

# The Springer

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## General Gage and the British Army in Salem (or "General Gage Goes to the Beach")

Written by Pte. Robert "Bobby" Lee

June 18 and 19 (Father's Day) the 10th appeared at Derby Wharf in Salem, MA, across from the Custom House, between the Pig and Whistle and Bunchhole Liquors (yes, there is a store, in fact a chain, by that name). The weather on both days was great! Sunny, tolerable heat, clear and breezy right on Salem Harbor -- which also made for great sleeping weather!



Lieut. Col. Paul O'Shaughnessy enjoying his Segway on Saturday.

Photo by The Boston Globe

In the evening, we enjoyed campfire stories, singing, and revelry, while the kids toured Salem; and, yes, **STILL** tourists at 9 p.m. kept showing up!

The schedule each day was full. The crowd was constant and sizable. The drilling and firing demonstrations,

When we were not eating excellent food (thank you, Kitchen!), drilling, holding firing demonstrations and "competitions" with the First Footguards, the 10th greeted visitors who arrived on foot, by bus, bicycle... and Segway!

The tall ship *Friendship* was anchored with 10thers Aaron and Stu Gralnik (later taken prisoner, the rebel scoundrel) leading on board. Stu was captured first by the First, in lieu of of the 10th Lights who were late. Later in a second scenario, by the 10th Grenadiers who, not understanding the first scenario, were a last on the Emmy list for being first in acting, annoyed Stu (a VERY strong dude).

The Battalion provided a Musick and musket salute, as the *Friendship* embarked from Derby Wharf and headed for the open sea. Again, safety being a priority, we fired at a wooden boat with cloth sails! "Huzzah!"

In the evening, we enjoyed campfire

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*The Battalion on Parade on 19 June.  
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safely monitored (aimed) over the harbor, impressed the crowd.

The Lights used the shade to their advantage in the afternoon sun; the Grenadiers drilled themselves silly.

Private Mezack and I were not aware that we were standing guard next to a sign near the *Friendship* stating, "Fee Required."

As foreign visitors offered us cash (*lots* of cash) as they were learning dollars... We thought, "Hmmm, an opportunity..."

We never capitalized on that thought.

As for the firing competitions: the 10th rocks! Our rate of fire and success of fire is excellent and second to none! Thanks to the 10th training for that.

Most important, the Kitchen provided more than ample food, water and first aid as always. (Thanks, Val, for helping Matt with his eye!) You just can't beat it: food, water, and care. Thank you, Steve and dedicated civilians!

All said, everyone including Lee Company (myself, Matt and Tim) had a great time. Being on the water, touring and saluting the *Friendship* all while meeting visitors from more countries to list! It is a nice, open area which provided good exposure for the 10th, and a great chance to help some new friends at the National Park Service.

# A Day on the Hill

## An account of a day spent at Bunker Hill

*Written by Pte. Eric Niehaus*

Ethan Beeler of the National Park Service asked the Regiment for some assistance with the public at the Bunker Hill location on the afternoon of July 1st. Lieut. Col. O'Shaughnessy, being the consummate officer and gentleman, could not refuse and sent out the word for volunteers. Privates Michael McComas and Eric Niehaus of the Grenadiers and Private David Parker of the Lights responded in full kit.

The day was humid and hot, which was the condition on that June day in 1775 when the British units in full kit and packs assaulted the Insurgent forces with frontal attacks until they were driven off the hill by bayonet. This day in 2011 the only assaults were by the sightseers on the steps outside the monument to get into the only shade available.

At 1pm only Pte. Niehaus had assembled, and, along with the NPS specialists Vince Kordack and Bill Casey, began addressing the crowd that had gathered as to who we were, why we were there and how we were going to demonstrate live fire. The militia person that attended looked very period until he put the ear plugs in and the safety glasses on. . . yeah, OSHA requirement! We are from the government and we are here to help!

Just as we were ready to begin, Pte. Parker arrived and now we outnumbered the militia! With Senior Private Parker in command, the crowd enjoyed our quick march onto the field, the two rapid fires and the ensuing bayonet charge progressing from slow march, quick march and finally to march-march. We answered any and all questions for the next hour while the NPS fellows listened and then disappeared, and the sightseers loved it, especially the younger ones!

