



## "En avant sur les Canons"

### Message from the President



**RÉGIMENTAL  
OFFICIERS:  
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OFFICERS:**

President  
- Patrick Carroll

Adjudant  
- Louis Alarie

Treasurer  
- David Brodeur

Quartermaster  
- Open

**FIELD OFFICERS:**  
Field Commander:  
-Lieutenant Ian Graves

Bas Officers:  
Sergent  
- Ari Winograd

Carporaux  
- Justin Stoffolano  
- Craig Alarie (Recruiter)

Bonjour tout le monde;

Unfortunately, this is the second newsletter this year in which I must inform you of the passing of one of our members. I received a hand-written obituary from Bertha Manson for her late husband this past July. I made a few minor edits to the letter I received from Bertha, and I hope she is happy with the result.

*Wesley A. Manson, Born March 7, 1941. He was born in Connecticut and lived all over the country with his job at Quincy Ship Yard. Spent a year at Mass General Hospital due to a 15 foot fall off a deck. He got involved in Le Regiment Bourbonnais with Dan Puffer and the rest of the group. Wesley is survived by his wife of 33 years, Bertha Manson. Bertha was his caregiver and ran a nursing home from their home. Wes passed at home, per his final wishes, on May 21, 2018 at the age of 77.*

*Bertha writes this of her late husband:*

*Wes spoiled me and loved me dearly. God carry my foot prints through it all. Wes is in heaven today. Rusty II the dog loved him dearly. Wes' memories will live on forever. Bertha requested that any donations be made to Le Regiment Bourbonnais in Wes' memory.*

Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time Bertha.

Cordialement,  
Patrick Carroll



## LE RÉGIMENT'S 2018 TARGET EVENTS

Please inform the Sergent (Ari) if you are planning on attending the Target Events (workshops, drills, parades and field events). ALL members need to respond when Ari sends his attendance emails to you or posts his Facebook Notifications. If you are not planning on attending, you need to still let Ari know. In this case, SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN. Thank you. The calendar and orders for each event can be found on the unit's website calendar page.

Sun Jan. 14	Annual Meeting, Pot Luck & Elections @ Lafayette-Durfee House, Fall Rivers MA 1 PM
Sun March 18	Drill/Workshop at Ian's home in Chelmsford, 11A-2P
Sat April 7	Drill "IN UNIFORM" at Lafayette-Durfee House, 11A-2P
Sat May 12	Drill "IN UNIFORM" at Lafayette-Durfee House, 11A-2P
Sun May 20	Somerville Memorial Day Parade (1.5 mile), Step-off 3 PM Paid Event (Postponed to the Fall)
Mon May 28	Attleboro Memorial Day Parade, Paid Event
Sat-Sun June 2-3	Battle of Fall River, Paid Event
Sat June 9	Gaspe Days Parade: Warwick, RI, Paid Event
Mon June 18	Rochambeau Strawberry Biscuit Tea, Joy Homestead, Cranston, RI 6P-8P
Fri June 22	RI State House Flag Dedication, Providence, RI (New)
Sun June 24	Minute Cub Muster- Paid event, Sudbury, MA
Sun June 24	St Jean Bapiste Day-HOLIDAY (See Note 1 below)
Sat July 14	Bastille Day-HOLIDAY (see Note 2 below)
Sat/Sun Aug. 4-5	Redcoats to Rebels, OSV, Sturbridge, MA
Fri-Sun Aug 24-26	Assault on Fort Ontario, Oswego, NY
Thurs Aug 23	King Louis XVI's birthday-HOLIDAY (see Note 3 below)
Sat-Sun Oct 6-7	Amos Greene Homestead, Charlestown, RI
Sun Oct 21	Lafayette-Durfee House, Grand re-opening 1P-4P (new)
Sun Nov 4	Somerville Veteran's Day Parade (1.5 mile), Step-off 3 PM Paid Event (new)
Sat Nov 10	Grave of the French Soldiers: Wreath Laying, North Burial Ground Providence, RI. 9:30 AM, Breakfast after, location TBD (Date Change)
?Sat Nov 17?	?Thanksgiving Celebration Parade, Plymouth, MA, ?Paid Event?, details TBD (NEW)
Sat Dec 1	Fall River Holiday Parade, Fall River, MA, Paid Event, details TBD

See appropriate section below for additional details concerning each of the above events.

