



TOWN OF CONCORD
TOWN HOUSE - P.O. BOX 535
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01742

Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee 2017 Patriot's Day Parade & Celebration

December 12, 2016

Dear Commander/Unit liaison,

Patriots Day 2017 marks the 242nd anniversary of the Concord Fight and the beginning of the American Revolution. The Concord Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee is in the process of planning the Town's Patriots' Day activities and is pleased to invite you and your parade unit to take part in this historic, annual event. The Town's parade will be held on Patriots Day, Monday, April 17, 2017, beginning at 9:00 AM. Participants are to muster at 8:15 am at the Hunt Gym (90 Stow St.)

The parade route covers a distance of about 3 miles over a period of approximately 2 1/2 hours. At least fifty units are expected to march this year. The parade begins at the Hunt Recreation Center on Stow Street and proceeds through Concord Center to the Old North Bridge where a brief ceremony commemorates the events and soldiers of April 19, 1775. The parade returns to the Hunt Recreation Center by way of Concord Center where each unit is officially acknowledged at the reviewing stand. Following parade disbanding at the Hunt Recreation Center, all participants are invited to a collation (lunch) in the Center's gymnasium on the second floor.

Please complete and return the enclosed forms by March 1, 2017, even if you do not plan to participate, as the Committee keeps an updated list of all groups that are invited to participate. No reply by your unit may result in your unit's inadvertent removal from our mailing list. Completed paperwork may be submitted electronically at cpccc@concordma.gov or addressed to the

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You are advised to adhere to all Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee directives. Please note that your unit may only carry one identifying banner or flag. Motorized vehicles, and other advocacy materials such as placards, balloons, handouts, and noisemakers **are not** permitted.

In addition to the parade, you are cordially invited to participate and/or attend other Town events that will also be held in April:

- Meriam's Corner Exercise on Saturday, April 8 at 1:00 PM, and
- Dawn Salute at the Buttrick Hillside/Old North Bridge on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 AM.

We hope that you and your unit are able to join us this year, and we look forward to making it a memorable experience for all! If you have any questions, please e-mail us at cpccc@concordma.gov

Sincerely,

John J. Arena III

PCCC Chair