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#### ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN TO HOLD 3RD ANNUAL COLONIAL DAY PARADE

The Assabet Village Minutemen of Maynard will host their 3rd Annual Colonial Day Parade on Sunday, June 20th, 1976, at 1:00 p.m. in downtown Maynard. As in the past, it will be an all Colonial event with Militia and Minutemen Companies of the area in the line of march.

This year the Assabet Village Minutemen will dedicate a granite marker to the memory of the original minutemen who traveled the Old Concord Road on April 19th, 1775, to do battle with the British at the Old North Bridge and along the Battle Road. This marker will be placed on the green on the corner of Acton Street and Concord Street, and will be dedicated with a ceremony midway on the parade route, at approximately 1:30 p.m.

In this, the Bicentennial Year, it is most fitting that we, the present generation, should recall the events that took place 200 years ago and the effect that they had on the lives of the average citizens of that time. Many from this area left their homes that fateful morning never to return. For others it was years until they saw homes and families again. In the case of these minutemen who passed through what is now Maynard, they were defending their homes, families, and their rights as Englishmen to remain free and not to be oppressed by laws passed by their King and Parliament 3,000 miles across the sea.

It was these same citizen soldiers who ignited the spark from which sprang the flame of revolution that gave birth to the great nation that we live in today. It is for us, 20th Century Americans, to remember the legacy of our Colonial ancestors. They gave up everything for us so that we might remain free. Let us not forget the debt that we owe them.

By erecting this marker on the green, may it bring to mind the sacrifices of our forefathers and strengthen our love and respect for our country.

The Assabet Village Minutemen were re-activated by the Selectmen of Maynard on April 12th, 1971. Although Maynard was not a town until April 19th, 1871, being made up of sections of the Towns of Stow and Sudbury, many of the citizens of the present town went into battle on April 19th, 1775, with the minutemen and militia companies of the parent towns.

This granite marker is not dedicated only to the men from the area of the present Town of Maynard, but to all the minutemen and militia who fought for our freedom two centuries ago.

The Assabet Village Minutemen invite you to join with them in this parade and dedication ceremony in this event commemorating the Bicentennial of our country.

For further information please contact:

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Maynard, Massachusetts 01754  
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275-9000 (work)



For Release in Publication of Week of Sunday, June 13, 1976

### 3rd ANNUAL COLONIAL DAY PARADE IN MAYNARD JUNE 20, 1976

The Assabet Village Minutemen of Maynard will host their 3rd Annual Colonial Day on Sunday, June 20th, 1976, which will include an all Colonial Parade stepping off at 1:00 p.m. Units of Colonial Militia and Minutemen from Eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire will be in the line of march.

The parade will step off from the municipal parking lot on Summer Street at 1:00 p.m. and proceed down Summer Street to Main Street, follow Main Street to Nason Street, then go up Nason Street to Acton Street. The parade will turn left on Acton Street and proceed to the green at the corner of Acton Street and Concord Street where the units will form on the green for a brief ceremony.

The Assabet Village Minutemen will dedicate a granite marker to the memory of the original minutemen of 1775 who passed this point on their way down "The Old Concord Road", now the present Concord Street, on their way to meet the troops of King George III at the Old North Bridge and ensuing conflicts of the Battle Road.

A prayer will be offered by Rev. Bruce Bowen of the Union Congregational Church of Maynard, and the marker will be dedicated by Chairman of the Maynard Board of Selectmen, Richard T. White, and Capt. Walter Mattson of the Assabet Village Minutemen. At this time all participating units will be awarded streamers for their unit's guide-ons.

On conclusion of this brief ceremony, the parade will resume, following Concord Street to Maple Street, down Maple Street to Summer Street where all participating units will be reviewed and rendered honors by the Assabet Village Minutemen at Memorial Park. The parade will then return to the municipal parking lot where they will disperse.