**Note 1:** Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day is a holiday celebrated on June 24 in the Canadian province of Quebec and by French Canadians across Canada and the United States.

**Note 2:** Bastille Day is the common name given in English-speaking countries to the French National Day, which is celebrated on the 14th of July each year. In France, it is formally called la Fête nationale.

**Note 3:** Louis XVI was the last King of France before the fall of the monarchy during the French Revolution.

### Future events of interest:

Sep 20-22, 2019	Prelude to Yorktown, Jamestown Beach Park, Williamsburg, VA
Oct 4-6 or 18-20, 2019	Battle of Chase Farm, RI



## Message from the Field Commander

Bonjour Bourbonnais,

We have been busy since the last newsletter, with several events ranging from weekend encampments to ceremonial events. We have had great turnout at all our events, and we have carried ourselves with discipline and uniformity. We have been introducing new manoeuvres and tactics over the past few events, and I have been happy with how well that has gone. Going forward we will be working on more 18<sup>th</sup>-Century skirmish order tactics in order to expand our usefulness on the field.

I would like to give a huge thank you to the Brodeur family for all of their efforts in making the food at events the best we've had in many years. I hope everyone takes the time to thank them at the next event.

At Fort Ontario we officially swore in Isaiah Carr as a full Soldat! He was presented with his Habit before the morning battle and wore it with pride the whole weekend. I hope everyone congratulates him personally. We also presented Rick and Sid with medals in thanks for all that they have done for the Bourbonnais over the years.

We still have several events on this year's calendar, including two parades an encampment and a few ceremonials. I hope to see everyone turned-out with our regular professionalism and frivolity.

Lieutenant Graves

## Message from the Newsletter Coordinator

The Newsletter will now be uploaded to the Unit Website's homepage. It can be found at the bottom of the homepage, and will open as a PDF on a new tab. Only the main Newsletter will be uploaded, to get the attachments, you will need to go to your e-mail. This newsletter has been created in an effort to help disseminate unit information and provide it in a format where it can be distributed on a preset basis and stored for future reference as needed. It is scheduled to be issued quarterly in mars, juin, septembre and décembre. If anyone has any input to provide concerning the newsletter contents and/or format, please send to Louis Alarie at [lestroupes@hotmail.com](mailto:lestroupes@hotmail.com), or call 508-431-0869. Thank you.

Lepécheur



## Event Orders (New Procedure)

A new format is being used for each event. It will contain all the information concerning the event. It will be sent out as an attachment to all Bourbonnais members 2 weeks prior to each event and then again 4-to-5 days prior to the event by the Adjutant. A general MapQuest area map of the area will also be attached to the email. The orders will also be uploaded to the unit website's Calendar page as a link by each event. All questions concerning events should be directed to the Adjutant, Louis Alarie at [lestroupes@hotmail.com](mailto:lestroupes@hotmail.com), or call 508-431-0869, thank you.

## LE BUREAU DU RECRUTEMENT

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Bonjour a tous,

Congratulations to our newest members getting their *Noms de Guerre*! We have other new recruits that will be receiving their names in the near future. Please do your best to use these names and sound French. Use Google translator if needed for pronunciation.

