Westwood resident leads Boston Military Group in International Goodwill Tour of Croatia
The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, or AHAC, headquartered on the fourth floor of Historic Faneuil Hall traveled to Croatia.

Led by Capt. Commanding Nicholas Schiarizzi Sr., of Westwood Massachusetts, the company lay wreaths at several significant memorials and also hosted many dignitaries and government officials during this multiday overseas trip. While in Zagreb, Croatia, the company met with its sponsored Little League Team.

After a memorial service at Chapel of Christ the King at the entrance to Zagreb’s Mirogoj Cemetery in Zagreb, over 100 members of the company lay a wreath at the Monument to Victims of the Homeland War 1991-1995.

For over 100 years, this company has represented the Commonwealth and nation on numerous overseas trips. In keeping with this tradition of International Goodwill, the company met with its’ sponsored team, the Zagreb Red Sox. This team became the 2019 Little League Croatia North Champions. Coaches, parents and children greeted members of the company during this visit.

The 311th Annual Fall Field Day Banquet Dinner was held by the company at the Hotel Esplanade in Zagreb. U.S. Ambassador William Robert Kohorst and other dignitaries including Zrinko Petener, national security adviser to president of the Republic of Croatia, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic; Madam Dunja Bujan; Rear Adm. Ivo Rafinelli; Vice Rear Adm. Robert Hranj, Andrew Dalgleish; and Col. Robert Mathers were greeted by the captain commanding and members of the company.

A wreath-laying ceremony was held at Milna Allied Military Cemetery on the Island of Vis where 49 soldiers of the U.K. and the Commonwealth and 29 U.S. soldiers died during the Second World War.

At the War Memorial located at Fort Imperial on Mount Srd above Dubrovnik, the “Ancients” were accompanied by members of the Croatia army to render honors to the patriots who lost their lives during the defense of Dubrovnik. The memorial, at the top of Mount Srd, stands as a reminder and symbol of the supreme sacrifice to those who defended the city.

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