



Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute

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Upcoming Muster

Monday, September 13, 8:00 p.m. Wayside Inn Ballroom

2010 Colonial Faire and Muster

As you all know our next muster is an important one for many reasons. One we'll be hearing from our Faire Committee (Matthew Mees, Chairperson) on the 2010 Colonial Faire. All the details that you ever wanted to know will be presented in a most captivating fashion. You'll hear about some new additions and some returning classic elements that should make the Faire a great event. Of course we'll pass around the volunteer sign-up sheet. We need to be able to count on everyone to help staff the booths not just a handful! Of course if you want to sign up early send Matthew an email. Matthew will be emailing the sign up sheet out asap and we'll also be adding it to our website.

More information and details about the faire and faire set-up are to be found later in the muster notice. PLEASE READ IT as there may be a pop quiz.

Quartermaster Election

We have three nominations for our next Quartermaster. To date, Ron Moreira, Ron Lamphere and Jack McCarter have been nominated. As is the long standing tradition, the Companies will also accept nominations from the floor. Each candidate standing for election will give their campaign speech and then we'll vote for our newest officer. Remember you need to be present to vote for your next officer.

Battle of the Red Horse Tavern update

The organizers of the Red Horse Tavern will provide an update and will be recruiting for the event. Come and hear all about it.

Colonel's Corner:

I just want to thank everyone for the past year. Being Colonel far exceeded my expectations. It was a real blast for me and hope it was for you too. As I did, I hope you learned some new things, got to experience something new, hope you met some interesting and fun people and most importantly had fun doing it. It was an honor to serve as your Colonel and follow in the long line of Colonel's of the Sudbury Co's. I have so many memories that I'll always look upon and smile.

Messages from the officers:

Message from the Lt. Colonel

The Lt. Colonel, being a man of few words, has decided to save them all up for the next 12 months. Stay tuned...

Message from the Adjutant

The Adjutant, still has powder for sale. Come on people let's buy it up so we can get more; and then do what... why make more noise of course.

Message from the Quartermaster

I think Dan might have fallen asleep again so I'm just copying what I had last time. We'd like to collect any pictures videos, etc you want to share (digital) of the Companies or members doing "minuteman-stuff" (sheep don't count) so we can add them to our website and Facebook page. If you have any pictures or videos of the Companies please forward them to the Quartermaster, quartermaster@sudburyminutemen.org (Ohh now he's awake.) Dan is also seeking to update/add on to *To Kill a Squirrel*. If you have anything to add, good, bad or ugly please let him know. It would help if you could identify who was the Colonel during that memory too.

Message from the Faire Chairman

The Faire is just around the corner, less than a month to go. The next and last official Faire Committee meeting for the 2010 Colonial Faire is **Thursday, September 9th at 7:00** at the Inn. The Faire Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Faire, Faire set up and take down. There is lots to be done so you'll have ample opportunity to help lighten the load. Remember, the more who volunteer the easier it is on everyone. With your help this year's Faire promises to be great. Contact Matthew, faire@sudburyminutemen.org, for more info regarding the Faire, to see how you can help and to sign up for a shift in a booth.

Below is a list of important dates and times regarding the Faire. (This is what you might be quizzed on. Winner to get special prize.)

FAIRE INFO ... FAIRE INFO ... FAIRE INFO ... FAIRE INFO

Set-up day - Saturday, Sept 18: Meet at 8:30am at Hal's barn. Bring trucks, vans, cars, sherpas, pack mules, anything, to help carry poles, signage, barrels etc. to the field and/or the Wayside Barn. If you can't make it to Hal's, meet at 9:15am on the faire field and we'll get you to good use. Then when the poles arrive we'll get the booths set up. Bring a ladder, a step stool, a cherry picker, a really tall person to stand on; whatever you have that can help you reach higher. A knife may come in handy too. Also shovels, posthole diggers, sledge hammers would be a welcome addition too. Bailing twine if you have it as well. Usually we finish around 12:00pm or 12:30 and break for pizza. The more folks we get the faster we'll get it all done.

Final Faire Set-up Day - Friday, Sept. 24 - Wayside Inn ~12 noon. We'll throw the canvas up on the booths and take care of any final preparations. Again, bring a ladder and a knife. We expect a few of our guests and vendors to come and set up their booths and tents this night so we'll welcome them and show them to their spots. Who knows, the incoming Colonel, as is traditional, may just buy you a drink.