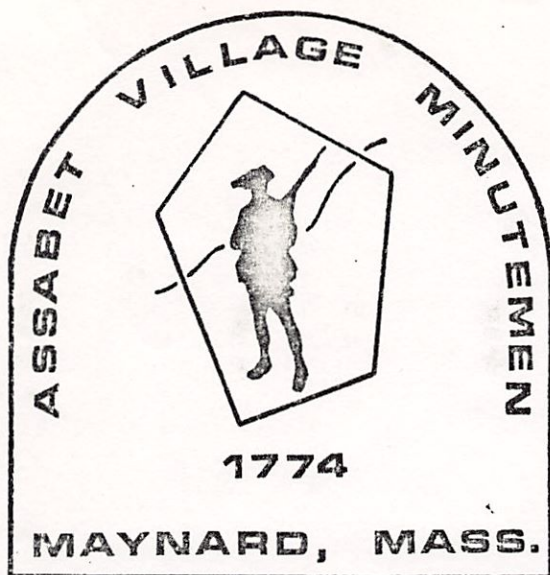
In this our Bicentennial year, it is most proper that we honor those whose efforts, dedication, and sacrifice, gave birth to this nation that we live in today. As noted by Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address over 100 years ago, that "the world would not long remember what was said here, but will never forget what was done here", so also may apply to us on June 20th, 1976. What was accomplished by our Colonial ancestors on April 19, 1775, will be remembered as long as men throughout the world cherish their freedom and are willing to stand up and fight for their right to remain free.

The Assabet Village Minutemen encourage all citizens of Maynard and the surrounding area to be present at this, our third Annual Colonial Day event, that we may show respect, and honor those to whom we as 20th Century Americans are truly indebted. Theirs was the spark that lit the torch of freedom. It is our privilege to carry it forth into our nation's third century.

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ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN

P.O. BOX 1775

MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

13 April 1976

Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town of Maynard  
Municipal Office Building  
Main Street  
Maynard, Massachusetts 01754

Gentlemen,

The Assabet Village Minutemen of Maynard, Massachusetts request the permission of the Board of Selectmen and the appropriate authorities of the Town of Maynard, to hold their 3rd Annual "Colonial Day" with a Colonial Parade on Sunday 20 June 1976, and the parade to follow the route as here described:

The parade will step off at 1:00PM from the Municipal Parking lot and enter Summer Street in front of the Fine Arts Theatre, take a right down Summer Street to Main Street, up Main Street to Nason Street, up Nason Street to Acton Street, up Acton Street to the Triangle of land bounded by Acton Street, Concord Street, and Haynes Street, where we shall dedicate a marker to the Minutemen of 1775. We shall leave the area and go down Concord Street to Maple Street, And then return to the Municipal Parking Lot by going down Summer Street and into the Lot using the entrance across from the Fine Arts Theatre. The Parade will then disburse.

There will then be a collation for the parade participants and their families at the Rod and Gun Club, at their facilities off Waltham Street. Their will be no firing of any kind allowed before, during or after the parade.

Most Sincerely,

Walter Mattson,  
Captain





# *Maynard* ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

POST OFFICE BOX 339

OLD MILL ROAD

MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

November 19, 1975


Walter Mattson, Capt.  
Assabet Valley Minutemen  
PO Box 1775  
Maynard, Mass. 01754

Dear Capt. Mattson;