At the 2:30pm demo, the militia had another surprise as Pte McComas had now arrived. It was reminiscent of Hitchcock's *The Birds*. . . first one, then two, then three! Pte. McComas, who professes to be a permanent private and will only accept promotion at the point of a bayonet (a true enlistee if ever there was one) was elected senior and nailed the commands almost as good as Fast Eddy Scull. . . sorry, Sergeant Scull that is. The crowds were a good size, full of questions and loved the demonstrations. Each of us explained the times, the Regiment and who we are in this current life. More than once, the crowds complimented us on the realism of our dress and our period knowledge.

The Regiment is not only a club where we can live out a hobby, but a real educational unit that can and does breathe life into dusty history. The passion that we displayed could not help but make an impression on the people, and did. It was well worth the heat and very damp clothes and four hours of standing and talking!

Ptes. McComas and Parker left for their vehicles, and I for mine which was parked in the Navy Yard at 5pm. But wait, there is more! God smiled upon me for this day's work! For while I was putting my kit in the truck a fellow in a red shirt walked over and said, "You sure do look hot. . . care for a cold beer?" I replied in the affirmative but asked where in the Navy Yard. He pointed to the Marine Corps barracks, the oldest in the nation today, and said, "Let's go in."

The Constitution re-enactors have a meeting room and refreshment center downstairs and they admitted me as a captured Brit. For a cold one I gave them more than my name, rank and service number!

A beautiful day, a warm crowd, an inspiring location and lots of smiling faces. What a rewarding experience and one that I will not forget.

# *The Poacher Profile*

## **Dianne O'Shaughnessy**

**Current age:** A Gentleman never asks!

**City & state residing:** Lexington, MA, Married to husband Paul

**Occupation:** Tour guide with the Lexington Historical Society (Munroe Tavern & Hancock-Clarke House)



**Present rank and company:** Regimental Woman/Civilian

**When and why did you join the Regiment?** I started coming to events in 1988, but I didn't start dressing 18th century until 1989. At first, it was strictly so that I could spend time with Paul. Now I enjoy it in its own right!

**Name 1 thing that we don't know about you:** I have no middle name.

**What do you enjoy doing when you're outside the Regiment?** I've been tracing the genealogies of both of our families since the mid-90s. I also enjoy traveling, especially to Ireland. We go to the O'Shaughnessy Family Rally every other year.

**What is your favorite thing about the Regiment?** Definitely the people! I've been around long enough to know that the wrong mix of personalities can make a weekend seem like a month. With the current group, I often find myself wishing we didn't have to pack up on Sunday.

**What is your favorite memory of the Regiment?** Of all the cool things I've done and seen, I'd have to say that the trips to Bermuda were the best. In second place would be

the times we've camped on the Plains of Abraham in Quebec. I guess it's just nice to be someplace where a Redcoat is appreciated!

Where's the furthest you've traveled and why? Ok, I had to use Google to answer this one. The furthest I've been from home is Munich, Germany. We took a two week vacation, spending one week in Scotland and the next in Germany.

What are your likes? My husband and family (including the four-footed kids.) I love traveling to other countries.

What are your dislikes? Airport security! Anyone who tells you that they randomly pick people for extra screening is lying to you. I also have no use for liars and cheats.

What is your favorite movie? Can I have more than one if they include sequels? If so, the definitely the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

What is your favorite song / style of music? OK, I'm going to get some teasing for this, but my favorite band is The Moody Blues. Coming in a close second is The Beatles. I tend to lean towards anything from the British Isles and Ireland, whether it's pop, rock or folk. The last song I purchased was by Coldplay, and I've listened to Lady Gaga's latest album, so I'm not a complete dinosaur!

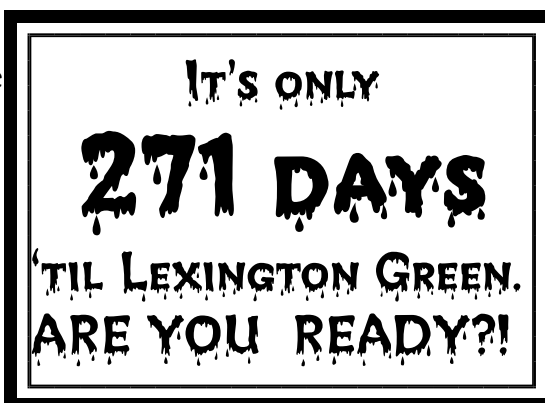
Are you active in any causes? These days we tend to support public television and radio, historical organizations and well-vetted organizations that fund human or animal health research.