### Noms de Guerre

<i>Patrick Carroll</i>	<i>The Gardener</i>	<u>SDT Lejardinier</u>
<i>Ari Winograd</i>	<i>The Humorist</i>	<u>SGT L'humoriste</u>
<i>Craig Alarie</i>	<i>Stalwart</i>	<u>SDT Levailant</u>
<i>Justin Stoffolano</i>	<i>The Happy One</i>	<u>CPL L'heureux</u>
<i>Norman Desmarais</i>	<i>Ready to Drink</i>	<u>SDT Leprettaboire</u>
<i>Cindy Lincoln</i>	<i>The Little Hunter</i>	<u>SDT Lapetite chasseur</u>
<i>Richard Sheryka</i>	<i>The Noise Maker</i>	<u>SDT Lebruiteur</u>
<i>Rick Lincoln</i>	<i>The Old</i>	<u>SDT L'ancienne</u>
<i>Louis Alarie</i>	<i>The Fisherman</i>	<u>SDT Lepêcheur</u>
<i>David Brodeur</i>	<i>Thill</i>	<u>SDT Limonier</u>
<i>Peter Brodeur</i>	<i>Sponge</i>	<u>SDT Eponge</u>
<i>Isaiah Carr</i>	<i>Always Ready</i>	<u>SDT Prestatout</u>

Cordialement

**CPL Levailant**

*Sergen des Recrues*



## New Duty Roster Assignments

Here is a brief explanation of the new duty roster:

**Chef:** Primarily responsible for cooking the food for the camp.

**Sous-chef de Cuisine:** This is an assistant to the chef and will help the chef with whatever needs to be done in the kitchen (e.g. cutting vegetables, preparing the fire, etc.)

**Premiere and Deuxieme lave-vaisselle:** These are the two dish washers for the camp. After each meal, these individuals are responsible for making sure all plates, cups, cooking utensils, etc. are cleaned and neatly organized in the kitchen

**Assistant de Camp:** The Camp Assistant is the all-purpose person responsible for wood and water gathering and general cleanliness of the camp. The assistant is also responsible for Fire maintenance outside of cooking hours. That means, if no one is in camp, the fire is out completely. If a fire is needed for general purposes, the camp assistant is responsible to make sure it is started.

If there is a need (medical or physical) for individuals to change roles during the weekend, I am more than happy to accommodate requests and make changes. Preferably, please email me before Friday.

Thank you,  
Ari



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## REPORTS ON PAST EVENTS

### Old Sturbridge Village August 3-5, 2018

Bonjour à tous,

The battles at Old Sturbridge Village, which took place on August 4th and 5th, were the first major engagements for the Bourbonnais in the 2018 fighting season. The weekend started off with a strong storm system in the area, which generated a tornado and forced soldats and civilians alike to seek shelter. Despite this, the Bourbonnais performed admirably, taking the lead as a well formed and well drilled unit throughout the weekend. We were undoubtedly the finest looking French unit in the field.

On Saturday, August 4th, between 1300 and 1330, Bourbonnais soldats became aware of British troops moving in force towards the French and American camps. All Bourbonnais soldats were formed in moments and fought valiantly as a rear-guard for American forces withdrawing from their camps as the British crested the hill nearby. The withdrawal stopped in an open field just outside of the village where Bourbonnais forces, alongside American allies, formed a line and began engaging advance British units and scouts. Joined by other French forces, the Bourbonnais continued to function successfully in a rear-guard action, facing the bulk of British forces, until American forces were able to reach safety and the British retired for the evening. American and French forces regrouped and reorganized on the evening of August 4th.

Sunday, August 5th, began with the Bourbonnais leading French forces in drills to prepare for a planned re-engagement of the British, including practice firing while advancing and firing by rank while advancing. At approximately 1300, French and American troops massed near the outskirts of the village and caught British forces by surprise with a stunning counter-attack. The British were forced back through the fields they had won only the day before, taking heavy casualties and bloodying the stream running through the field. American and French forces regained the field within an hour of first contact, driving the British from the village for good.

A special thank you goes to Soldats David Brodeur and Peter Brodeur for the weekend, as they were responsible for ensuring that all Bourbonnais soldats, bas officiers, and officiers were well fed. This was the first event where we pre-designated soldats to perform camp tasks. All soldats did a great job of ensuring assigned camp duties were completed and guard duty staffed throughout the



weekend. In the future, we will continue to build on this system to ensure that all soldats take on an equal share of camp responsibilities, while also ensuring that we all have fun.

Thank you to all those who could attend.

