FOR RELEASE SUNDAY JUNE 16th, 1974

Assabet Village Minutemen to hold 1st Annual Colonial Day in Maynard.

Maynard, Mass.

June 16th, 1974

The Assabet Village Minutemen of Maynard, Massachusetts, will hold their lst annual "Colonial Day" in Maynard on Sunday, June 23rd, 1974. This will feature a Parade consisting of Minutemen and Militia units starting at 2:00 P.M. followed by a display of Colonial Arts and Crafts at the Maynard Rod & Gun Club, off Waltham Street.

Colonial Units from New Hampshire and Massachusetts will participate in the first event of this kind to be held in Maynard. The parade will form in the Digital Equipment Corporation parking lot on Main Street (Route 62) at 1:30 and step off at 2:00 o'clock. The line of march will be out on to Front Street, right on Sudbury Street, right on to Main Street, down Main Street on to Nason Street, up Nason Street, right on to Summer Street to the reviewing stand at Memorial Park where streamers will be awarded to participating units. After the review and presentation of streamers, the parade will continue down Summer Street, to the intersection with Main Street, turn right on to Main Street and follow Main Street to the Digital parking lot where the parade will terminate.

Following the parade there will be a display of Colonial Arts and Crafts at the Maynard Rod & Gun Club sponsored by the Assabet Village Minutemen and presented by the individual Minutemen and Militia Companies in attendance. The public is cordially invited to visit the Arts and Crafts exhibition and view the Colonial items made by these 20th Century craftsmen.

The Company of Assabet Village Minutemen was formed on April 12th, 1971, to recreate the events and perpetuate the memory of the original Minutemen from Maynard.

In 1775 the Town of Maynard did not exist as we know it today. It was then just a village on the Assabet River; partly in Stow, and partly in Sudbury, as the Assabet River was the boundary between these two Colonial towns.

When the call came early on that April morning in 1775, the men of the Assabet Village fell in with their respective companies in Stow and Sudbury and prepared to defend their rights as free men against the soldiers of their King, at Concord.

This march to Concord from Maynard is re-created by the Assabet Village Minutemen each Patriot's Day as they follow the route taken two centuries ago by the original Minutemen from this area.

The Assabet Village Minutemen are members of the Council of Minutemen and attend musters, parades, and many other activities sponsored by other companies of the Council throughout Maine and Massachusetts, as well as many other Colonial functions held in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and New York.

As the Bicentennial of the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1975 and the National Bicentennial in 1976 nears, the activities of Colonial units increase. The Company of Assabet Village Minutemen have accepted many invitations to participate in ceremonies and other functions for the remainder of this year as well as the Bicentennial years and would like to invite all of our fellow countrymen to join with us in celebrating the birth of this great nation we live in and enjoy today.

For more information call: Walter Mattson 50 Old Marlborough Road Maynard, Mass. 01754

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

24 June 1974

To the Commanding Officer,

The officers and men of the Assabet Village Minutemen wish to convey our thanks and appreciation to your company for their participation in our 1st Annual "Colonial Day".

Our Colonial Day was the first event of this type to be held in the Town of Maynard, and its success was due to the great participation by our fellow Militia and Minuteman Companies.

Again, we wish to thank you and we hope that you will join with us in celebrating "Colonial Day" next year.

For the Captain,

Walter Mattson, Sgt. Ajt.



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1 December 1974

Company Commander,

Your company is cordially invited to participate in our 2nd Annual "Colonial Day" Parade and Colonial Fair on Sunday 22 June 1975.

Further information will be sent to you at a later date on receipt of an affirmative reply to this invitation.

We would appreciate your reply, either affirmative or negative, as early as possible so that we may make final arrangements for this activity, for as you realize, 1975 is an active year for all of us.

We thank all of you for making our 1st "Colonial Day" a success and with your participation, our 2nd "Colonial Day" will be even more successful.

For the Captain,

Jack Cuddy,

Sgt. Ajt.

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- 2. Stow Minutemen Company Stow, Mass.
- 3. Acton Minutemen Acton, Mass.
- 4. Cape Cod Barnstable County Militia South Dennis, Mass.
- 5. Bedford Minutemen Company Bedford, Mass.
- 6. Billerica Colonial Minutemen Billerica, Mass.
- 7. Bolton Minutemen Bolton, Mass.
- 8. Capt. Robert Andrews Company of Militia and Minutemen Boylston, Mass.
- 9. Boxborough District Minutemen Company Boxborough, Mass.
- 10. Carlisle Colonial Minutemen Carlisle, Mass.
- 11. Eighteenth Colonial Militia Company Dover, N. H.
- 12. First New Hampshire Regiment Nashua, N.H.
- 13. Fourteenth Continental Army Fort Devens, Mass.
- 14. Framingham Companies of Militia and Minutemen Framingham, Mass.
- 15. Groton Minutemen Groton, Mass.
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24.	Southborough Companies of Militia and Minutemen -	Southborough, Mass
25.	Upton Colonial Militia - Upton, Mass.	
26.	Wilmington Minutemen Company - Wilmington, Mass.	
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3	Acton Minutemen - Acton, Mass. Col. WACTOL SOHNICE
4	Cape Cod Barnstable County Militia - South Dennis, Mass. CAPT CARL WENBERG
(5)	Bedford Minutemen Company - Bedford, Mass. CAPT. STEUE TUTKO
6.	Billerica Colonial Minutemen - Billerica, Mass.
7.	Bolton Minutemen - Bolton, Mass.
8.	Capt. Robert Andrews Company of Militia and Minutemen - Boylston, Mass.
5	Boxborough District Minutemen Company - Boxborough, Mass. CAST. GERRY GAEBE
10.	Carlisle Colonial Minutemen - Carlisle, Mass. CAT. NORMAN GEIS
11.	Eighteenth Colonial Militia Company - Dover, N. H.
12.	First New Hampshire Regiment - Nashua, N.H. COL, JOHN AMADON
13.	Fourteenth Continental Army - Fort Devens, Mass. CAPT. DYER BARKER
14.	Framingham Companies of Militia and Minutemen - Framingham, Mass. COL WILLIAM MARTIN
15.	Groton Minutemen - Groton, Mass. CAST. DAVID PREST
16.	Hubbardston Minutemen - Hubbardston, Mass.
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	27.	MASS BAY COLONIACS BOS'N RALPH BEEWER
	28.	IST DEACOT - LOWELL MILITIA - CAPT. BOB KIRBY
	29.	LITTIPION MINUTEMEN COMPANY. CAPT. RUSS ME CUILLIAMS
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