



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Janvier 2012

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

Winter Camp
Framingham on the Sudbury
Massachusetts

Hi Folks

Hope all of you had a great holiday season and a Happy New Year! Another successful year has passed and we're now transitioning to the next. There are a lot of great events coming up for the coming season and elections to fill out the seats on the BOD and staff.

This month we will have our annual meeting on January 28 2012 at the Frank Marini Community Center on 59 Brook Lane, Berlin, MA. The drill will start at 11:00 AM and go to 12:30 PM when we will break for a pot-luck lunch. The meeting will follow shortly after at 1:00 PM and will go NLT 3:00 PM. At this meeting we will review events from the past year, review finances, present and choose events for this year, and take any issues from the floor. To keep in step with our bylaws, we will vote on our new staff at a drill/meeting in February – location to be determined later this month.

Over the winter "session" there are plans to host weekday drills and workparties. We are looking for locations for the weekday evening drills, so if you know of a location that we can use, please let us know. I'm going to look into the Peter Noyes School on Wednesdays during the time the Sudbury Ancients are practicing. Bemis Hall in Lincoln is also another possibility. For workparties there is a couple straight off that folks want. First, the Bourbonnais is hosting a sleeved waistcoat workshop developed and taught by Henry Cooke on 25 February and 7 April. This course will be at Rick and Cindy Lincoln's place at 69 High Street in Carver MA. The workshop will run from 9:30 to 4:00. The cost will average around \$120 per participant. I will be there to help. The next workshop that folks want is for the hair-on-hide

backpacks. I will be looking for help on this, since I will have to modify (re-draft) my patterns based on new information (and extent examples) that were found. I've included pictures of the "old style" of backpacks in this newsletter – one of hide the other of painted canvas (!). Don't be fooled by the picture of the hair-on-hide backpack – the hair has fallen off due to age. Finally, I am looking to host a Regimental workshop during February and March. The session will start off with basic sewing techniques for French Regimentals (binding of pockets and epaulettes) and advance to the actual fitting and assembly of the Regimental. A fitted/fitting sleeved waistcoat is the only prerequisite.

We are looking for more volunteers for the nominating committee for the coming year elections. I've asked Adam A to help with the nominating committee and he has agreed – he needs some help!

If you are interested in any Regimental position; President, CO, BOD, Treasurer, and Clerk, please let Dana, Will, Adam A, or I know. We are looking for new and seasoned folks for serve on staff positions!

As I have said before, thanks for a great year! It has been a privilege serving as your President and I hope to serve the Regiment in some capacity next year.

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 hope that everyone has had a safe and Happy New Year. Once again, Steven has covered just about everything I needed to cover this month.

A few of will be attending the Continental Line meeting next week. When we will return we will have plenty of information to share about the up coming year.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Regimental Meeting on January 28th.

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



Du BUREAU du Adjutant,
from the Adjutant's Desk

Burbank on the Blackstone
Winter Camp
January 2012

Bonjour mes amies,

We have a plentiful and varied event schedule this year so there should be something for everyone. We will need to pick and choose our events carefully so we make a good showing on the field and in the camps. Take a look at your musket and make sure that it is in good working order. If you have a musket that needs work, contact Steven or Carl and have it tended to before the season is in full swing. If you have a copy of the 1764 drill, dig it out and look it over as we will be following it during the Battalion Muster to be held in March. Please attend as many drills as possible. Check out your uniforms and make sure they are clean and presentable. If your uniform needs help, contact Anita or Steven for advice and help.

Vive le Roi!
Sergeant Will Hutchinson

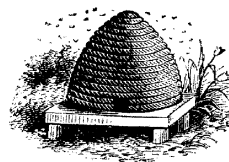


ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, *Upcoming Events*

Regimental Meeting

Regimental Meeting and Drill is scheduled for **January 28 2012** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Frank Marini Community Center Berlin. If the weather is nasty – call Dana at 978.758.9350 or Steven 978.621.7477 for any change or cancellation info.

Directions: Frank Marini Community Center in Meadow Brook Village at 59 Brook Lane, Berlin, MA. (almost next door to the Marini's!). 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.



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

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

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.

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.

Hive 2: Sunday, February 12 — 1pm to 4pm

Lectures 1pm–1:45pm

"Good Day"

The first part of this Hive will explore 18th century speech patterns. Since they didn't leave us tape recordings of how they actually sounded, we will listen to examples of period writings to get a better sense of how they really talked. Each of three 20-minute sessions will be repeated three times to allow participants to enjoy all three performances.

"Life's a Stage"

The Hive Players will perform a period comedy for your amusement. Our skit will introduce you to 18th century humor as well as the use of a wide range of common expressions.

