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July, 2004

Battle of Stony Point

BAR Grand Encampment

Date: July 15-18, 2004

Time: Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. Thurs.
and you can stay until Monday.

Coordinator: Tom Castrovinci

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Check the Brigade Courier or the Brigade
Web Site for schedule.

<http://www.brigade.org/barcal/StonyPoint.html>

Event Highlights:

-Rededication of the new museum and visitor center on Thursday, many dignitaries expected and BAR members welcome.

-Advance Guard march-in on Friday and set up of campaign camp in Fleche #3.

-Dusk recreations of the assault Friday and Saturday evenings complete with diversionary firings and scripted bayonet charge.

-Dinner and jollification Saturday night with music (Linda Russell) and refreshments.

Directions:

The park is located east off of Route 9W in the north end of the town of Stony Point on Park Road.

—**From the New York Thruway** exit 16 Harriman take Route 6 east to the Bear Mountain Bridge Circle. Proceed south on Route 9W approximately nine miles and turn left on Park Road. Look for spontoon signs at turn off of Rt. 9W.

--**From New York City**, take the Palisades Interstate Parkway north to exit 15. Proceed on Route 106 east to Route 9W. Turn left through the village of Stony Point and turn right on Park Road. Look for spontoon signs at turn off of Rt. 9W.

A Revolutionary War march reenacted

(Waterbury-WTNH, June 24, 2004 5:00 PM) _
A group with Waterbury's Mattatuck Museum marked the 225th anniversary of the Rochambeau March, when U.S. and French troops made their way through Connecticut to Yorktown, Virginia.

by News Channel 8's Matt Scott

"I think it's a lost portion of our history that really needs to be examined," says Lee Patrick Anderson. Anderson isn't taking a leisurely walk through Waterbury. He's marching along the same route General Rochambeau and the French took in 1781 on their way to battle in the Revolutionary War. "You're walking from Rhode Island to Virginia, I guess the obvious question is why?" "To bring attention to the Washington/Rochambeau route." That's the path the French traveled before meeting up with Americans fighting the British. The march went through Waterbury, where we caught up with Anderson and others, some dressed in uniforms right out of the 1700's. "It's important for us to realize how this country was formed and to respect the people who came before us," said Ken Buckbee.

The march represents the march 5,400 Frenchmen made in 1781. They met up with another 10,000 U.S. soldiers in New York to take on General Cornwallis in Yorktown, Virginia. "Some calvary took three months to march from Providence to Yorktown for a decisive battle there in 1781," Anderson said. "And they went through Waterbury?" "Yes. They camped here actually."

Anderson will trace the long route over 26 days, much quicker than the French even though they had less traffic to deal with and fewer curious onlookers like Victor Almeida,

who usually gets history lessons only in school books.

"They're right in front of you instead of looking at pictures and videos," Victor said. "They find out what the heck are these guys doing, and then they look into it more," Anderson said. One of many accomplishments for the modern day marchers, like Albin Weber of Southbury. "A sense of accomplishment, honoring the men who fought for our liberty and freedom," he



A' LASSAUT de la CAPITALE Take the Capital by Storm

Date: July 29 thru Aug. 1, 2004

Coordinator: Tom Traue

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<http://www.2ndmass.org/quebec2004/default.htm>

More information on the bus and pickup times and locations to follow

This information is from the 2nd Mass. web site.

Gentlemen and ladies,

The King's Rangers and the 2nd Mass. once again extend to you an invitation to participate and enjoy - Quebec City and the Plains of Abraham.

New dispatches from the North are arriving daily. After two months of negotiations, ALL resources are now in place to once again host the British Brigade and Continental Line forces on the Plains of Abraham.

What is being provided:

- * The Plains of Abraham - consisting of approximately 125 acres of woods, open meadows, and rolling hills.

- * Access to the Plains from Thursday, July 29th to Monday, August 2nd.

- * Parcs Canada will be supplying full liability coverage to cover our event.

- * Parking areas considered are similar to 1998. More details to follow.

- * Each camp will be supplied with 8 cords of wood, water, 200 bales of straw, and 15 port-o-johns of which 4 will be "special" due to their larger interior space and to be used only by women.

- * First Aid Post will be on site.

- * Parcs personnel will do the battlefield clean-up of spent cartridges.

- * Security will be provided by Parcs. Barricades will be installed around the perimeter of the field. There will be security provided in camp while we are doing the march and the battles however, past experience dictates we should monitor our own respective camps.

