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Media Credentials

TO: Local & National Media Outlets
FROM: Lexington Minute Men
RE: Advanced Notice - Advanced Credentialing - Battle of Lexington Reenactment Patriots' Day, Monday, April 15, 2024 (rain date Saturday, April 20, 2024)
DATE: March 1, 2024

On Patriots' Day, Monday, April 15, 2024 at about 5:30 am, members of The Lexington Minute Men (LMM) Company, along with members of His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot and other British units, will re-enact The Battle of Lexington on the Common in Lexington, Massachusetts, commemorating the 249th anniversary of the first skirmish of the American Revolutionary War, and our country's fight for freedom and liberty.

New this year, starting at 5:15 am, the Lexington Minute Men have partnered with the Ladies Association of Revolutionary America (LARA) to bring to light the impact of April 19th on the whole community with a dramatic reenactment of the Civilian Evacuation.

The Battle of Lexington Reenactment has an **advanced credentialing process for ALL media requesting access to the media area**. Advanced credentialing will start immediately. All credentialing is done by the LMM. Credentialing cannot be granted by any other organizations and only credentials issued by LMM will be honored.

Should your organization wish to cover the event on April 15th, you need to do the following before April 1st:

- If your organization has covered the event last year, send an email to media@lexingtonminutemen.com. We will respond and let you know what you need to submit.
- If your organization is new to covering the event, submit on your organization's letterhead, a letter or email indicating the names of the individuals covering the event and job they will be performing.
- Should your organization be covering this event for another organization (i.e. filming a documentary) you will also need to submit a letter or email of engagement from the organization you are representing on their letterhead that indicates your relationship to them.
- Should your organization have any special requests (i.e. interview with a Minute Man) or are planning live coverage, please indicate them in the letter or email.

"Credential badges" will be issued the morning of the event beginning at 4:30 am in the media area. Set up in the media area starts at 4:30 am. If you set up before 4:30 am, you may be asked to move. There is a small "working press" area (as determined by the LMM) reserved for working press photographers and video cameras of daily newspapers, wire services, Lexington-based press, and daily television shows filled on a first come basis. There is a larger media area which is available to pre-credentialed media also filled on a first come basis. (NOTE - the media area changed in 2012 and is now located along Massachusetts Avenue across from Hancock Church near the large pine tree.)

Individuals will need to present a Government issued media credential (i.e. State Tri-Card) or company identification along with a photo identification in order to receive their credential badge. THE CREDENTIAL BADGE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE. PERSONS USING THIS BADGE MAY BE ASKED TO SHOW ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION. ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS IN THE MEDIA AREA WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE AND ANY CREDENTIAL BADGES IN THEIR POSSESSION WILL BE CONFISCATED.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at media@lexingtonminutemen.com.

ALL REQUESTS ARE DUE BY NOON ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2024
Send request by e-mail (in PDF) to: media@lexingtonminutemen.com

SPECIAL REQUEST Please note the 2006 reenactment was interrupted by a TV helicopter. The re-enactors on the field do not use sound amplification so helicopter noise significantly disrupts the event. **PLEASE NO HELICOPTERS OR FLYOVERS.** *We are a volunteer organization that puts on this event every year for the public's enjoyment and historical education. We try to eliminate potential distractions from the event for those who give up a night's sleep*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE REENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF LEXINGTON
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 BEGINNING AT 5:30AM**

For Safety and Improved MEDIA Access reasons, MEDIA are requested to be in the Media Area cordoned off midway down the Lexington Common on the **Massachusetts Avenue** side. Absolutely NO MOVEMENT from the media area will be allowed while the Battle Reenactment is taking place. (NOTE the press area is changed in 2012 to the opposite side of the field.)

The Lexington Minute Men Company (LMM) and the participating British Units go to great lengths to ensure the authenticity of the event and viewing pleasure for all spectators, therefore NO JIBS, PROJECTING BOOM MICROPHONES OR BUCKET TRUCKS WILL BE ALLOWED. Media equipment will not be allowed to extend onto the Common and interfere in anyway with the event.

The LMM have a small 'working press' area in a larger media area reserved for working press photographers and video cameras of daily newspapers, wire services, Lexington based press, and daily television shows filled on a first come basis. The LMM determines who is working press. There is a larger area for the media area which is available to pre-credentialed media filled on a first come basis. No advance reservation of space will be allowed. Credentials are limited and the LMM reserves the right to grant final media area assignments.

While the event has a 5:30 am start, be aware that traffic flow surrounding the Lexington Common will be restricted starting at 3:00 am Parking of Satellite and/or Microwave trucks directly around the Common is controlled by the Lexington Police Department (LPD). There are a limited number of parking spaces available near the Common for satellite and/or microwave trucks. Parking issues should be addressed with the LPD by calling 781-862-1235.

For those broadcasting live please be aware the event starts as close to 5:30 am as possible and concludes by 6:20 am, with the bulk of the action estimated between 6:00 and 6:10 am. Following the action, the British will march off the Lexington Common towards Concord. The LMM will march to Ye Olde Burying Ground behind First Parish Church for a wreath laying ceremony. At the conclusion of the event on the Common, a member of the LMM will be available for press interviews at the Media Area.

For those wishing to do "background shots," the LMM have scheduled a Dress rehearsal on SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2024, at 2 pm on the Lexington Common (rain date is Sunday April 7, 2024 at 2 pm).

For additional background information, please visit LMM's web site at: <https://www.lexingtonminutemen.com/>

Various organizations hold Patriots' Day events in and around Lexington. Only the LMM issue "credential badges" for the reenactment of the Battle of Lexington. Actual start times of events are subject to change. Parking near events may be difficult. Please allow extra time.

Should you have any questions, please contact the LMM at media@lexingtonminutemen.com.

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