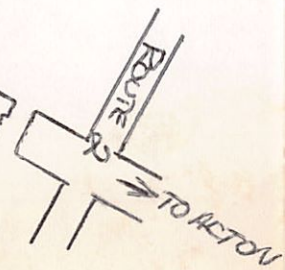
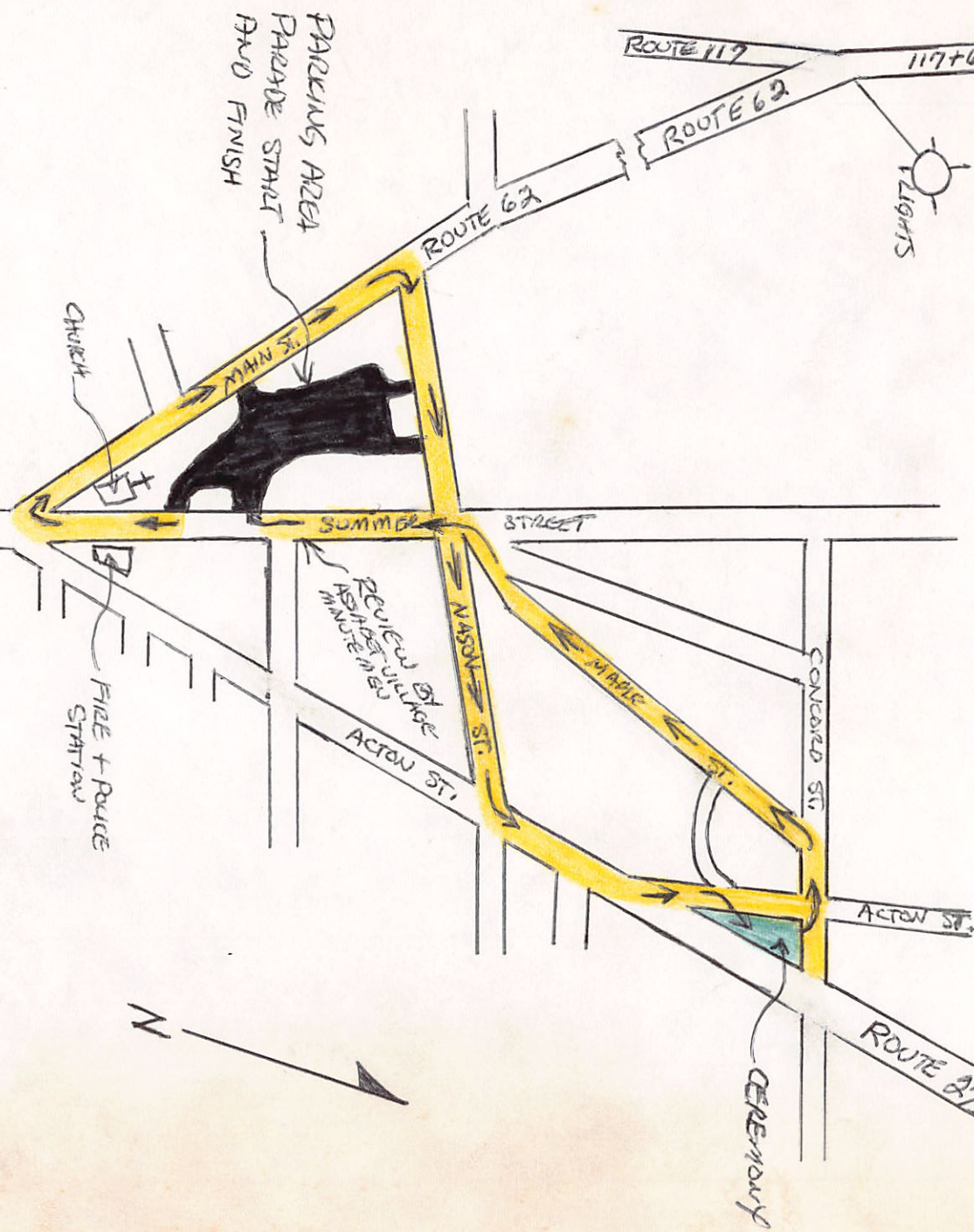
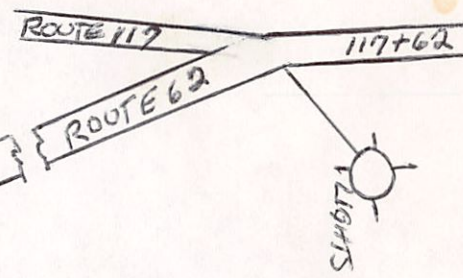
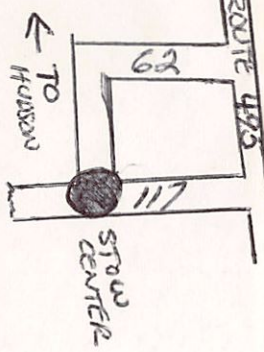
In reply to your letter of October 17, 1975 requesting use of our club's facilities for June 20, 1976, I am informing you that the members and officers of the Maynard R&G Club voted to extend an invitation to use our grounds on that date.

