

# WEXFORD ECHO

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## **Artillery Company Lays Wreath**

ON FRIDAY 96 Members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts visited Wexford town to attend a wreath-laying ceremony at the statue of Commodore John Barry.

The Company was accompanied by members of the Irish Naval Service who provided an Honour Guard. They came to honour Commodore John Barry who was born in Wexford and is known as the 'Father of the American Navy'.

John F Kennedy was enrolled as a member of the Artillery Company in 1956 and was elected an Honourary Member in 1961, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts is the oldest chartered.

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts is the oldest chartered military organisation in North America and the third oldest in the world.