



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Mai 2012

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

Spring Camp
Framingham on the Sudbury
Massachusetts

Hi Folks

It's been a few months since we've put pen to paper in the newsletter, so I've got a few things to catch up on! Thanks to everyone for attended the annual meeting, Regimental elections, and drills. Thanks again to Rosemary Marini who was our gracious host for the annual meeting, it is nice to come home. Walking up to the community center and seeing Frank's name above the door brought a smile to my face. Thanks again too for all the folks who came out to attend the elections and the drills at the Wayside Inn. After attending these drills, we all agreed that the Inn is our "home" and that the Inn provides all that we could want for our activities – a central location, a drill space in bad weather (the barn), and a nice warm place to retire afterwards to enjoy everyone's company. What could be better!

Thanks to all that came out to support the South Boston Parade – we now have more coin for the coffers! This month we have two parades, so please plan on attended these since we will have our insurance and event costs coming in June. After this month, we don't have another parade until Labor Day. The details on these parades are later on in the newsletter.

Looking forward to May and June, we have some interesting events. For this coming month, we have a request from the Lafayette Society to support an event on Friday the 18th. Matt Mees is the contact for this event – we are getting the information as it comes in. The next event is our two Memorial Day parades in Somerville and Andover. We are looking for as many folks as possible to support these parades since this is the only way we support the Regiment. Complete details are in this newsletter for the parades – they are no different than year's past.

In June, we have a Line event at Rock Ford Plantation in Lancaster PA. I was there the last time this event was

held – it is a fun event. I have some details this month, more details next month.

Looking at drills for the rest of the season, the first Saturday at the Inn starting at 10AM seems works the best for everyone. We will try to keep to this format for consistency. Due to conflicts last week, we pushed out this month's drill to this Saturday 12 May. Since we are at the Inn, our "thank you" is to drill in kit – this also does bring by folks who are interested – which doesn't hurt. We will also have a few new folks coming, so we are growing!

For the coming year, we are looking at weekday drill locations during the winter season. Our best possibility looks to be sharing a space with the Sudbury Ancient Fifes and Drums at their rehearsal on Wednesday nights. They practice at the Peter Noyes School right in Sudbury Center from 7 to 9 PM on Wednesdays starting right after the Faire and continue until the 19th of April. So far the space looks promising for the coming year – stay tuned.

Early last month Dana, Ellie, Bill Rose, and I walked the Pearson's Farm site. The site is amazing...but I'll let you read Dana's post.

Thanks again for allowing me another year to act as your President. We are constantly improving and look forward to being one of the best reenactment organizations in New England. This cannot be possible with all you folks putting in your time and talent to make this a reality.

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*

May is here and the April campaigns have passed. Time to get out the French Regimentals and put away the militia clothes after kicking some Redcoat butt. Thank you to all of those who made the effort to come out to the South Boston Parade in March. As usual it was a long parade, in fact a little longer than usual, but we had great weather for it.

We had a great turn out for our last drill. Thanks to Tommy for re-teaching us the 64 drill. We have it down, and we were more than ready to go for Battle Road and Tower Park. Coming this weekend we have a French drill to get us ready for the Memorial Day Parades and the Line event in We have a busy month, and it looks like it will be great start to the season.

The other day I took a ride out to Millbury, which is the site of an even planned for October. Words cannot describe how awesome this place is. We have more room then we know what to do with. The site has a mix of huge open fields and nice wooden areas. If that's not enough there are rumors of a pig roast being planned for Saturday's dinner. I can't stress enough how cool this place is and I strongly encourage you to spread the word.

I hope to see everyone real soon.

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



*ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS,
Upcoming Events*

*French Drill, Wayside Inn, Sudbury MA,
Saturday May 12th ~ Arrival:* Please arrive at 10:00am – coffee and doughnuts will be provided. The drill should go no later than Noon. We will be in French kit – if you don't have kit, show up anyway. The antiques fair is also going on during the same weekend, so we will be adding a little color. I will also have drill manuals for folks who still do not have one. **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).

*Lafayette Day, Boston MA, Friday May 18th
~ Arrival:* Please arrive at 9:30am at the entrance to the State House, French kit, white gaiters. **Directions:** Find the best way, from your location, to get to the Boston Common Garage. The garage is located on Charles Street, directly across from the Public Gardens. A map is included below:



Details: This event is an annual meeting of the Lafayette Society in Boston held at the Massachusetts State House. At this event, the Légion d'honneur is distributed to American veterans of the Second World War who served in France. If anything, this event reminds us of the sacrifices our American Veterans endured – the

stories of courage and self-sacrifice are amazing to listen to. The event will start about 10:00 in the State House. After the ceremony and presentation of the Légion d'honneur, we will march down to the Lafayette monument and fire a volley. After the ceremony, luncheon will be served at the Union Club. The ceremony should be finished around Noon.