We are always happy to cooperate with local organizations such as the Minutemen.

Sincerely yours,  
MAYNARD ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

  
Charles R. Mahar, Jr.,  
Secretary





SUBURY ← ROUTE 27

ROUTE 62 TO CONCORD + ROUTE 27 →

ASSABET VILLAGE MINISTRIES

MAYNARD, MASS.

3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL COCAINE DAY

PARADE 1:00 PM - SUN, JUNE 20, 1976

1/2 MILE

OLD MILL ROAD



TO ROUTE 117 - WALTHAM + ROUTE 1A8



Representing the Town of Maynard  
Pick and T. White Cl. of Mass

On behalf of the Assabet Village  
Minutemen, I welcome you all here  
today, participating Colonial units, honored  
guests and citizens of Maynard and  
surrounding towns. We thank you for  
joining with us on this our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Colonial Day observance and in this dedication  
ceremony.

INVOCATION  
BY REV. DEWEY BROWN  
UN. CHURCH OF MASS

On April 19<sup>th</sup> 1775, this green on which we  
are now standing was part of the town of  
Stow. Militia and Minuteman units  
from Stow and towns to the west followed  
the Old Concord Road which is the  
road on the north side of this green, to  
~~the~~ to Concord to engage the armed forces  
of King George III at the North Bridge and  
on the Battle Road.

~~Today we dedicate the Old Concord Road~~

Today we dedicate a marker to the  
memory of these patriots of 2 centuries  
ago, not only ~~the~~ <sup>those</sup> particular minutemen  
who passed this point, but to all militia  
and minutemen who left their home  
families on that April morning,



to return that day, some not to return  
for years, and some who were never to  
see their homes and ~~families~~<sup>loved ones</sup> again.

As we dedicate this marker, let the  
memory of those citizen soldiers of 1775  
whose actions helped conceive the great  
nation that we enjoy today, guide us as  
we prepare to enter America's 3<sup>rd</sup> Century

Will Sergeant White, Rep. Wm Muller, Sen  
Charles Atkins please <sup>come forward and</sup> join with me ~~in~~<sup>in</sup>  
placing a wreath at the marker ~~in~~<sup>in</sup> honor of  
~~these~~ ~~the~~ all Militia and minutemen of 1775.

After placing the wreath, Our parent Company  
the Sturw Minutemen will have their first  
drums play the ~~the~~ National Anthem



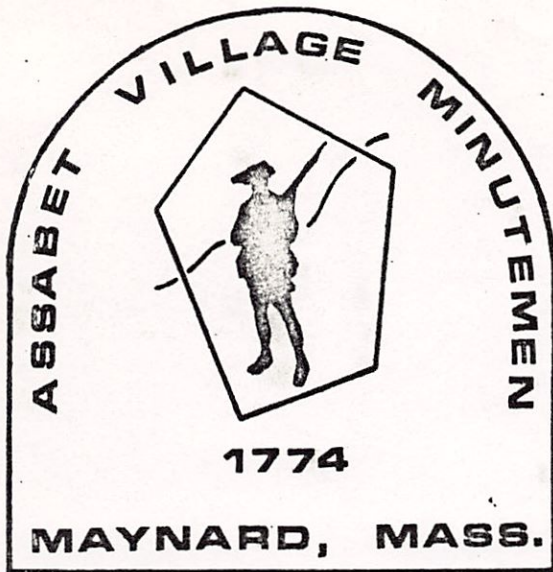
ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN

3rd ANNUAL COLONIAL DAY JUNE 20, 1976

LINE OF MARCH

- ①. Assabet Village Minutemen
- ②. Stow Minuteman Company
- ③. Bedford Minuteman Company
- ④. Braintree 3rd Volunteer Militia
5. Caledonian Volunteers
- ⑥. 1st Company Minutemen of Canton
- ⑦. First New Hampshire Regiment
- ⑧. Fourteenth Continental Army
- ⑨. Menotomy Minutemen
10. Capt. Samuel Wood Company of Minutemen of Northborough
11. Old Abington Militia
- ⑫. Sharon Militia Company
- ⑬. Southborough Companies of Militia and Minute
- ⑭. Stoughton Grenadiers
- ⑮. Wilmington Minutemen Company
- ⑯. The Westford Minutemen
- ⑰. LITTLETON
- 18.
- 19.
- 20.
- 21.
- 22.
- 23.
- 24.
- 25.





ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN  
P.O. BOX 1775  
MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

7 November 1975

Commander:

The Assabet Village Minutemen cordially invite your unit to participate in our 3rd Annual "Colonial Day" parade to be held in Maynard on Sunday, June 20th, 1976.

Following the parade, there will be a collation for the parade participants and their families and a Colonial Fair at the Maynard Rod and Gun Club.

If your unit has colonial items that you wish to display and/or sell at our Fair, you may do so. All we ask is that you let us know so that we may provide space for you to display your material. There will be no charge to your unit for this service.

If your unit has participated with us in our previous "Colonial Day" events, we thank you and hope that you will continue to give us your support. If you have not been able to be with us in prior years, we hope that you will take the opportunity to join with many colonial units that will be in the line of march in this, the only event to be held in the Town of Maynard to commemorate our nation's Bicentennial.

The Assabet Village Minutemen will present a streamer to each participating unit for their guide-on.

Additional information will be forwarded to you upon our receipt of an affirmative reply.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, June 20th, 1976.

For the Captain,  
*Larry P Huhtamaki*  
Larry Huhtamaki,  
Ensign Adjutant



# Colonial Day.

Yes

1. Braintree
2. Southborough
3. ~~Falmouth~~
4. Old Abington
5. Wilmington
6. Menotomy
7. Stoughton
8. Sharon
9. Northborough
10. Bedford
11. ~~Billerica (V)~~
12. Caladonian Volunteers
13. 14th Continental Army
14. Stow
15. Canton.
16. Westford (by plane 1 June)
17. 1st New Hampshire

No

1. Upton
2. Danvers
3. York
4. Dracket-Lowell
5. Lexington
6. Bolton (V)
7. Middleboro
8. Medway - Millis
9. Boylston
10. Framingham
11. Methuen
12. Northridge
13. Acton
14. Carlisle
15. Harvard Garrison
16. Randolph - South Suffolk
17. Concord
18. Buxton Fifer Drum
19. Falmouth





ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN INC.  
P.O. BOX 1775  
MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

25 June 1976

Commanding Officer,

On behalf of the Assabet Village Minutemen I wish to express the appreciation of our company and to thank you and your unit for participating in our 3rd Annual Colonial Day on Sunday, June 20, 1976.

We hope that you will set aside Sunday, June 19, 1977, so that you may again join with us in celebrating our 4th Annual Colonial Day.

We look forward to participating in your events, as we believe that by each unit assisting one another, we all, as well as the local communities, will benefit by this mutual cooperation.

Again, we thank you for your assistance in making our 3rd Annual Colonial Day a success.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Mattson".

Walter Mattson  
Captain Commanding





# The Stow Minuteman Company

Box 1775

Stow, Massachusetts 01775

Founded 1744 -- reactivated 1955

DATE: MAR 25, 1976

TO: ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR RECENT INVITATION TO HAVE US JOIN  
YOU IN YOUR CELEBRATION, WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM YOU  
THAT WE WILL BE JOINING YOU WITH A UNIT CONSISTING OF:

4 COLORBEARERS

25 MUSKETMEN

25 FIFERS AND DRUMMERS

30 CAMP FOLLOWERS

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THEN.

SINCERLY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Donald Call'.

