



Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute

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Folks,

First off, thank you to everyone who made the March and especially the folks who organized the March and the folks who work tirelessly behind the scenes. It always amazes me on how things come together on the day from planning the route, getting all permits/permissions, and keeping the troops well fed (with great food!!), watered, and caffeinated. It was a great day and a slightly different new route. We made a bit of history that day - I'm just honored to have you share the day with me and allow me to be your Colonel this year. To all of you, again, thank you!

It's been a little over a week from the March and I can't believe we're already looking at the May Muster – how time flies! The **May Muster** will be held on **May 1st** at the Wayside Inn. The **Officers meeting and Faire Committee** will be at **7:00**, **business meeting** will start at **7:30**, and end at **8:00 for our speaker**. This month's speaker will be Ken Daigler, who will be discussing the true stories of spies and intelligence operations during the American Revolution. He will also be selling and signing his new book, "Spies, Patriots and Traitors". Ken comes to our area to visit family and friends and actually sat in the back of the room during one of our meetings. He reached out to me to see if we would be interested in him giving a talk – heck yeah! A little about Ken:

Ken is a retired CIA operations officer. He has also consulted for the Department of Defense in the counterintelligence field. His academic degrees are in history, with a B.A from Centre College of Kentucky and an M.A. from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Ken has focused his studies on American intelligence activities in the 1765 to 1865 period. He had written numerous articles for various journals within the US intelligence community including "Studies in Intelligence" and "The Intelligencer". In May 2014 Georgetown University Press released his book, "Spies, Patriots and Traitors", which describes American intelligence activities during the Revolutionary Period both within the colonies and abroad. He has been a contributor to the on-line "Journal of the American Revolution", and a consultant to the Nathan Hale Homestead in Connecticut and the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

This looks to be a fun and informative talk!

Next Saturday, **6 May 2017**, at **11:00 at the Wayside Inn** will be our next **drill**. The plan is to be outside, but if the weather is inclement, we'll plan to have the drill in the barn. We want to work on both drill and maneuvers and need a little more room than the barn. The SCMM will be joined by the 4th Middlesex, who will be practicing the French drill first. We will be working together on the 1764 drill in preparation for the **Escape from Boston event in Newbury MA on May 19-21**. Please attend the drill if

you want to attend the event in Newbury since we will be amalgamated with the 4th Middlesex.

For this drill, please wear all your militia gear that you intend to wear at Newbury. This is musket, cartridge box, bayonet (if you have it), canteen, and knapsack – dressed according to law ;-). Dana Rock et. al of the 4th Middlesex will also be checking out your drill as well during this drill. If the weather is good (currently looks unsettled) we'll work through basic maneuvers, similar to Battle Road, in preparation for Newbury. Let's have a good showing from the SCMM to support the Newbury event!

The next event is the **Escape from Boston event in Newbury MA on May 19-21**. To learn more about the event, go to:

<http://www.reenactorinfo.org/reenactment/42-escape-from-boston> and
<http://redcoat.org/escape.html>

From the site:

THE SCENE: May 1775, barely one month after the battles of Lexington and Concord, and the British Regulars are besieged in Boston, surrounded by thousands of local militia and Minutemen in a line that stretches for many miles. This is General Gage's one shot at breaking through the siege line with his mighty Regulars. He picks what he perceives to be the weakest part of the line and hits it hard. The battle that ensues will determine if he is a hero for the crown, or a goat!

Join us at the Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm in Newbury, Massachusetts for "Escape From Boston," a weekend encampment and battle scenarios that play out this "what-if" alternate history scheme that might have changed the course of the American Revolution

I've been to events at this site a number of times – it is fantastic – highly recommended! Also, Steve Crosby from the Acton MM promises one of the best taverns for the year. Our own Col (ret) John Neuhauser has organized a fantastic group of sutlers and demonstrators. This is an event NOT to be missed.

If you folks didn't know, the reenactorinfo.org website and list is managed by our own Will Hutchinson! Please take a moment to visit the site – it is VERY informative.