- * Restaurants will again be providing discounts to all uniformed (costumed) reenactors. Information will be provided on the web site and the registration packets. Fire pits will also be available.

- * Special hotel packages will be available and information will be on the web site.

- * A letter for all participants that will facilitate border crossings will be available on line.

- * We will again contact Danny Doyle for caleche rides through the City. He will again be assisting our illustrious commanders during the Welcoming March on Saturday. Tours are along predetermined routes at a rate set by the City of Quebec.

Impression:

In order to put forth the best possible image we will be policing the camps prior to their opening to the public. Unit commanders should advise all members to comply with your QM's request regarding the following circumstances.

- * No baled straw around camp as seats -- only in tents.

- * Coolers to be kept out of sight -- preferably in tents.

- * No beer bottles in sight during public hours.

- * No flags or camp colors other than those designated by the Colonel.

- * Keep excess camp furniture to a minimum.

- * Use lantern posts only at night.

- * No discharge of firelocks in camp.

- * No open flames in tents, using battery-operated flashlights in tents, not using lanterns outside of tents.

Traveling to Canada

Carry Appropriate Identification:

All travelers entering Canada are required to provide proof of citizenship. A passport is ideal, however, your birth certificate, certificate of

citizenship, or naturalization certificate, when presented with valid photo identification such as a drivers license will also be accepted. If you are a permanent resident of the U.S., you should bring your green card.

Your Musket:

You must declare all firearms and weapons at customs when you enter Canada. If you do not declare all firearms or weapons, they could be seized and you could face criminal charges. You may need documents to prove that you are entitled to possess a firearm in Canada, and you will have to transport it safely.

Canada considers reproductions of flintlock firearms, other than handguns, that were manufactured after 1897, to be antiques even though they may have been manufactured very recently. If you are a Canadian resident or a visitor to Canada, you can import firearms that are considered to be antiques under the Firearms Act and regulations. You do not need to register antique firearms, nor do owners of antique firearms need licenses. We suggest that you leave your pistol at home. It is restricted and there are special permits necessary. Ammunition can be brought in by up to a maximum of 17.66 pounds.

Register Your Musket:

Register Your Musket (and other items) Before You Leave the United States

You may have to pay duty on your musket each time you bring it back into the United States, unless you could prove that you owned it before you left on your trip. Documents that fully describe the item - for example, sales receipts, insurance policies, or appraisals - are acceptable forms of proof. To make things easier, you can register certain items with Customs before you depart - including watches, cameras, laptop computers, firearms, and tape recorders - as long as they have serial numbers or other unique, permanent markings. Take the items to the nearest Customs Office and request a Certificate of Registration (Customs Form 4457). It shows Customs that you had the items with you before leaving the U.S. and all items listed on it will be allowed duty-free entry. Customs inspectors must see the item you are registering in order to certify the certificate of

registration. You can register items with Customs at the border which you're departing. Keep the certificate for future trips. Prior to departure, bring the items to be registered to your local U.S. Customs office during normal business hours. The Customs officer on duty will give you a blank CF4457 to complete. Fill in the "Name of Owner," "Address of Owner" and "Description of Articles" blocks, and sign in the "Signature of Owner" block. The Customs officer will compare the merchandise with the information entered on the form, completing and signing the blocks grayed out above, and return the completed form to you for subsequent presentation to U.S. Customs each time the registered articles are returned. The form remains valid for re-importation of the registered articles for as long as the document is legible. The certificate is not transferable .

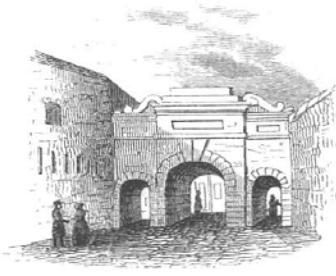
NOTE: The last time we traveled to Quebec we were able to do all this paperwork at the border.

Classified Ads

For Sale- Our Old Van. A 1990 Ford E350 Econoline with extended cargo box and dual gas tanks. 162 K miles. Asking \$1200. Contact Tony Bruno for details. (203) 743-4417 or tony.bruno@asml.com

Needed Regimental Historian-the Board would like to find someone to fill the position of Historian. Duties include collecting and storing information (pictures, newspaper articles, brochures, etc.) on the activities of the current Fifth. If interested contact Paul Carmen at (860) 489-5153 pjcarmen@sbcglobal.net

Seeking Companion- lone re-enactor seeks companion for stay in Quebec. Must like long walks in the rain, candle light dinners, the smell of wet straw and going for days without a shower-you dirty thing. Must supply own bug spray. Farting optional.



