



# GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Novembre 2011

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

From the Woodlot  
Willis Homestead  
Sudbury Massachusetts

Hi Folks

As you can tell from the heading, we've been all a little busy from the weather as Dana and I cut through all the "lumber" left behind from our post battle of Red Horse Tavern snow surprise. If there is one common theme this year would probably be the weather. In my many years of reenacting, between tornados, hurricanes, and torrential downpours, this will be a year to remember – not only for the weather, but how we all came together to make washouts and adverse conditions bearable and fun.

Dana, Tommy Tringale, I, and the Battle of Red Horse Tavern staff give a heartfelt thanks for supporting the event. I personally want to thank all the folks that helped put up the fortifications up the week prior right after our drill. What we built and how the scenario progressed was much fun for everyone. It was also great to see how well both sides of the field, both Crown and Provincial work together and how equally matched we were. This was made apparent by the split outcome of the tactical where the Crown Forces won the first scenario and we won the second. For me, it is one of my best events since both Crown and Provincial troops tie a bow on a successful year of reenacting, hoist a pint, and reminisce on the past year's activities. Again, a fun time was had by all.

Looking towards our "winter camp" we still have some upcoming meetings and events to bring us to our annual meeting in February. First off, I want to

thank Will (Ellie) for supporting the Commander's Roundtable meeting in Acton on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. Detailed minutes have been included. The Northern Department meeting of the Continental Line is also planned for this coming weekend. The 2012 and 2013 calendars are beginning to get populated with good events. After the Northern Department meeting, we'll know which events have fully come to fruition.

Thanks to Sue Felshin for ongoing reminders about the Hive activities and seminars. I would HIGHLY recommend any of these activities to members in the Regiment – especially for the new folks starting out, folks who want to improve or start making their own gear, and all the women of the Regiment. The Hive is an absolute treasure in terms of the expertise of the presenters and their willingness to share this expertise with others. Folks come from all around the country (and in a few cases Canada) to attend these sessions. So, if you have the time, they are well worth attending.

During the fall and winter months we will be hosting both drills and workparties. To keep our skills up in both the French and '64 drills, we will be looking at Fall and Winter drills. These drills will either be at the Park or at a school on a Saturday morning. There has also been some talk of a combined militia drill for all the local Regiments and Militia groups – more on this to follow as we get more details. For folks who are interested, there will be another sleeved waistcoat workshop hosted by the Bourbonnais. Even if you have a French sleeved waistcoat, the same pattern can be used for a militia/working man's jackets – cases in point Jessie and Adam. Post the sleeved waistcoat project, we will host our own Regimental workparty after the beginning of the year. I found that small sessions are the most successful. There will also be a backpack workparty that will

involve elements of all three Regiments. Dates will be forthcoming, however I will be asking on a few folks to help with drafting new patterns based on the descriptions and measurements of the pack.

Finally, thanks for a great year! It has been a little "moist", but we've made the best of it. Apologies from Dana and I for the "spotty" communications through the Gazette – Will has been doing a tremendous job to try to keep us on the ball. The upcoming year is looking better to improve these communications, so thanks to all for your patience! As we look to the upcoming reenactment season, if you would like to be involved with the "inner workings" of the Regiment, please let Dana or I know. Both Dana and I would like folks to help out where you can and if you're interested in any lead position again, let us know.

Look forward to seeing everyone very soon!!

Pour le Roi!

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



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

I think that Steven and Will said it all. I will post a more detailed and complete report after cleaning the "woodlot" and the "expedition" to Puerto Rico.

As stated earlier, I personally want to thank all who did come out to support the Battle of Red Horse Tavern to make it a fun event. Looking towards the coming year, we'll continue to take a look at improving the impression. We've been improving every year; we need to keep up the progress.

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



## *Du BUREAU du Adjuvant,* *from the Adjuvant's Desk*

Burbank on the Blackstone  
Winter Camp  
November 2011

Bonjour mes amies,

I wish to thank everyone for all the support I have received over the past year. I've called on many of you to step up to the plate and everyone happily obliged.

I've just come from the Commanders Roundtable at the Faulkner Homestead in Acton, most graciously hosted by the Acton Minutemen. The meeting started with a tour of the most amazing home of Colonel Faulkner. The building dates to 1702 and has many medieval features, including exposed inside sills. We met in the room that was used as a courtroom in the town when the good Colonel Faulkner was a judge, after the revolution. One can easily imagine the scenes, both dramatic and comedic, that took place in that hallowed space.