### Le Régiment Bourbonnais Old Sturbridge Village Battle Roster

#### Officier(s):

Lt. Graves

#### Bas Officier(s):

Sgt. Winograd

Cpl. Stoffolano

#### Soldats:

Sld. Cindy Lincoln

Sld. Rick Lincoln

Sld. Norman Desmarais

Sld. Patrick Carroll, Jr.

Sld. David Brodeur

Sld. Peter Brodeur

Sld. Stephen Brodeur

Sld. Isaiah Carr

Cordialement,

Sgt. Winograd (L'humeriste)

To see additional photos, please check out the Bourbonnais Facebook and the Bourbonnais unit websites Images Page.





## Assault of Ft Ontario August 24-26

Bonjour à tous,

From August 25th through 26th, the Bourbonnais, alongside the American Army, met the British Army in battle along the shores of Lake Ontario in Upstate New York. On the morning of August 25th, at approximately 1030, a contingent of French and American forces came through the small town of Oswego, NY, having heard reports of British forces operating in the area outside of their stronghold, Fort Ontario. As American and French forces advanced through the streets of Oswego, forward elements of American and British forces came into contact and a street battle ensued. British forces were pushed back through the streets of Oswego until they were able to reach the safety of Fort Ontario. American and French Allied forces immediately surrounded the fort, placing British forces under siege.

At 1300 on August 25th, French and American forces began an assault on Fort Ontario. Sweeping along one side of the fort, advance elements of the Allied Army placed ladders along the walls of Fort Ontario allowing troops to enter the fort. On the parapets, Allied forces engaged with British troops, forcing the British down from the walls. Fierce fighting continued inside the fort until the remaining British rear-guard was trapped and forced to surrender.

The morning of August 26th was largely quiet with Bourbonnais soldats conducting drills and taking care of the camp. At 1030, American troops conducted a scouting mission just outside of Fort Ontario. It seemed, in the night, that British forces were able to retake Fort Ontario and showed themselves on the parapets in the early morning hours. American troops, while scouting the area, were spotted by British sentries and a small skirmish took place, with the Americans taking heavy casualties and withdrawing from the field. At 1300, Allied forces once again began an assault on Fort Ontario to rid the area of British troops. The British, coming from two directions in a pincer movement, attempted to trap Allied forces along the walls of the fort; however, observant French and American commanders were able to organize a strong force to push back British troops attempting to outflank the army. This undoubtedly saved the Allied Army from destruction and allowed for an orderly withdrawal of Allied troops from the battlefield. While the British remained in control of Fort Ontario, Allied forces rendered heavy casualties upon the enemy and no doubt forced the British Army to rethink their future hold on Fort Ontario as untenable.

Once again, a special thank you goes to David Brodeur and Peter Brodeur for the weekend, as they were responsible for ensuring that all Bourbonnais soldats, bas officiers, and officiers were well-fed. Soldats did an excellent job of maintaining the camp and ensuring responsibilities were taken care of throughout the weekend. As always, we will continue to build on this system to ensure that all soldats take on an equal share of camp responsibilities, while also ensuring that we all have fun.



## **Battlefield Commendations:**

Sld. Carr--Received his Bourbonnais habit, recognizing his continued commitment to the Bourbonnais and his having achieved the goals set out for him by Bourbonnais leadership to learn the drill and successfully carry out the duties of a Bourbonnais soldat. Congratulations Soldat Carr!

Sld. Rick Lincoln--Received the Médaille Des Deux Épées for 24 years of service to the King. Congratulations!

Sld. Cindy Lincoln--Received the Médaille Des Deux Épées for 24 years of service to the King. Congratulations!

Thank you to all those who could attend and we look forward to our next battle at Amos Greene Homestead.

## **Le Régiment Bourbonnais Fort Ontario Battle Roster**

### **Officier(s):**

Lt. Graves

### **Bas Officier(s):**

Sgt. Winograd

Cpl. Craig Alarie

### **Soldats:**

Sld. Cindy Lincoln

Sld. Rick Lincoln

Sld. David Brodeur

Sld. Peter Brodeur

Sld. Stephen Brodeur

Sld. Isaiah Carr

Sld. Louis Alarie

Thank you to all those who could attend and we look forward to our next battle at Amos Greene Homestead.