Faire Day - Saturday Sept. 25: 10am to 4pm. You know what to do. We'll need everyone to help out. We're counting on you. Come and help and enjoy the Faire. Show up early to help with any last minute things.

Things to do for the Faire:

Sign up for a shift or two in one of our booths. (Contact the faire weenie)

Bake something for the baked goods booth

Bring cartridges; you never know what sort of altercation will break out

Help out during the Faire with anything that needs doing

Have a great day

Faire Clean-up Day - Sunday Sept. 26: Arrive at 8:00am to help take down booths and poles, clean up the field, collect signage and return stuff to Hal's barn. What to bring; pick-up trucks, ladders, gloves, knife etc. The more people who help the more fun it'll be. We need someone with a pick-up truck to help drive the poles back to Hal's barn.

Upcoming Sudbury Co's Events

Please read and join us

Quaboag Settlement 350th Anniversary Celebration & Parade, September 19th

The Companies will be marching in the "Celebration of the Settlement of the Quaboag Plantation and 'Old' Brookfield" parade in West Brookfield, MA on Sunday September 19th.

The parade starts at 12 noon.

Meet at 11:00am at the West Brookfield Elementary School, 89 North Main St. West Brookfield MA. Roads around the school will be closing about 11:15 so get there early unless you like extra walking.

Directions (from Wayside Inn provided by Yahoo):

Mass Pike west

Take exit #9/HARTFORD/NEW YORK CITY onto I-84 W (Toll applies) - go 1.6 mi

Take exit #3B/STURBRIDGE (RT-131)/PALMER onto US-20 W (Toll applies) - go 0.8 mi

Continue on MAIN ST(US-20) - go 1.5 mi

Turn Right on RT-148 - go 7.6 mi
Turn Left on W MAIN ST(RT-9) - go 2.5 mi
Bear Right on SCHOOL ST - go 0.1 mi
Turn Right on N MAIN ST(RT-67) - go 0.2 mi
Arrive at 89 N MAIN ST, WEST BROOKFIELD, on the Right

I know this is the day after set-up day but it'd be nice to have a good turnout. Plus this is the last time that I'll be able to lead you in a parade. That fact should be enough for you to want to come out and celebrate as you kick me out the door.

Battle of the Red Horse Tavern, October 30, Wayside Inn

The Sudbury Companies are again hosting our re-enactor friends this fall for the Battle of the Red Horse Tavern. Last year's premier opened to resounding reviews. This year promises to be even better. The planning for this year is coming along nicely. We'll give an update at the muster. We will need help during the day with staffing the information table, registration, parking, crowd control etc. Additionally, we need people to partake in our town meeting and raising of the Liberty Pole. But watch out for Redcoats who assuredly will be none to please us and may try to enforce their version of justice, chop down our Liberty Pole or even steal our women, muskets and sheep.

If you want to share in the fun of please let the Colonel know. Any and all help is more than welcome. Plus we'll need men-at-arms. We'll answer your questions and do some recruiting at the muster.

Door Duty

Please sign up for door duty. We need to fulfill our obligation to the Inn by serving as greeters. As a small way of thanking the Inn for their hospitality throughout the year we are asked to welcome guests to the Inn. It really is a lot of fun and you do meet some very nice and some very interesting people. Plus there is no better place to be on a fall afternoon than at the Inn. We have openings that need filling so why not spend a Sunday at the Inn. The schedule is at the end of the muster notice. Contact Kevin Gatlin, kevingatli@aol.com, to signup.

Bob Stone Memorial Lecture series

The first in this series has been scheduled for October 23 at the Martha-Mary Chapel. The Inn is counting on us to help them with the series. Contact Mark Lamkin, mklamkin@verizon.net for more information and to help organize.

On this date... (courtesy of history.com)

September 13, 1806

American sympathizer Charles James Fox dies in Britain

On this day in 1806, Charles James Fox, first foreign secretary of the United Kingdom and vocal supporter of American independence, dies in Chiswick, Devon, England.

Fox was born to noble parents, Henry Fox, later first Baron Holland, and Lady Caroline Lennox, daughter of the second Duke of Richmond, and received a noble education at Eton College and Oxford University. Despite this traditional upbringing, he devoted his political career to defending liberty and was adamantly opposed to slavery. His personal life, however, was quite different: it revolved around gambling, fashion, debt and adultery.