For folks not going to Newbury, there is a **firing detail in Framingham** to support a **Veteran's Appreciation Day at the McAuliffe Branch Library, 746 Water Str, on 20 May**. This event supports the opening of a Veteran's Resource Center at the library. They are looking for as many that are available to fire a salute prior to taps being played. I don't have the exact times to date, but hope to have them at the meeting. I'll need someone to act as Sergeant since I will be up at Newbury for the event there.

Our final event of May is the **Sudbury Memorial Day Parade on 29 May**. This Parade and ceremonies honor veterans of all wars that involved Sudbury residents starting with King Philip's War in 1676 thru today's conflicts in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. We will **meet at 9:00 AM** at the **Rugged Bear Plaza** in preparation for a 9:30 step off. We will be joined by the Sudbury Ancient Fyfe and Drum Companies. The parade is usually over by 11:00 AM.

Looking to June, we are looking at a minor date change for the **live shoot at the Maynard Rod and Gun Club (MRG)**. Our host, Craig Schomp, will just be coming back from vacation on Saturday 3 June, the date of the shoot. I'm looking at moving the date to **Sunday 4 June** to allow Craig to participate and to have continuity at the MRG. I'll know soon if the date change is acceptable – it should be. I'll also be

looking for help with rolling and filling live rounds – more on that later this month.

Dates for you to know:

- **1 May 2017 – Muster – 7:00** Meeting for Officers and Faire Committee, **7:30** General Muster – Old Ball Room - **8:00 Speaker**.

Ken Daigler will speak on American intelligence activities during the Revolutionary Period both within the colonies and abroad. He will be selling and signing copies of his book, “Spies, Patriots and Traitors”.

- **6 May – Drill Wayside Inn– starting at 11:00 AM.** Come in the kit – drill is mandatory for those planning to go the Escape from Boston Event in Newbury. Drill should end around 1:00 PM.
- **May 19 – 21; Escape from Boston, in Newbury, MA.** The SCMM has been invited to field since this is a Militia event.
- **20 May** – Veteran’s Appreciation Day at McAuliffe Library in Framingham.
- **29 May 2017** – Memorial Day – Meet at 9:00 AM at the Rugged Bear Plaza in preparation for a 9:30 step off
- 4 June 2017 (slightly new date) - Live Shoot at the Maynard Rod and Gun Club (MRGC) - I’m working with Craig Schomp from the MRGC and Stow MM. Will be looking for volunteers to cast ball and roll cartridges.
- 5 June 2017 – Muster
- 4 July – Sudbury Independence Day Parade
- 11 September 2017 – Muster
- 30 September 2017 – Sudbury Faire and Muster of Fyfes and Drums
- **4 November – Battle of Red Horse Tavern – NOTE – this is a change from earlier notices.**

Finally, I’m looking at having a discussion separate from our regular muster to have a focused discussion on the state of the Company and the organizational structure. Not to get anyone concerned, we are a very active organization – better than most reenactment groups – but the organization as defined in the Bylaws was written for a larger organization and needs to be amended. Additionally, the bylaws were also written for most of the group’s organizational roles to be performed by the officers. Based on my experience as an officer and the additional activities required to support the organization being a 501c3 non-profit, some tasks have ballooned and can be daunting to many folks. An example of this is the Adjutant position in which that position not only requires book keeping, but tax filing as well. By breaking up some of the roles that are normally performed by officers and adding roles necessary for the management of the 501c3 status, then the organization can become more streamlined and the officers can more effectively manage the group.

I would like to have this preliminary **discussion on Monday May 22 at the Wayside Inn** – I’ll try to find a room that we can use. I’ll also publish an agenda and a set of talking points prior to the meeting. Again, the goal is to grow the group and provide opportunities for folks to serve on positions without being burdened by the tasks or responsibility of being an officer.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Again, I cannot say enough for all your support during this year and look forward to seeing you all very soon.

For Massachusetts and Congress!

Steven

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