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Battle of Lexington 249th Anniversary Takes Shape

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Lexington, Massachusetts – a town that nearly 249 years ago found itself in the crosshairs of the British Empire – will mark the commemoration of that pivotal day - Patriots' Day with a free exciting battle re-enactment on April 15, 2024 starting at 5:30 am on the Lexington Common.

On April 19, 1775, British Regulars and Colonial Militia clashed on the common in this small town in what would become the “Shot Heard ‘Round the World” and the start of the American Revolutionary War. When the smoke cleared eight men were killed and ten more were wounded. The battle expanded into a day long series of fights along a stretch of country road involving over 3,500 provincial militia men, and over 2,100 of His Majesty's Regulars (the “Redcoats”). This was the beginning of the American Revolutionary War. The initial fighting in the war was a local action between Britain and her recalcitrant colony of Massachusetts. This skirmish led to fighting throughout the original 13 colonies and Canada, and expanded into an international war, culminating in American Independence.

The Lexington Minute Men is a civic reenactment organization dedicated to honoring all the brave Patriots who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation's freedom and liberties. The Lexington Minute Men are under the command of Captain Jamie Lee, who will have the honor to portray Captain Parker for this year's reenactment.

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