	<b>Labor Day Parade Marlborough, MA</b>
Sept 11-12		Fort Ticonderoga Ticonderoga, NY
Sept 25-26		Philadelphia '77 Campaign Wilmington, DE
<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>	<b>Sudbury Faire Sudbury, MA</b>

Oct 2-3		Governor Trumbell 300th Lebanon, CT
Oct 2		Battle of Germantown Philadelphia, PA
Oct 8-10		Arnolds Expedition Bingham ,ME
<b>Oct 16-18</b>	<b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>	<b>Richardson's Tavern Millis, MA</b>
Oct 17		Assault on Fort Mercer Mount Holly, PA
Oct 22-24		Mount Harmon Plantation Earlville, MD
<b>Oct 30</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Battle of Red Horse Tavern, Sudbury MA</b>
Nov 6-7		Putnam's Encampment <b>Redding, CT</b>
Nov 6-7		Storm the Redoubt Washington, PA
Nov 20	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Thanksgiving Day Parade Plymouth, MA





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