SOMERVILLE MEMORIAL DAY

PARADE, Sunday, May 27. ~ **Arrival:** Meet at City Hall (Highland & School Streets) at 12:00 for a 1 pm stepoff. 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. Map is included below:

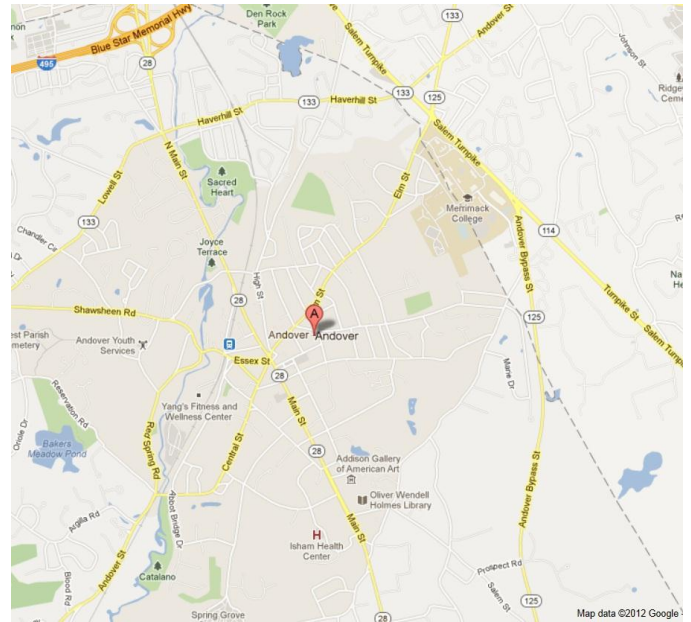


Details: We are marching as French with white gaiters. Please make sure to bring a full canteen. The parade is about 1-1/2 miles and finishes with a brief ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery. If there's any interest, we can head out for dinner after the parade.

ANDOVER MEMORIAL DAY

PARADE, Monday, May 28. ~ **Arrival:**

Assemble at 8:45 for a 9:30 step-off. **Directions:** Assemble & park behind the old Town Hall on Rte. 28 at Barnard Street. 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.

BATTLE AT ROCKFORD

PLANTANTION, LANCASTER PA.,

June 8-10. ~ **Arrival:** We will be setting up on Friday June 8 on site – time TBD. **Details:** We will be joined by our friends from the Regiment Gatinois and Regiment Louisiana, so there will be quite a bit of white on the field. This will be the biggest Continental Line event of the year since this event has no conflicts with other events. For more details of event, the website is:

<http://rockford.4thlegionarycorps.com/index.html>

Directions (from the website):

- 1) Take route 222 south exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Lancaster .
- 2) When four-lane route 222 ends at Route 30, take exit marked Routes 30 West and 222 South (Exit on right).
- 3) Take the exit marked Fruitville Pike, 501 and 222 South. Go through one stop light, and turn left at the second light onto Fruitville Pike.
- 4) Fruitville Pike becomes Prince Street (222 South). Follow Prince Street to Seymour Street.
- 5) Turn left onto Seymour Street' proceed to the stop sign.
- 6) Turn left onto Queen Street.
- 7) Immediately move into the right lane and turn right on Chesapeake Street.

8) Turn right into Lancaster County Park. Cross the bridge, then take the first left as directed by the sign in the park. Continue on this road until you see the sign for Rock Ford.

9) Turn right onto Williamson Road. Rock Ford is directly ahead of you on the right. There is a parking lot on the right hand side just beyond the house.

Schedule: Right now it has not been posted – we should have it in time for the June newsletter.

Things in the area: For those who want to go down early or leave late, there are some great attractions in the area since we are in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. More details about things in the area is located on this site for the Pennsylvania Dutch Tourist Bureau:

<http://www.padutchcountry.com/index.asp>

Le PROGRAMME, Schedule for 2012

Work Parties

Date	Event
TBS	French Backpack and Equipment Alterations Taskovics House @ ??
TBS	Cartridge Rolling Party Taskovics House @ 7:30pm

Sept 29	85 ^{eme}	Sudbury Faire Sudbury, MA
Oct 19-20	85 ^{eme}	Battle of Pearson's Farm Millbury, MA
Oct 28	4 th	Battle of Red Horse Tavern, Sudbury, MA

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

Drill & Distaff Gathering

Date	Unit	Event
May 12	85 ^{eme}	Monthly Drill – Wayside Inn (10:00 AM)
June 2	85 ^{eme}	Monthly Drill – Wayside Inn (10:00 AM)

Exercices et RENDEVOUS, 2012 Event Schedule

Recommend Events are indicated by bold text

Date	Unit	Event
May 27 \$\$\$\$\$	85^{eme}	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
May 28 \$\$\$\$\$	85^{eme}	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
June 9-10	85^{eme}	Rock Ford Plantation Lancaster, PA
July 7-8	4 th	Battle of Hubbardton Hubbardton, VT
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 at No.4 Charlestown, NH

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Picture Pages – First Drill of the Year – Annual Meeting



Looking Good! Who would have thought it's been since November!



Any Questions!!

South Boston



At the start of the parade



"Iron Will" Hutchinson carrying the colors – carried them the whole parade with a slung musket

Tower Park



Maneuvering..



Loading, waiting for the final volley