The Palace Gate

Morgan, Montgomery and Arnold

Arnold's advance guard made it safely past a two gun battery near the Palace Gate without being detected. They were not so fortunate as they passed

beyond the battery. A volley of musketry fire broke out from the houses above them and showered them with bullets. They could not return the fire and so they essentially ran the gauntlet under the British fire for a length of perhaps six hundred yards. They no sooner passed beyond that obstacle when they encountered another one. Mooring cables had been stretched from houses along the bank of the river to ships in the river. The Patriots had to climb over and around those cables to proceed on. Perhaps it was at that obstacle that Captain Lamb's cannon had to be abandoned. Arnold, leading his men forward into a narrow street, was met by another shower of musketry fire, this time coming from behind the first of a series of barricades set up to block access to the Sault au Matelot. The riflemen took cover and returned the fire. Arnold shouted orders for the advance guard to follow him in a frontal assault against the barricade and suddenly felt a sharp pain in his left leg. A bullet had entered it below the knee and traveled along the bone to lodge in his Achilles tendon. Despite his urgent pleas for them to charge forward, his men, shocked by his being wounded, hesitated.

Arnold's place as leader was taken up by Captain Morgan. Morgan's hat was shot through and a bullet grazed his cheek, knocking him to the ground, but he jumped back up and remounted the ladder and jumped over the wall. The Patriot riflemen were indeed spurred on by Morgan's valor. They followed their new leader and overpowered the British holding the barricade as Arnold dragged himself back to the hospital at St. Roche.

"I went through a fally port at the end of the platform, met them in the ftreet and ordered them to lay down their arms, if they expected quarter. They took me at my word and every man threw down his gun. We then made a charge upon the battery and took it and everything that oppofed us, until we arrived at the barrier-gate where I was ordered to wait for General Montgomery. An a fatal order it was, as it prevented me from taking the garrifon, having already made half the town prifoners. The fally port through the barrier was ftanding open. The guard left it, and the people came running in feeming platoons and gave themfelves up in order to get out of the way of the confufion."

Captain Morgan made his way up through the streets to the edge of the Upper Town of Quebec and noted the strangeness of the lack of any British soldiers. He would later write to his friend that he found "no perfon in arms at all." Morgan returned to the intersection of the Sault au Matelot and Mountain Street, where the bulk of his men were waiting. A

brief council of war was held with the other officers present; although Morgan urged them to continue on and strike into the Upper Town, they disagreed. Morgan's fellow officers were hesitant to disobey the orders General Montgomery had outlined for the assault. They also felt that, since there were now more prisoners to be guarded than Patriots to guard them, the British might retake the battery and cut off a possible avenue of retreat if it became necessary. The fact of the matter was that those fellow officers were a bit contemptuous of the rough frontiersman who had assumed the command. Morgan acquiesced to the advice of his fellow officers to wait for Montgomery, and the chance for taking Quebec was lost forever.



Montgomery would not be coming, though. As he led his men along the narrow lane that hugged the cliff high above the St. Lawrence River, Montgomery easily made his way past Cape Diamond. A little farther on, near the site called the Pres de Ville, a palisade had been erected by the British, one of two on the path

toward Wolfe's Cove. The British troops holding the palisade fled as the Patriots approached, and the Americans cut through it and continued on. Because of the treacherous footpath they had to follow, and because of the blinding snow, the Americans had to move in single file. Montgomery, at the head of the column, came upon a second barricade of pickets the British had erected on the footpath a short distance before a blockhouse (which some witnesses claimed was simply a two-story residence). He, and the men closest to him, set to work at removing the pickets by hand and so were forced to pause there a few moments. During that pause a couple of the British soldiers had returned to the blockhouse and one of them lit the fuse to one of the guns. The cannon's discharge flew the forty paces between the blockhouse and the spot where Montgomery was removing the obstacle. General Montgomery and Captains John McPherson and Jacob Cheeseman, along with Montgomery's orderly sergeant and a private were killed instantly. Of the men who were closest to Montgomery when the rain of grapeshot mowed him down, one was Aaron Burr, who would gain some notoriety in later years. The other officers in Montgomery's column held a hurried council and decided that it would be more prudent for them to retreat rather than to risk being picked off a few at a time in their attempt to navigate the narrow path past the blockhouse. A private in the party claimed that Burr attempted to rally the men to continue toward the Lower Town and their intended rendezvous with Arnold's troops, but Montgomery's subordinate, Lieutenant Colonel Donald Campbell ordered a retreat, and as the men in the rear fell backwards, the rest followed and the general retreat took place. Burr had tried to lift Montgomery's body to carry it back with him to the American camp, but he was too small for the weight of the fallen general. The bodies of Montgomery and the others were left in the snow where they fell.