"Dear Diary"

Diaries can be an essential element in portraying a particular person of the 18th century. Our speakers will share their process of building their personae using original 18th century diaries and documents.

"Once Upon a Time..."

What better way to learn how people expressed themselves than in period literature? You will hear excerpts of favorites from our Hive instructors.

Clinics 2pm–4pm

Department

Develop your 18th century persona as we review how to walk, sit, stand and cross a room. Making a bow and giving a courtesy are not second nature to us, but practice does make perfect!

Instructors: Elizabeth and Matthew Mees

Binding a Pocketbook*

Learn the fine points of binding an 18th century pocketbook. Master bookbinder Dave Kinghorn will show you how to make a period correct notebook to keep in your pocket.

Making a Linen Neckstock*

A gentleman's neckstock is the 18th century equivalent of a necktie, made of pleated linen and closed with a buckle. This class will teach all the construction essentials necessary to make a neckstock for a gentleman.

Instructor: Stephanie Smith

Trimming a Woman's Straw Hat*

Learn some simple techniques of trimming a woman's straw hat. Hats and Ribbons available.

Instructor: Hallie Larkin

* Indicates pre-registration necessary and materials fees.

Hive Workshops – February and March

CONSTRUCTING A YOUNG LAD'S KIT

Saturday February 18, 2012 9:30am–4pm & Sunday February 19, 2012 9:30am–4pm

We often neglect our children's clothing even though they are the real camera magnets and are oftentimes photographed in less than wonderful kits. Spend a weekend constructing a young lad's outfit consisting of an unlined workman's jacket and trousers or breeches. Learn how to build a little room for growth into the garment as well as some tricks to facilitate construction. Even if you don't have a boy in the hobby, this is a wonderful opportunity to make up a kit or two in a couple sizes for your company stores so your regiment can easily outfit its younger members.

Fee: \$100

Instructor: Henry Cooke

To register contact: hcooke4@verizon.net

FINE HAND SEWING: MAKING A SHIFT

Saturday March 10, 2012 9:30am–4pm

Is it time to upgrade your wardrobe with a new shift, historically accurate in every detail, while honing your hand sewing skills at the same time? Enjoy a day of camaraderie and learning. Sharon Burnston, author of *Fitting and Proper*, will explain about the evolution of shifts during the 18th century, and you will have an opportunity to examine an original F&I-era New England shift from Sharon's private collection. You will cut out and commence construction of your own shift using period sewing methods with the focus on developing your fine hand sewing skills. Fabric requirements and specifications will be sent to you on registration.

Fee: \$50

Maximum class size: 12

Instructor: Sharon Burnston

To register contact: millfarm@sprintmail.com

LEATHER BREECHES WORKSHOP

Saturday March 24, 2012 9:30am–4pm & Sunday March 25, 2012 9:30am–4pm

Leather breeches were perhaps the most universal garment in the 18th century male wardrobe; from Royal Governors to slaves in the fields, these durable and comfortable breeches were the blue jeans of their time. Join Jay Howlett and Jan Tilley from Williamsburg, VA for an intensive and very hands-on exploration of the arts and mysteries of the breeches maker. Participants will receive all materials and notions to cut and fit a pair of buckskin breeches.

This is an advanced level workshop requiring good hand sewing skills. Participation is limited to 8 to allow the individual attention requisite for proper cutting and fitting. Those sewing for someone other than themselves will need to have the wearer attend for parts of the workshop.

Fee: \$400 (includes materials)

Instructors: Jay Howlett & Jan Tilley

To register contact: rushonboys@yahoo.com

TRIMMING A GOWN

Saturday March 10, 2012 9:30am–noon

Learn how to use readily available and vintage trims and passementerie with which to embellish your gown. We will examine what is appropriate for the gown you are wearing and how to achieve a period look. You will also learn how to make fly fringe and how to enhance modern trims to approximate period ornamentation. Techniques like pinking, ruching, and adding cuffs and sleeve ruffles will be discussed.

Fee: \$40 includes trim samples

Instructors: Hallie Larkin & Steph Smith

To register contact: stephsmith@gmail.com

MITTS

Saturday March 10, 2012 1pm–4pm

Create a pair of custom-made silk or wool mitts based on a period pair from a private collection.

Fee: \$40 includes materials

Instructors: Hallie Larkin & Steph Smith

To register contact: stephsmith@gmail.com

GUN TUNE-UP

Saturday March 11, 2012 10am–noon or 2pm–4pm

Get your musket in top working order for the season—a clean well-tuned gun is a safe one. Join gunsmith Jim Casco for a hand-on workshop where each participant

will perform a detailed inspection of their musket. He/she will dismount the lock and barrel and completely disassemble the lock. This will enable the participant to learn proper maintenance and discover any problems. Jim will guide the participants, step by step, through the procedures and be able to evaluate any problems and make recommendations to correct them.