DONALD CALL  
SARGEANT ADJUTANT  
STOW MINUTEMEN



# BEDFORD MINUTEMAN COMPANY

POST OFFICE BOX 1775 BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01730

March 13, 1976

Larry Huhtamaki, Ensign Adjutant  
Assabet Village Minutemen  
P. O. Box 1775  
Maynard, Massachusetts 01754

Dear Mr. Huhtamaki:

The Bedford Minutemen accept with pleasure your invitation to attend your 3rd Annual "Colonial Day" parade on Sunday, June 20, 1976. Please forgive our lengthy delay in answering your invitation.

We will not require booth space at your Colonial Fair as we do not plan to display any items.

Yours truly,

*Norman Wright*

Norman Wright  
Captain



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## Minutemen of Canton

*Box 1775, Canton, Massachusetts 02021*

April 5, 1976

Assabet Village Minutemen

P. O. Box 1775

Maynard, Massachusetts 01754

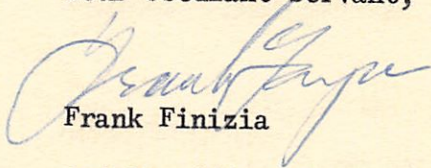
Dear Sirs:

The First Company of Minutemen of Canton is pleased to be able to accept your invitation to participate in your Colonial Day Parade and Fair on June 20th.

Please let us know the time schedule for the day as soon as possible so that we may make our arrangements.

With every best wish for a successful event we await your further instructions.

Your obedient servant,



Frank Finizia

2nd Lt. Adjutant



THE FIRST

*New - Hampshire*

REGIMENT INC.

30 May 1976

Assabet Village Minutemen  
P.O. Box 1775  
Maynard, Massachusetts 01754

Dear Adjutant Huhtamaki:

Your kind invitation to participate in the annual "Colonial Day" parade was approved by The Regiment at our last monthly meeting. We wish to thank the Maynard organization for their consideration.

Any additional information you may have would be appreciated.

Many thanks for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

*Wilson C. DuBois*

Wilson C. DuBois  
Adjutant, The First  
New Hampshire Regiment



2 Pinecrest Terrace  
Maynard, Mass. 01754  
8 June 1976

Captain Walter Mattson  
Assabet Village Minutemen  
P.O. Box 1775  
Maynard, Mass. 01754

Dear Captain Mattson:

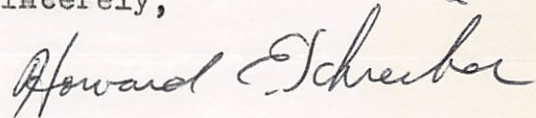
Thank you for invitation to present at the dedication of the marker in memory of the Minutemen of 1775 on Sunday 20 June 1976.

Due to a previous commitment, I regret that I shall not be able to attend.

However, I have made arrangements to have William Stades (Doc), a Past Commander of the Frank J. DeMars Post #235, A.L. to represent the Post and me at your ceremony.

I hope that your parade and dedication ceremony will be very successful.

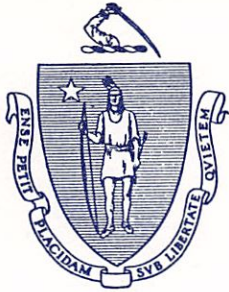
Sincerely,



Howard E. Schreiber, Commander  
Post #235, American Legion

cc; William Stades





# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## House of Representatives

State House, Boston

WILLIAM C. MULLIN  
48TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT  
TEL. 897-8421

June 7, 1976

Committee on  
Public Service/Health Care

STATE HOUSE OFFICE  
ROOM 39  
TEL. 727-8206

Assabet Village Minutemen  
Mr. Walter Mattson, Captain  
50 Old Marlborough Road  
Maynard, Massachusetts

Dear Walter:

I am sorry that we have had such difficulty getting in touch with each other, but I am sure that you understand. Thank you for your invitation to attend the ceremony on Sunday, June 20th, at 1:30 P.M. across from the Mullin Homestead. I will be honored to attend.

Walter, keep up the good work and my best wishes are extended to you for the continued success of the Assabet Village Minutemen.

Yours truly,

*Bill Mullin*

WILLIAM C. MULLIN  
State Representative

WCM/d