



Paying tribute to a veteran

Medal of Honor recipient remembered

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To honor a hero and comrade for Memorial Day, a contingent of representatives of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts laid a wreath at the Grave of George Maynard, Medal of Honor recipient. Maynard received the Medal of Honor for saving a fellow soldier on the battlefield in Fredericksburg during the Civil War. Maynard was also recognized for his actions at Antietam and Marianna, Florida. Lieutenant Eric Sigillo of Marlborough participated in the ceremony at Mount Feake Cemetery in Waltham.

Maynard, a watchmaker, enlisted at age 25 and died at the age of 91. He was an active member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. The company, located on the 4th Floor of Faneuil Hall in Boston, has Maynard's Medal of Honor, field jacket, and oil paintings on public display.

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company was chartered by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts and Governor Winthrop in 1638 to train gentlemen as officers for the Massachusetts Militia, a role which the company fulfilled until 1912. In addition the company has served as a ceremonial unit for the governor and the city of Boston and as a patriotic, fraternal organization.

Today's members include distinguished professionals, businessmen, clerics, serving and retired military officers, including two Medal of Honor recipients. Over the centuries the roll reads as a who's who of Massachusetts history including President John F. Kennedy, President Calvin Coolidge, William Dawes, MG Benjamin Lincoln, Senator Leverett Saltonstall, James Michael Curley, Christian Herter and others. The company also operates a unique military museum on the fourth Floor of Faneuil Hall, open Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. For information, call 617-227-1638 or visit www.ahac.us.com

Shown in picture (l-r) are Master Sergeant Gerry Davidson, Major Don Phillips, Second Lieutenant-Elect Domenic Previte, Second Lieutenant Leon LeBlanc, First Lieutenant Paul Colella, Lieutenant Eric Sigillo and Colonel Lawrence Willwerth.