What special talents / skills do you have? I'm usually pretty good at finding things that have been lost or misplaced. I get kind of obsessed if something continues to elude me!

What is the most unusual thing that has happened to you in life? I've had lots of interesting experiences, but nothing that I would really classify as "unusual."

What is the best thing that has happened to you so far in life? Meeting Paul, of course

What is the one thing that you would like to accomplish before you die? Find some relations still living overseas.



# The Adjutant's Page

## *Notes from the Office*

*Written by Maj. Richard Amsterdam*

### DRESS REGULATIONS

What is the difference between #1 Dress and #2 Dress? Dress Regulations for the Tenth Foot consist of three Orders. The chart below explains the difference between the Dress Orders and when each order is applied. The chart is for privates and corporals. Serjeants and Officers have different orders. There is a Standing Order STO#03-07-007 which can be found on the regimental website in the Members Only section.

Number	# 1 FULL DRESS	#1 REVIEW ORDER	#2 SERVICE DRESS
Purpose	Military Balls, Dinners, and social events	Parade Reviews and guards of honour	Battle-reenactments and parades
Head Dress	Company	Company	Company
Wig	White	White	Natural
Coat	Company	Company	Company
Waistcoat	Company	Company	Company
Breeches	Company	Company	Company
Shirt	White	White	White
Stock	Black Velvet	Horsehair	Horsehair
Stockings	White	White	White
Gaiters	None	Short or Long	Short or Long
Shoes	Black with Brass Buckles	Black	Black
Gloves	None	None	Gray - inclement weather
Cloak	Optional	None	None
Belting	None	Per Company Order	Per Company Order
Musket	None	Standard Issue	Standard Issue
Haversack	None	None	Haversack
Canteen	None	None	Canteen

If the Dress Order of the Day says, "#2 Dress with White Wig," all that is changed from the standard #2 order is the wig. Nothing else changes.

Company Commanders may make certain changes to the standard orders, such as the substitution of a tricorn hat for a cap, the addition of certain edged weapons for the Light Infantry and black cap covers for the Grenadiers.

Major Richard E Amsterdam  
2IC & Adjutant

# The 10th Takes Harbor Fest!

*Written by Alison Falotico*

Members of the 10th gathered on Boston Common on the sunny and warm morning of 2 July 2011 for the annual Harbor Fest Celebration on Boston's waterfront. The event is part of the Independence Day weekend celebration that happens every year.

The weather was beautiful for a day to hang out on the Common. We started by marching to Fan Pier where we boarded the Liberty and then sailed, under sail, to Boston's Long Wharf. Volleys were fired in the name of the King as the ship docked on Long Wharf. Afterwards, the Regiment marched back to the Common where skirmishes were reenacted throughout the afternoon.

My favorite part of the day was on the march back to the Common by the King's Chapel. The chapel's bells were ringing while its British flag unfurled as we passed by!

It is always fun to have events on Boston Common. There were many tourists who were very enthusiastic and eager to learn about what we do. Marching through the cobblestone streets listening to our fantastic Musicians' tunes echoing off the buildings with the time sailing on the Liberty as an added bonus, this event was fun and is worth doing again!

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## A Word of Thanks!

The Regiment would like to thank Rob, Kate, Matt and Tim Lee for the cookout that they threw for Rob's 50th birthday and new house-warming on 10 July 2011.

You knew it was going to be a good time when you noticed the music gear all set up begging to be played. . . And they did not disappoint! From Lieut. Col. O'Shaughnessy's ode to Lieut. Col. Francis Smith (the improvised *Fat Man Blues*) to the many marching songs we all know and love played on Rob's bass sax, it was an auditory delight!

The food was excellent, the beverages cold, and the music couldn't be beat! Thank you!

## *Did you know. . .*

British spies took precautions to conceal the messages they carried? Letters were inserted into the hollow quills of large feathers, sewn into buttons, and stuck into small silver balls. One message, located in Sir Henry Clinton's manuscripts at the Clements Library, was cut into two long, narrow strips in order to make insertion into a quill easier. The idea seems to have been that, if in danger, a courier could get rid of the papers more easily.