Cordialement,

Sgt. Winograd (L'humeriste)



# Le Régiment Bourbonnais

Re-enacting the French Regiment of 1780  
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Below are a few of the many pictures taken of this event. To see additional photos, please check out the Bourbonnais Facebook and the Bourbonnais unit websites Images Pages.





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## UPCOMING PARADE-EVENT INFORMATION

### Field Kitchen Coordinators **"NEEDED FOR EACH EVENT"**

For each event we need a volunteer to coordinate/run the kitchen. Those who wish to volunteer need to contact the Adjutant (Louie) or the Field Commander (Ian) ASAP before each event.

### Revolutionary War Encampment at Amos Greene Homestead October 6-7

**Field Kitchen Coordinator: David Brodeur**

The Charlestown Historical Society will present a Revolutionary War Encampment at the Amos Greene Farm. It was active in the mid-1700's and was host to Revolutionary War musters and gatherings. Amos and his descendants lived and worked on this land that became a vital part of Charlestown's early history.

We will have our own separate camp for the weekend, and are on course to being the largest group in attendance. Camp opens on Friday at 2:00pm, the unit equipment will be there ready to go at noon. The event is open to the public on Saturday, and Sunday is a Reenactor tactical day. Please let Ari know as soon as possible if you are going so we can plan our food for the weekend. Posted with the Event Orders will be the latest Schedule of Activities.

Location: 363 Carolina Back Rd, Charlestown, RI.

### Lafayette Durfee House Grand Re-Opening October 21

Bourbonnais is invited to participate in the re-opening of the house. There will also be colonial and possibly a British representation. There will be local press and local dignitaries there including state reps etc. All we need to do is mingle, enjoy some light snacks and chat about Rev War and our unit.

We will be setting a guard at the house entrance. From 1-4 pm light refreshments will be served. Bourbonnais members are to arrive between 12:00 & 12:30 PM. It also might be a chance to recruit. Full uniform with white gaiters and Habit. Muskets and gibernes are required, but there will be no firing.

Location: Lafayette Durfee House 94 Cherry St, Fall River, MA.



## Somerville Veteran's Memorial Day Parade Nov 4

### PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Step-Off - Noon SHARP!

Arrival and Check-In: 9:00am - 11:30am

If the route is the same as was planned for the May parade, Bourbonnais will march from City Hall Concourse (93 Highland Ave) to the corner of Holland St and Broadway starting at 12:00 p.m. We will assemble in the designated staging area **no later than 11:30am**. The City of Somerville will make free parking available to us on the day of the parade at Dilboy Stadium, with free shuttle-bus transportation to City Hall Concourse. Please NOTE: This information is PRELIMINARY.

Information about the specific parade route and where we should meet on the day of the parade will be circulated closer to the date of the parade. The organizers have said that the new parade orders will be sent out to us no later than October 1st. As soon as they are available, they will be issued to the troupes.

### Grave of the French Soldiers: Wreath Laying Ceremony Nov 10

The Regiment Bourbonnais and the 2nd Rhode Island Regiment will have a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of the French soldiers of General Rochambeau's army who died in Providence during the Revolutionary War. The ceremony will consist of a brief prayer, a wreath laying and musket volleys at the graves of the French soldiers and those of Col. Israel Angell and Col. Jeremiah Olney, officers of the 2nd RI Regt., and that of Stephen Hopkins, signer of the Declaration of Independence. The ceremony will take place at the North Burial Ground in Providence.

Location: North Burial Ground Providence, RI, Meet at 9:30 AM

Group Breakfast will be held after ceremony. Location TBD

### Fall River Holiday Parade (Fall River, MA) Dec 1

Details will be provided once available

Location: Information about the specific parade route and where your organization should meet on the day of the parade will be circulated closer to the date of the parade.



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## Contact Information for Unit

For those looking to join the unit, please contact any one of the following unit's officers:

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