One of the topics of discussion was to start having a twice-yearly drill for the militia, to be held in the spring and the fall. This came out of observations and photos of the recent Battle of Red Horse Tavern. It was decided to have the drills open to all members of the reenacting community to teach the 1764 drill. These will be known as "Muster Days" and notification will be sent out via the NEREV list. Drill instructors will be chosen and more than one will be needed for each drill. This is good practice for us since we have many militia events coming up. Watch for the notification and plan to attend. It will only be for a couple of hours.

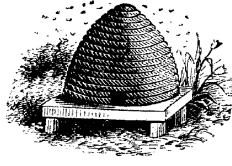
Vive le Roi!  
Sergeant Will Hutchinson



## *ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS,* *Upcoming Events*

### *Regimental Meeting*

Regimental Meeting is scheduled for **January 28 2012** at the Frank Marini Community Center in Berlin. Full details in the next newsletter and posts.



**The Ladies of Refined Taste and Friends present  
The Hive 2011-2012**

Minute Man National Historic Park -- Concord, MA

Salut, everybody. Here's this winter's Hive schedule (<http://thehiveonline.org/current-schedule.htm>). I hope to see some of us there! I'll send the workshop schedule in a separate message. -Sue

The Sunday Hive sessions are free of charge and open to Park Volunteers and members of the living history community. Please note that some clinics have materials costs, which are payable to the instructor on the day of the clinic.

Pre-registration is required for both Hive lectures and clinics so we can plan for adequate space and materials. Please register early, as space in some classes is limited. We will do our best to accommodate all registrations but cannot guarantee a spot if you do not register.

To register or for more information: email [Hiveworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:Hiveworkshops@gmail.com)

All events take place in Minute Man National Historic Park. Events take place at the Major John Buttrick House except where noted otherwise. Please check our homepage (<http://thehiveonline.org>) for any last minute changes in location.

Hive 1: Sunday, January 15 — 1pm to 4pm

Lectures 1pm–1:45pm

**18th Century Hosiery**  
An in-depth look at 18th century leg wear, including stockings for men and women. From production through distribution, this very important and often overlooked accessory will be explored in great detail.  
Speaker: Carol Kocian

**Kit Tune-Up: Men**

New to the hobby or perhaps your kit just needs some tweaking; this lecture will explore the ins and outs of obtaining a good kit for Battle Road, and help you make appropriate choices and avoid expensive

mistakes.  
Speaker: TBA

**Getting Started for Women & Children**  
Are you new to the hobby? This lecture will explore the basic clothing needs of women and children and help the newcomer assemble an authentic kit for themselves and their families.  
Speaker: TBA

**“Had on When She Ran Away”**  
Expanding the usefulness of garment data in runaway advertisements. Recently published in *Textile History*, the author will be sharing her research and the methodology used in collecting and analyzing runaway data, with a special focus on fabrics, their frequency and use in particular garments.  
Speaker: Rebecca Fifield

Clinics 2pm–4pm

**Breeches Fitting Clinic**  
Period breeches fit snugly around the leg and feel just below the knee. Bring in your off-the-rack breeches and learn how to make them have a more period correct (and flattering) appearance. No sewing experience necessary.

**Kit Tune-up**  
New to reenacting or does your kit need a tune-up? Join our team for an overview of Battle Road clothing standards. Separate clinics for men and women.

**Fine Tune Your Bayonet Scabbard**  
Make some simple changes to your scabbard will make it more period correct.

**Making an Apron\***  
An easy beginner project and a great refresher for experienced sewers. An apron is an essential part of a woman's wardrobe; let's make a new one!

**Making an Market Wallet\***  
Sewing 101 for men. Learn basic hand sewing stitches as you make a practical and useful item for your kit.

**Using Props as Interpretive Tools for Living History**  
Sometimes when talking to the public it's hard to know where to start. We'll look at the things you know about, like your clothing, your musket, and

other props as a way of breaking the ice and feeling confident in your interpreting.

\* Indicates pre-registration necessary and materials fees.

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### Breeches or Military Overalls

Saturday December 3, 2011 9:30am–4pm & Sunday December 4, 2011 9:30am–4pm

The workshop will guide both beginners and experienced sewers through the process of measuring, cutting, constructing and finishing a pair of linen or woolen fall front breeches or military overalls. Students will have the option of bringing their own fabric, or purchasing a pre-cut linen or woolen breeches kit. Original garments will be available for study and inspiration.

Kit Prices: kits include pre-cut fabric pieces, thread, buttons for covering or metal buttons, thread, pattern, and instructions. Buckles are not included.