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[Http://www.motherbedford.com/Chronology16.htm](http://www.motherbedford.com/Chronology16.htm)

From the Commander:

We just finished our THIRD school show of the year! Big thanks to Tom Traue for taking charge and making that work. Québec City here we come! I am very excited about this event. It looks like the 5th will be out in force once again. If you have not reserved a seat, contact Tom 7 and make arrangements. You don't really want to drive to Québec do you? Check out the 5cr web site! The site has been totally redesigned, top to bottom. Fire up that web browser and go to www.5cr.org registration is easy, but if you get stuck drop me a line, I'll help you out.

See you on the bus!

From the Quartermaster:

POWDER SALES

I am bringing powder to Stony Point for those 5CR members who have put in their orders will get powder first. I will only have a few extra cans as I cannot keep a large supply of it on me. So if you want powder please contact me ASAP. Powder is \$10/can. I suggest you buy the powder now that you need for the rest of the season. At 100 grains per round (the 5CR uses), you can expect to get about 70 rounds per a 1# can. If you shoot a box at a show figure from there.

* Remember Issues are given out only at the Annual meeting to those who qualify at the end of the year. This is also the time to purchase the extra powder you need for the season. The reasons behind this is to prevent large amounts of powder being kept on hand by the unit, compliance with current laws & storage, logistics, safety &c, &c.

Equipment

The old Van is up for sale to any member of the 5th. Please contact me or the QM Sjt. Tony Bruno.

All loaned muskets, cartridges boxes, and bayonet's are to be returned to the QM Sjt. Tony Bruno at once. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DO THIS BEFORE QUEBEC!

ALL other loaned items must be returned by the end of or shortly after the Quebec show. Dead line August 29th, 2004. (Brand new members will be loaned to again after purging if need be.)

Historical & Artifacts

Those of you who have in your care any artifacts must contact me. Please don't make me come to you.

Remember, you must sign out any loaned item and no one is allowed in the van other than the QM Corps. This includes camp equipment item's like tents.

From Sandie Tarbox:

Behind Closed Doors:

Peeking into the Hidden Secrets of the Eighteenth Century Social Elite
Sunday, August 22, 2004 From 1- 4
National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA

Have you ever wondered what makes Elite Society so Social? Come take a Peek, and find out the Reason they're always keeping the Doors closed!! A Hilarious Look at what goes on in the Gaming-room, the Dressing Closet and the Parlor. In anticipation of the fun that can be had in attending the Grand Ball, a presentation of the socially elite at play.

We'll kick off our Afternoon of Fashion Fun at one o'clock as we open the Doors to a Promenade of Fashions. Our *Comedy of Hidden Secrets* will be a seated event in the Auditorium, followed by an Exhibition in the Conference Center - *Putting it All Together: A Look at Clothing for Ladies and Gentlemen*. A series of displays, demonstrations and discussions will be seen throughout the conference center area as we examine the clothing, wigs, jewelry and other accessories that complete the look for the eighteenth century social elite and how you too can accomplish dressing the part.

Admission: \$5 at the Auditorium Door
Refreshments are available at the Museum's Heritage Café
Won't you take a moment to let us know if you'll be attending?

Your humble servants,
Rhondda McConnon & Carrie Midura
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Thanks to everyone for the information.
M.Filler, Adjutant



2004 Campaign

July 4
Groton Parade <PAID>

July 15-18
225th Stony Point, NY BAR

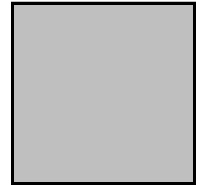
**July 29 – Aug 1 QUEBEC BB/
CL/BAR**

October 2-3
Market Fair & 225th
Anniversary of the Westchester
County Raids, John Jay
Homestead, NY BAR

October 30
Ball to Celebrate the 30th
Anniversary of the 5th Connt.
Regiment



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