One British spy, carrying a message from Henry Clinton to John Burgoyne in a silver ball the size of a rifle bullet, was captured at New Windsor. He swallowed the silver ball, but was forced to drink a strong emetic. The spy, Daniel Taylor, vomited the ball, instantly snatched it up, and swallowed it again. He agreed to a second dose when the American general threatened to hang him and cut the message out of his stomach. Taylor was court-martialed and sentenced to death for being a spy. He was executed on October 16, 1777, the day before Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga. Clinton's futile letter was read to American troops when they received word of the British defeat.

*From the Collections of the Clements Library at the University of Michigan*

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## *Coming Up. . .*

6-7 August: Old Sturbridge Village

17 August: Drill

27-28 August: Battle of the Rose Farm, Bolton, CT

21 September: Drill

24-25 September: Mount Harmon Plantation, Earleville, MD - British Brigade Event (Volunteer)

1-2 October: Fort #4 Charlestown, NH

19 October: Drill

29-30 October: Red Horse Tavern Tactical, Wayside Inn, Sudbury

16 November: Drill

19 November: Parade - Plymouth

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## *Reminder. . .*

If you drove to the Battle of Wyoming, please submit your gas reimbursements as soon as possible. The reimbursement form is online at <http://www.redcoat.org>.

Please return them by **FRIDAY 29 JULY 2011!**

# The Paymaster's Report

By Pte. Shaun Timberlake, Paymaster & Corporate Treasurer

## Statement of Financial Income and Expense - 01/01/2011 - 06/30/2011

CLEARED BANK BALANCES AS OF 05/31/2011: CHECKING: \$ 4,272.12 SAVINGS: \$3,764.00		TOTAL
<b>Income</b>		
45000 · Investments		
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2.77	2.77
<b>Total 45000 · Investments</b>	2.77	2.77
46400 · Other Types of Income		
46420 · Inventory Sales	6,292.25	6,292.25
<b>Total 46400 · Other Types of Income</b>	6,292.25	6,292.25
49000 · Special Events Income		
49010 · Special Events Contributions	100.00	100.00
49020 · Special Events Sales (Nongift)	4,650.00	4,650.00
<b>Total 49000 · Special Events Income</b>	4,750.00	4,750.00
80001 · Non-Tax Deductible Donation	135.00	135.00
<b>Total Income</b>	11,180.02	11,180.02
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold		
50001 · Wool/Fabric	1,385.56	1,385.56
50002 · Leather	672.58	672.58
50003 · Metals/Brass/Etc	958.35	958.35
50005 · Headgear	566.00	566.00
50006 · Item Buy-Backs	0.00	0.00
50007 · Tailoring/Fabrication	770.00	770.00
50008 · Guns/Gunsmithing	2,281.85	2,281.85
50009 · Tents/Poles	1,005.00	1,005.00
<b>Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	7,639.34	7,639.34
<b>Total COGS</b>	7,639.34	7,639.34
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>3,540.68</b>	<b>3,540.68</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
60900 · Business Expenses		
60902 · Credit Card Fees	20.44	20.44
60910 · Bad Debts	596.00	596.00
60940 · Sales Tax	58.77	58.77
<b>Total 60900 · Business Expenses</b>	675.21	675.21
62800 · Facilities and Equipment		
62830 · Donated Facilities	300.00	300.00
62840 · Equip Rental and Maintenance	27.47	27.47
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	600.00	600.00
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment</b>	927.47	927.47
62810 · Vehicles/Trailers	293.46	293.46
65000 · Operations		
65001 · Gun Powder / Cartridges	750.00	750.00
65005 · Music Equipment	857.90	857.90
65006 · Camp Equipment	148.80	148.80
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	221.57	221.57
65030 · Printing and Copying	163.20	163.20
65040 · Supplies	124.69	124.69
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	2,266.16	2,266.16
65100 · Other Types of Expenses		
65110 · Advertising Expenses		
65111 · Internet/Website/Elec Media	289.43	289.43
<b>Total 65110 · Advertising Expenses</b>	289.43	289.43
65150 · Memberships and Dues	51.00	51.00
65160 · Other Costs	10.00	10.00
65170 · Staff Development	140.00	140.00
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	490.43	490.43
68300 · Travel and Meetings		
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	55.00	55.00
<b>Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings</b>	55.00	55.00
80000 · Donations/Gifts Given	450.00	450.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5,157.73</b>	<b>5,157.73</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-1617.05</b>	<b>-1617.05</b>