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Jim Casco

To register contact: caspar@vermontel.net

FRENCH LINGUISTIC TIDBITS FOR THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING SOLDIER

by Anonyme

TIDBIT #5: “ROMPEZ VOS RANGS!”

(“Dismissed”)

Everyone knows and loves this command, because *Rompez vos rangs* starts the celebration after a battle well fought. Here’s a tip on the French way to give this command: **Never pronounce the S** at the end of *vos* or *rangs*. Why? It’s a French thing. Any other way is English, pardon the expression. Just pretend there is no S...

- Preparatory command: “*Rohm-pay!*” [pause]
- Command of Execution: “*Vo rahng!*”

Le Petit REVIEW (previous Tidbits 1 – 4)

TIDBIT #4 (Gazette 2011): GARDE-À VOUS!

(“Attention”)

- Three distinct words. Don’t be tricked by the hyphen between the first and second words. *Garde* is a noun, not a verb.
- Preparatory command: ***Garde!*** Pronounce “*Garrrd!*” <pause, take a breath>; spit those R’s, and say the ***D***.
- Command of execution: ***À vous !*** “ah” is like the “a” in “father,” not like the word “day.” Emphasize ***à***. Do not start the command of execution with a ***D*** left over from the preparatory command! “*Ah voo!*”
- **WRONG**: “gar <pause> day-woo

TIDBIT #3 (Gazette July 2010): HOW TO CAST APSERIONS UPON YOUR ENEMIES.

- Pick your insult and fill in the blank.

TIDBIT #2 (Gazette Oct 2009): HOW TO ADDRESS THE CAPTAIN AND OTHERWISE KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE.

- Answers to Captain-questions or Captain-statements are almost always “*Oui*” (yes), not “*Non*” (no).
- You must use the proper title:

“*Oui, Monsieur le capitain.*”

TIDBIT #1 (Gazette Sept 2009): “***AU TEMPS***” (As you were)

- ***RIGHT***: “***Oh*** < word break > ***Tomp***” Rhymes with “stomp”; don’t pronounce the final ***S***.
- ***WRONG***: “*Ah-tond!*” (“Wait!”); “*On-tond!*” (“Hear!”/ *Understand!*”). There are no N’s or D’s in this command.

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*85ème Régiment de Saintonge
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Pictures of Extent examples of Havresacs

These packs were used through the Napoleonic Wars, despite being the "older" pattern. Enjoy!!!



Painted Canvas or "bald" hair on hide – The style pattern is correct for our period



Hair-on-Hide – Both the hair and side panel are missing



Hair-on-Hide – 1808 Reproduction – pattern correct for our period

Le PROGRAMME, Proposed Schedule for 2012

Work Parties

Date	Event
Feb 25 2012	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 or Ellie Hutchinson: ehutchinson@webconverting.com

Exercices et RENDEVOUS, Drill & Distaff Gathering

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 28 2012	85 ^{eme} / 4 th	Drill and Annual Meeting – Frank Marini Community Center, Brook Street, Berlin, MA Drill 11:00 AM -Lunch then meeting 12:30 PM
TBS	85 ^{eme} / 4 th	Drill Practice – Location to be determined during the week (7:00 PM)

Proposed 2012 Event Schedule

Recommend Events are indicated by bold text

Date	Unit	Event
March 18 \$\$\$\$\$	85^{eme}	Boston Saint Patrick's Day Parade South Boston, MA
March	4th	Militia Battalion Drill Wayside Inn, Sudbury
April 14	4th	Battle Road MIMA Lincoln, MA
April 26-29	85 ^{eme}	San Juan, Puerto Rico

May 18-20	85 ^{eme}	Proposed Event Dighton, MA
May 27 \$\$\$\$\$	85^{eme}	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
May 28 \$\$\$\$\$	85^{eme}	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
July 7-8	4 th	Battle of Hubbardton Hubbardton, VT
July 21-22	85 ^{eme}	Proposed - Prescott, ONT
August 4-5	85 ^{eme}	Redcoats to Rebels Sturbridge, MA
August 4-5	4th	Oriskany 235th New York
August 11-12	85^{eme}	Fort McLeary Eliot, Maine
Sept 5 \$\$\$\$\$	85^{eme}	Labor Day Parade Marlborough, MA
Sept 8-9	85 ^{eme}	Fort Ticonderoga, NY
Sept 14-15	85^{eme}	Fort #4 Charlestown, NH
Sept 29	85^{eme}	Sudbury Faire Sudbury, MA
Oct 19-20	85^{eme}	Millbury, MA
Oct 28	4th	Battle of Red Horse Tavern, Sudbury, MA