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

As we suggested to you all over the past three plus years, the pandemic had a profound impact on all of us. The Town of Concord's and CIB's normal remembrance ceremonies were greatly impacted, but they did not stop thanks to the CIB Membership and continued support from all of you.

Coming out of the previous three years the "lack of ceremonies" took a most welcomed turn of events in 2022 where both the Town of Concord and the Battery in particular were able have all of the "normal" events surrounding the event of April 19th, Memorial and Veterans Day.

In our annual meeting of the active membership in Jan of 2022 there was again unanimous support to participate in as many of the "normal" 202 events as best we could. As a result, we have listed the Concord Independent Battery events for 2022:

- Meriam's Corner events were held and the Battery did hold its annual test Fire at the Old Manse Field that same day.
- The CIB did fire at the Dawn Salute as we normally do. The event was televised live by the Minuteman Media Network and live "streamed".
- Memorial Day was busy. We honored our Veterans on Memorial Day at Rideout & Kenny Dunn Square, at Sleepy Hollow and St Bernard Cemetary's
- Lastly, The Battery participated in Honoring our veterans on November 11th. We were able to provide Salutes at Sleepy Hollow, The Knoll in Sleepy Hollow and St Bernard's cemeteries.
- We were able to sponsor a fall "cook out" for the Battery at the Musketaquid Club. We were honored to present thanks to past

Presidents Robert "Bob" Eaton and to James "Jim" Finigan. Each was presented with a copy of the PICTURE. We had a good turn out and had a good meal for all to enjoy.

Lastly, we need to remember the friends of the Battery who we lost in 2022.

• Joseph P. "Joe" Lenox, Jr. who was 97 years young and fully enjoyed his membership in the Battery and the participation in all of the Battery events. Joe was along time Concord resident and a veteran both of WW II and the Korean Conflict.

As we move on into the year 2023, we are encouraged that all of Concord's ceremonial activities will resume. We will be updating the Battery Facebook page, the Battery WEB site and the Concord Bridge newspaper as schedules are confirmed.

I would like to thank all our Active Members, Members of the Battery Association, the Concord Select Board, the Town Manager's office for their continued support and to the Public Ceremonies and Celebrations who continued support and guidance is fully appreciated.

With Best Regards,

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