Burlington man to lead ancient military unit flag-carriers at Rev game

A Burlington man will take the lead in an historic event as the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company’s Color Guard will parade before the crowd of fans in Gillette Stadium before the New England Revolution game on Wednesday, June 26.

This will be the first time the 381-year-old AHAC Color Guard has paraded in Gillette Stadium.

More than 14,000 fans are expected to be in attendance as the Rev hosts the Philadelphia Union in Foxborough.

The Color Guard will be led by MSG Gerard F. Kelly of Burlington. Flag carriers will be SFC William Horan of Stoughton, SSG Peter Petrillo of Cambridge, and SGT Robert Collins of Melrose.

The Ancient & 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. The company has been headquartered at Faneuil Hall since 1745.

Today, members include professionals, businessmen, clerics, serving and retired military officers, including three 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, patriot William Dawes, General Benjamin Lincoln, Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Mayor James Michael Curley, and Secretary of State Christian Herter.

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