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Media Advisory

Rehearsal – Reenactment of the Battle of Lexington

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Lexington, MA (February 24, 2020) -- The Lexington Minute Men announce that the rehearsal for the Battle of Lexington will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2020 (rain date of Saturday April 11, 2020) at 2:00 pm on Lexington Common, Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA.

“This is a great opportunity to witness our common heritage as Americans up close, during the rehearsal” says Larry Conley, Captain Commanding of the Lexington Minute Men. “During the actual re-enactment spectators begin to arrive at Lexington Common as early as 3:00 in the morning in order to get a prime spot for the events,” according to event coordinator Barry Cunha. “There are usually 8–10,000 spectators lining the Lexington Common on the actual morning of the re-enactment, but the dress rehearsal allows spectators to see us up close, and ask questions of the re-enactors.”

The Battle of Lexington is re-enacted every year on the Massachusetts holiday known as Patriots’ Day, commemorating April 19, 1775, a day in American history when the discontent smoldering in the colonies under Parliament’s rule flared into open hostilities. The hostilities began with a quick skirmish at Lexington Common, and expanded into a day-long series of fights along a stretch of country road, involving over 3,500 local militia men, and 2,100 of His Majesty’s Regulars (redcoats).

Lexington’ sparked the beginning of the American Revolutionary War where the initial fighting in the war was a local action between Britain and her recalcitrant colony of Massachusetts. This “local action” led to fighting throughout the original 13 colonies and Canada, growing into an international war, culminating in American Independence. The “Shot heard ‘round the world” and American Independence started on Lexington Common” according to Liu.

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The Lexington Minute Men is a civic reenactment organization dedicated to honoring the brave Patriots who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation's freedom. The Lexington Minute Men have a long proud history, from the militia that fought on the Common in 1775, to providing men to fight throughout the American Revolutionary War. The Lexington Minute Men are under the command of Captain Commanding Larry Conley.

For more information on the Lexington Minute Men visit <http://www.lexingtonminutemen.com>.

Press Notes: Media access to the reenactment of the Battle of Lexington is coordinated ONLY by Lexington Minute Men. Advanced Credentialing deadline is April 1, 2020 at noon. Details can be found at <http://www.lexingtonminutemen.com>. Inquiries should be made to media@lexingtonminutemen.com on or before April 1, 2020. Because the re-enactors do not have sound amplification, any flyovers or news helicopters disrupt the event. WE REQUEST NO FLYOVERS OR NEWS HELICOPTERS.

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