

past 60 years at the South Bridge Boathouse.



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MERIAM CORNER

This commemoration marks the assembly and actions of militia and Minuteman units that arrived at Meriam's Corner during the British retreat from Concord, April 19th, 1775. After the Regulars' withdrawal from the North Bridge, they began a retreat back to Boston. By the time the Regulars arrived at this spot at half past noon, there were reported to be about 1,100 Minutemen in the area from more than a dozen towns.



DAWN SALUTE

Church bells at First Parish toll at 5:45AM to sound the alarm. "Dr. Prescott" arrives at the North Bridge after riding across the fields calling out the warning to

towns and villages that the Regulars were on the march and that their destination was Concord. The Concord Minutemen fire salutes and the Concord Independent Battery fires several volleys from the field at the Old Manse.



PATRIOTS DAY

The Patriots' Day Parade covers a route of approximately 2.5 miles. Participants include musicians, Minuteman companies, color guards, cultural and youth groups and dignitaries from neighboring towns, the State, the nation, and several foreign countries with ties to Concord. At the North Bridge there is a ceremony to commemorate the engagement between the Minuteman companies and British troops with a wreath laying ceremony. The parade, in which the Honored Citizen has a place of honor, continues across the North Bridge and returns to Concord Center.



MEMORIAL DAY

For some, beginning in 1775 and continuing today, responding to the challenge of citizenship has meant