# His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot American Contingent

## Regimental Return 30 June 2011

**Commanding Officer**

Lieutenant Colonel Paul O'Shaughnessy

**Staff & Additional**

4 wanting 3 for 7 + 4  
additional = 8

Officers 7  
Warrants 1  
**Staff 8**

**Staff**

**2IC** Major Richard Amsterdam  
**Adjutant** Major Richard Amsterdam  
**Quartermaster** --vacant--  
**Surgeon** Lloyd Klickstein  
**Chaplain** Scott Williams, Gentleman Volunteer  
**Surgeon's Mate** --vacant--

**Additional**

**ADC** Lieut Col & Capt Winston Stone  
**ADC** Michael Coppe, Gentleman Volunteer  
**Paymaster\*** Pte. Shaun Timberlake (Light Infantry Co'y)  
**Quartermaster\*** Serj Edward Scull (Grenadier Co'y)  
**Colour Ensign** Capt William Desmond  
**Colour Ensign** Capt Lincoln Clark III

*\* Counted in their respective companies*

**Light Infantry Company**

23 wanting 6 for 29

Officers 4  
Serjeants 2  
R&F 20  
Music 3  
**Co'y 29**

**Captain**

Robert Falotico

**Lieutenants**

---vacant---

---vacant---

**Serjeants**

Charles Ziniti (RSM)  
Michael Graves

**Drummers**

Anthony Jenkins (DM)(SDOC)  
James Banatoski  
Matthew Lee

**Musicians**

**#1 Platoon**

Corp Noah Martin (L/Corp)  
Ptes Dylan Potter  
Michael Federico  
Shaun Timberlake  
Khalid Antar  
David Driscoll  
Kelsey Brennan  
David Parker  
Bugler Nicolas Federico

**#2 Platoon**

Corp Ken Mental  
Ptes Eric Westerberg (OC)  
Christopher Migala  
Anthony Federico  
Sarah Vedrani  
Timothy Lee  
Jacob Gruber  
Marc McVicker (Rct)

**Grenadier Company**

21 wanting 8 for 29

Officers 3  
 Serjeants 2  
 R&F 21  
 Music 3  
 Co'y 29

**Captain**  
**Lieutenants**

David Kinghorn

---vacant---

---vacant---

**Serjeants**

Ed Scull

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**Drummers**

Evan Hodges-LeClaire (SDOC)

Thomas Stone

**Fife-Major**

Mary Stone

**Fifers**

Nathaniel Williams

Johaness Wesselhoeft

**#1 Platoon** Corp Jeffrey Meriwether  
 Ptes Mike McComas  
 Scott Smith  
 John Fitzpatrick  
 William Hough  
 Gary Mezack  
 Robert Lee

**#2 Platoon** Corp Ian Graves (OC)  
 Ptes Paul Dooley  
 Robert Edmonds  
 Michael Foley  
 Jack Ryan Dallmeyer  
 Eric Niehaus  
 Ian Banatoski

**Regimental Return Summary**

51 wanting 44 for 95

	Effectives	Re-enlist	Recruits	OC	CL	SDOC	DS	HP	Totals
<b>Grenadiers</b>	19	0	0	1	0	1	-	-	<b>21</b>
<b>Light Infantry</b>	20	0	1	1	0	1	-	-	<b>23</b>
<b>Staff</b>	8	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	<b>8</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Additional Co'y</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Civilian Re-enactors</b>	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>20</b>

**Changes** *Changes since last return [effective 9 June unless otherwise noted.]*

		<b>Staff</b>	
Officers	10	Grenadier Co'y	none
Serjeants/Warrants	5	Light Infantry Co'y	none
R&F	31		Marc McVicker accepted as a recruit, Corp Charles Federico discharged, 13 June
Music	6	Civilian Re-enactors	none
<b>Now</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>Additional Co'y</b>	none

Co'ys	4	3
Officers	17	16
Serjeants/Warrants	10	8
R&F	84	63
Music	9	8
<b>Full</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>95</b>

**Regimental Women & Civilian Re-enactors**

Kira Bailey (Lieut)	Steve, Doris & Sarah Banatoski	Edmund & Tammy Bressler
Deb, Margot & Claire Fate-Mental	Joan Federico	Susan Feist
Stuart Gralnik & Ann Swartzell	Valerie & Natasha Graves	Richard Kaskeski
Diane O'Shaughnessy	Darlene Wigton	Alison Falotico
Joan Niehaus		

# The Back Page

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## William P. Hickey, Jr.

5 June 1928 - 15 July 2011

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