



# The Lexington Minute Men, Inc.

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## ***Media Release***

### Battle of Lexington 245<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Takes Shape

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Lexington, Massachusetts – a town that nearly 245 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 20, 2020 starting at 5:45 am on the Lexington Common.

On April 19, 1775, British Regulars and Colonist Militia clashed on a town 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 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 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. The Lexington Minute Men are under the command of Captain Larry Conley, who will portray Captain Parker for this year's reenactment.

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