

BEDFORD MINUTEMAN COMPANY

The original Bedford Minuteman Company was officially started after a meeting of the Provincial Congress in Concord in the fall of 1774. The Town fathers voted to establish and pay the Bedford Minutemen as a Town Militia in March 1775. By April 19, 1775, there were 27 men in the Company.



*Memorial on the lawn of the old library presently a town-owned office building at The Great Road and Mudge Way. **

The Company was re-established by a Proclamation of the Town Selectmen on September 23, 1964. Its membership is limited to 77 (27 plus the 50 men of the King's Bedford Militia who also marched off to Concord to fight the British in the dawn of April 19, 1775.

The Company's current charter and by-laws say it is a marching and ceremonial unit that is dedicated to keeping our colonial heritage alive, and to honoring the Bedford Flag, the first battle flag to fly over the Colonials in the Revolution. This is possible by wearing "uniforms and accoutrements" of the style of 1775. The Company participates in parades, musters and Pole Capping held each April.

In 2014, the Company reached their Golden Anniversary, and for 50 years, the men and now women of the Company wear the same Great Coats of the early Re-activated (1964) company. A Reunion was held on October 11th, 2014, at the Old Town Hall in Bedford, and 12 past Captains were present. We will hold another Reunion in 2024. Be part of it, keep history alive.

- Excerpts from John Filios.

*** The bicentennial memorial was dedicated on April 12, 1975, as part of the annual Liberty Pole Capping ceremony. The bronze plaque was designed and sculpted by a Bedford resident and cast at a Bedford Foundry. The original mold is on display at the Town Hall. The boulder was from West Bedford.**