Wool Breeches kit: \$120

Linen Breeches Kit: \$80

Fee: \$100 per person ("fitting models" may attend at no additional charge) Instructor: Henry Cooke

To register contact: [hcooke4@verizon.net](mailto:hcooke4@verizon.net)

### Staymaking Workshop

Saturday December 3, 2011 9:30am–4pm & Sunday December 4, 2011 9:30am–4pm

We will be making stays in the 18th century manner. We strongly encourage participants to sew the entire pair of stays by hand in order to produce stays that fit well, are easy to remodel in case of weight loss or gain, and can easily be repaired in the case of any broken boning. However, if you are unable to do so, you can sew the channels by machine, with the rest done by hand. As people have discovered in our other workshops, when constructing items in the 18th century way, hand sewing is easier and produces better results than machine sewing. Besides, you can do it anywhere and it's very relaxing!

All materials for your stays will be supplied for the workshop, including linen canvas, thread (please advise if you are planning on sewing your channels by hand or machine), boning, leather binding and stay cord.

All skill levels are welcome; stay making is not difficult, but it is time consuming. Some knowledge of hand sewing is helpful but not necessary.

Fee: \$150

Instructors: Hallie Larkin & Steph Smith

To register contact: [stephzsmith@gmail.com](mailto:stephzsmith@gmail.com)



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Private Ferndock says,  
“Much obliged ter yer  
for comin’ ter the Red  
Horse an’ chasing  
Redcoats!”



The British are anxious to get a chance to occupy the  
coveted Red Horse Tavern! See how many of them have  
lined up to fire at the militia!



Captain Rock reviews the options before determining the final strategy! He well knows of the brutality of the feared British troops but is supremely confident that he can defeat them with his well-disciplined, well-trained crack militiamen. This is the moment they have been training for!





Sergeant Major Fisher addresses the troops before battle. It would seem that Private Robinson has a headache, or perhaps has just been told that he will actually be a target!



Meanwhile, the British regiments have just received intelligence that their adversary will be non-other than the infamous most deadly and terrible Captain Dana Rock! They realize they are in a desperate situation and seek to shore up their sinking morale by appealing to Dunkin Lord Doughnuts for intercession. See how they quake in their boots!

# *Le PROGRAMME, Schedule for 2011*

## *Work Parties*

Date	Event
TBS	Sleeved Waistcoat Workshop Regiment Bourbonnais
TBS	Cartridge Rolling Party Taskovics House @ 7:30pm

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, Drill & Distaff Gathering*

Date	Unit	Event
Dec 10 - Tentative	85eme	Drill and possible meeting/gathering – location to be determined (10:00AM)
Dec ??	85eme/ 4 <sup>th</sup>	Drill Practice – Location to be determined during the week (7:00 PM)
Jan 28 2012	85eme/ 4 <sup>th</sup>	Drill and Annual Meeting – Frank Marini Community Center, Brook Street, Berlin, MA Drill 10:00 AM -Lunch then meeting 12:00 PM

## *Proposed 2011 Event Schedule*

*Recommend Events are indicated by bold text*

Date	Unit	Event
<b>June 11-12</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gelston Castle Estate Mohawk, NY</b>
June 18-19	4 <sup>th</sup>	Monmouth Monmouth, NJ
June 18-19	4 <sup>th</sup>	Crown Encampment Salem MA
July 3-4		Fairlee 250th Fairlee, VT

July 9-10	4 <sup>th</sup>	Battle of Hubbardton Hubbardton, VT
<b>July 16-17</b>	<b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>	<b>Wyoming Valley Massacre Mount Cobb PA</b>
<b>August 6-7</b>	<b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>	<b>Redcoats to Rebels Sturbridge, MA</b>
<b>August 26-28</b>	<b>85eme</b>	<b>Battle of Rose Farm, Bolton, CT</b>
<b>Sept 5</b>	<b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>	<b>Labor Day Parade Marlborough, MA</b>
Sept 10-11	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Fort Ticonderoga, NY
Sept 10-11	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mount Vernon, VA
<b>Sept 24</b>	<b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>	<b>Sudbury Faire Sudbury, MA</b>
Sept 24-25	85 <sup>eme</sup>	Mount Harmon Plantation Earleville, MD
Oct 1-2	85 <sup>eme</sup>	BAR at Hale Homestead Coventry, CT
Oct 14-16	4 <sup>th</sup>	Burning of Kingston Kingston, NY
Oct 14-16	4 <sup>th</sup>	Fort #4 Charlestown, NH
<b>Oct 29</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Battle of Red Horse Tavern, Sudbury, MA</b>