Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

232nd observance of Independence Day

Friday, July 4, 2008


The Company

The United States Navy

The Honorable Mayor Thomas Menino and Captain Jerome V. Sweeney at the grave of John Hancock.


CC Jerome V. Sweeney reads the U.S. Declaration of Independence, left BG Joseph Milano PC, right 2nd Lt. Paul Colella.

The Company participated in the 232nd observance of Independence Day on Friday, July 4, 2008, commencing with the flag raising ceremony at City Hall Plaza, Boston at 9 a.m., followed by a parade to the Old Granary Burying Ground where wreaths were placed on the graves of Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and Robert Treat Paine, signers of the Declaration of Independence. A wreath will also be placed on the grave of Peter Faneuil. The parade reformed and continued to the Old State House where Captain Commanding Jerome V. Sweeney II read the Declaration of Independence as it was first read to the people of Boston by Col. Thomas Crafts, a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

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