



March 18, 2025

Dear Active Members, Associate Members, Friends of the Concord Independent Battery

We welcomed a full calendar of events in 2024. The Battery was able to participate in all the events in support of the Town of Concord's annual celebrations.

Some of the key points from 2024 were highlighted in the participation of the Battery in the Patriots Day Parade, the traditional Dawn Salute, Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Once again, the Battery held its annual Fall Cookout. This event gave us the opportunity to present the annual *Donny Prentiss Achievement* award to LT John McGarry. John is a long time Battery member who has worn many hats over the years. He has provided key support for the Battery's annual luncheon and manages the many uniform and logistical Battery needs. It is a well-deserved recognition for John.

As we move on into this year of 2025, we are encouraged that all of Concord's ceremonial activities were in full display in 2024. This provides all the participants in Concord's celebrations an opportunity to gear up for the 250th anniversary. A few of the current Battery members also participated at the 200th anniversary in 1975 (OMG 50 years ago!!) events, so for them this will be a special day.

Starting in 2024, the Battery began to move into the "digital" world by streamlining our dues, luncheon, and other announcements to "online" processes. Look for your 2025 announcements to come to you either by email (where available) or regular mail. Going forward, you will have a chance to continue with regular mail notifications or to change over to "online" notifications and we encourage all who can to transition to the on-line notifications & responses.

Lastly, we solemnly remember the friends of the Battery who we have lost over the past year.

- Bill Dolan – a past active member of the Battery who passed away in late 2024. Bill was a dedicated member of the Battery for many years
- David Brown – a former active member of the Battery and one who spent a lot of time with the members supporting the many hours of training. Training for him was the key to having the members execute the drills in a consistent manner.
- Jerry Vigneron – a past active member for many years in the 70's & 80's. Jerry passed away in his home in Florida.

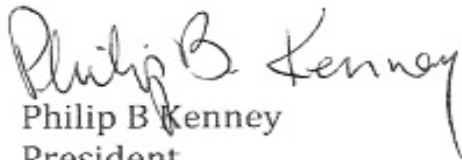
On a special note, please look forward to an upcoming television event highlighting the Battery on PBS's programming "**WEEKENDS with YANKEE MAGAZINE**". This program was filmed early last year and will air in March/April 2025. We will be updating the Battery Facebook page, the Battery web site and the Concord Bridge newspaper as schedules are confirmed.

The upcoming Patriots Day 2025 will require several changes to the normal schedules for the Battery.

- We will have a special "Flag Presentation" to the Town of Concord on April 12th in the center of town. The Battery will donate a new (and larger) American Flag to the Town in recognition of the 250th Anniversary. Look for the schedules in the local paper and the Battery's web page and Facebook page.
- Due the tight security around the 19th of April, the **Battery's Annual Luncheon** will be held this year on **Monday, April 21st**.
- Look for the full listing of Battery events on the web page and Facebook.

We would like to thank our Active Members, Members of the Battery Association, the Concord Select Board, the Town Manager's office and the Public Ceremonies & Celebrations Committee whose continued support and guidance is fully appreciated.

With Best Regards,



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