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Battle of Lexington Green

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Lexington, MA (January 15, 2008)--- To commemorate the 233rd Anniversary of the first day of the American War for Independence, the Lexington Minute Men, and local British Revolutionary War re-enactors, depict the skirmish that took place on Lexington Green, early on the morning of April 19, 1775. Witness the tensions mount, as the local militia company from Lexington confronts the King's Regulars, and the ensuing skirmish that follows. The 'Shot heard 'round the world.' The re-enactment of the "Battle of Lexington" is on Patriot's Day – April 21, 2008 starting at 5:45 am on the Lexington Green.

"This is a great opportunity to witness our common heritage as Americans" says Carlo Bertazzoni, Captain Commanding of the Lexington Minute Men.

"Spectators begin to arrive at Lexington Green at 3:30 in the morning in order to get a prime spot for the events that begin with the alarm bell sounding in the Old

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Belfry at 5:30 a.m. According to Lexington Minute Man Jim Roberts, “There are usually 8–10,000 spectators lining the Green to watch the 77 Lexington Minute Men and their families portray the colonists, and more than 150 British recreate the ‘red coats’ of 1775.

The Battle of Lexington is re-enacted each year on the Massachusetts holiday known as Patriots’ Day. Commemorating April 19, 1775, the day in American history the smoldering discontent in the colonies under Parliament rule, flared into open hostilities. The Battle began with a quick skirmish at Lexington Green, and expanded into a day-long series of fights along a stretch of country road involving over 3,500 provincial militia men, and over 1,500 of His Majesty’s regulars (redcoats). This was the beginning of the American Revolution. 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 ‘Shot that was heard around the world’ and American Independence started on Lexington Green” according to Roberts.

The re-enactment of the “Battle of Lexington” is just one event in which the Lexington Minute Men will participate on Patriot’s Day – April 21, 2008.

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—April 19, 1775 — *Captain Parker*

The Battle at Lexington starts at 5:45 am. The Minute Men also participate in the Lexington Sunrise Youth Parade at 7:30 am, additional ceremonies near the Green at 8:15 am and 10:15 am and the Lexington Patriot's Day Parade at 2 pm.

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 Minute Men have a long proud history, from the militia that fought on the Green in 1775, to providing men to fight throughout the American Revolution. The Minute Men gained attention again during the Centennial Celebration of 1876, when President U.S. Grant saluted the 77 men who stood on the Green. In the past 125 years, the Minute Men have been involved in a number of ceremonial, educational, and civic functions. During the Bicentennial, the Minute Men served as honor guards for President Ford and Queen Elizabeth. The Lexington Minute Men are under the command of Captain Carlo Bertazzoni. For more information on the Lexington Minute Men visit <http://www.lexingtonminutemen.com/>.

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Press Notes: Media access to the reenactment of the Battle of Lexington is coordinated by Lexington Minute Men. Advanced Credentialing deadline is April 18. Details can be found at <http://users.rcn.com/waynemccarthy/LMM2002/mediainfo.htm> Inquiries should be made to 518-698-3210 before April 18, 2008. Inquiries after April 18, 2008 should be made to 978-407-5718. 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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