The Fox family suffered public humiliation when King George III rejected Charles' aunt, Lady Sarah Lennox, as a potential fiancée after enjoying a very public flirtation with her in 1760-61. The relationship between George III and Charles James Fox, then, was marked by both personal and political animosity. Fox supported the protesting American colonists during his first stint in Parliament from 1768 to 1772, and the citizens of Foxborough, Massachusetts, responded by naming their town in his honor. Fox eventually resigned from Parliament after a squabble with George III and, while out of office, developed a strong friendship with British radical Edmund Burke, who also supported the American cause.

When Fox's political faction returned to power in 1780, Fox returned to Parliament, and in 1782, he became Britain's first foreign secretary, charged with negotiating a peace treaty with the Americans following the British defeat at Yorktown. Fox again angered George III with his readiness to declare the Americans independent and was ousted from his position as foreign secretary by the king's parliamentary allies. Fox managed to retain his seat in Parliament after a close and legally contested election in 1784. Fox went on to support the French Revolution in 1789 and continued to stand against royal power until his death in 1806.

On this date BONUS because it's cool (courtesy of history.com)

September 13, 1814

Key pens Star-Spangled Banner

On this day in 1814, Francis Scott Key pens a poem which is later set to music and in 1931 becomes America's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, originally titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written after Key witnessed the Maryland fort being bombarded by the British during the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the sight of a lone U.S. flag still flying over Fort McHenry at daybreak, as reflected in the now-famous words of the "Star-Spangled Banner": "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."

Francis Scott Key was born on August 1, 1779, at Terra Rubra, his family's estate in Frederick County (now Carroll County), Maryland. He became a successful lawyer in Maryland and Washington, D.C., and was later appointed U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

On June 18, 1812, America declared war on Great Britain after a series of trade disagreements. In August 1814, British troops invaded Washington, D.C., and burned the White House, Capitol Building and Library of Congress. Their next target was Baltimore.

After one of Key's friends, Dr. William Beanes, was taken prisoner by the British, Key went to Baltimore, located the ship where Beanes was being held and negotiated his release. However, Key and Beanes weren't allowed to leave until after the British bombardment of Fort McHenry. Key watched the bombing campaign unfold from aboard a ship located about eight miles away. After a day, the British were unable to destroy the fort and gave up. Key was relieved to see the American flag still flying over Fort McHenry and quickly penned a few lines in tribute to what he had witnessed.

The poem was printed in newspapers and eventually set to the music of a popular English drinking tune called "To Anacreon in Heaven" by composer John Stafford Smith. People began referring to the song as "The Star-Spangled Banner" and in 1916 President Woodrow Wilson announced that it should be played at all official events. It was adopted as the national anthem on March 3, 1931.

Francis Scott Key died of pleurisy on January 11, 1843. Today, the flag that flew over Fort McHenry in 1814 is housed at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

2010 WAYSIDE INN DOOR DUTY LIST

DATE	NAME
9-5-10	OPEN
9-12-10	Jack McCarter, Stacey Akerstrom
9-19-10	Annie & Tony Howes
9-26-10	OPEN
10-3-10	Rudy & Madaline Arn
10-10-10	OPEN
10-17-10	OPEN
10-24-10	Jack McCarter and Stacy Akerstrom
10-31-10	Hal & Betsy Cutler
11-7-10	OPEN
11-14-10	OPEN
11-21-10	OPEN
11-25-10	Mark Boudreau and Karen Baldyga
11-28-10	Dan Meenan and Maureen Booth
12-5-10	Sherry & Klaus Schneller
12-12-10	OPEN
12-19-10	Barbara & Kevin Gatlin
12-26-10	Betsy & Hal Cutler
1-2-11	OPEN
1-9-11	OPEN
1-16-11	OPEN
1-23-11	OPEN
1-30-11	OPEN

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AS GREETERS, HOSTS AND HOSTESSES ON THE FRONT DOOR OF THE WAYSIDE INN. IF FOR ANY REASON YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR COMMITMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE COORDINATORS LISTED BELOW (HE/SHE WILL ASSIST YOU IN FINDING A SUBSTITUTE).

A Reminder: The Inn Keeper graciously provides dinner to the Militia Volunteers completing a day on Door Duty. We are responsible for any beer, wine or alcoholic beverages that we may consume and a tip to the waitperson serving us. The Inn is prohibited by law from providing free alcoholic beverages to the public.

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