

# *Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute*

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Folks,

Thanks to the folks who came out to the Memorial Day celebrations – these local celebrations bring us back to who came before us and the sacrifices made by our ancestors to make us who we are today. As we are in now in June (sorry for the late muster notice) and looking to July, we only have a few events before our summer break. We just had the shoot this weekend – the next event is the muster, then the July 4th weekend. During the summer break, Faire committee will be meeting as well as the Bylaws Committee. More on both further on in this notice.

The **June Muster** will be held on **June 5th at the Wayside Inn**. The **Officers and Faire meeting** will be at **7:00**, business meeting will start at **7:30**, and end at **8:00 for our speaker**. Thanks to Larry Leonard, this month's speaker will be Helen Poirier, who will give us a primer on Genealogy 101. Helen is a member of the DAR and instructed folks on how to start looking up their ancestors. Helen has joked that, since she is a former teacher, she will be giving us handouts ;-). Should be another fun talk!

So our next event after the Muster is...the **4th of July parade in Sudbury**. We will **muster at 12:00 PM on the 4th** of July at Chiswick Park, 490 Boston Post Road. We will assemble in ranks, undergo inspection and then at 1:00 PM as the Town-Soldiers, and Minute Men step off and make a great Parade to-day; marching with our Colors, Baggage & Provisions (to borrow a little from Col. Hoover). I believe in past years that one can park behind the Town Hall and pick up a bus to the start of the parade. After the parade, we traditionally go to the Wayside Inn to water the Independence Oak and change over the flag.

Business of Note: Bylaws Meeting

On Monday May 22 at the Wayside Inn, George Connor, Larry Leonard, Klaus Schneller and Steven Taskovics met to discuss slight modifications to the bylaws. The first goal was to make the SCMM compliant to meet the requirements of a 501c3 and split out some roles to reduce the load on the

officers and to allow other member to take on organizational roles. This was a very productive meeting. We agreed that we would raise a Bylaws committee to take a fresh look at the Bylaws and that George, Larry, Klaus and I would meet again – we would also look for additional and interested members to join us. Though a lot was discussed, points which will be brought up again in future meetings, we agreed that the following positions be opened for members in the SCMM to fulfil:

- Treasurer – This position is one of the many duties that the Adjutant is responsible for. Since the adjutant changes from year to year, so does the style of which the adjutant runs/organizes the books. Having a consistent treasurer, who can be elected for multiple years, would provide consistency that SCMM needs to full one of its tenants for being a 501c3 organization.
- Clerk – This is a role that is not currently on the books for the officers or membership that needs to be developed and filled in order for us to be compliant as a 501c3 organization. Another name for this is Secretary. Basically, notes and attendance should be taken at all our meetings. Though we take attendance, broadly recording the meetings is necessary for consistency and to make certain that Company business is being addressed.

During the summer, these positions/roles will be developed with the goal of voting on them in September after comment by the membership. After my tenure as Colonel, I still plan on being involved with the Bylaws since I believe this is a verify important aspect of the organization that needs to be reviewed.

The Escape from Boston event in Newbury MA on May 19-21. A small group of SCMM and 4th Middlesex attended the event: Adam Aubuchon, JoAnna Brench, Joanis Family, Jess Reardon, Ben Ruesch, Dana Rock, and Steven Taskovics. Carl and Ellie Hutchinson were running the guns with Crane’s Artillery and Bryon Bausk, Dwight Dixon, Kevin Gatlin, and John Neuhauser with playing with “the other guys”. It was a nice event with good tactical events, great set of sutlers, and a fantastic tavern. The SCMM should attend more of these events when given the chance.

The live shoot at the Maynard Rod and Gun Club (MRG) - Sunday 4 June. Though there were 6 of us, we all had a fun time. I’ll have the targets for the meeting. In attendance were Steve Joanis, Larry Leonard, Craig and Matthew Schomp, Steven Taskovics, and Jen Toth.

The SCMM got an invitation from Audrey Childs for an event in Watertown MA on 15 July. The invitation is for the signing of the Treaty of Watertown. The invitation is a the back of this newsletter.

#### **Dates for you to know:**

- **5 June 2017 – Muster - 7:00** Meeting for Officers, **7:30** General Muster – Old Ball Room –

### **Speaker at 8:00**

- **4 July 2017 – Sudbury 4th of July Parade** – Park behind the Sudbury Town Hall to meet up with the Militia at Chiswick park at 12:00. Drill and safety followed by parade at 1:00 PM – meet at Wayside Inn after parade to water the Independence Oak.
- **15 July 2017 – Treaty Day 2017** - Edmund Fowle House, 28 Marshall Street, Watertown, MA, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (rain or shine)
- 11 September 2017 – Muster
- 30 September 2017 – Sudbury Faire and Muster of Fyfes and Drums
- 4 November – Battle of Red Horse Tavern

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. Again, apologies for the late notice – a lot going on and the time just caught up with me...

For Massachusetts and Congress!

Steven

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>From Audrey Childs:

Steve,

Good evening! It has been a while since we connected. That goodness for Facebook where I get a little update now and then.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Historical Society of Watertown. We would like to invite you and the members/families of the Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute; the Regiment de Saintonge; and the 4th Middlesex Regiment to the Society's "Treaty Day 2017" anniversary celebration of the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the signing of the Treaty of Watertown. The event will take place on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (rain or shine) at the Edmund Fowle House, 28 Marshall Street, Watertown, MA.

We would be honored if you too could participate in the event. There will be a chance to fire a musket salute plus people would love to hear about your units and the role you all portray. There will be plenty of time to mingle with the public after the readings, enjoy light refreshments, and tour the Edmund Fowle House.

A flyer, the invitation for the event, and an event explanation is attached for circulation. Please spread the word. Everyone is invited.

If anyone from your unit(s) is able to attend, we will add your unit's name to our list of attendees.

Please RSVP at [ajc538@comcast.net](mailto:ajc538@comcast.net). If by chance you are unable to RSVP, we would love to see you anyway.

Thank you in advance for helping to spread the word.

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