(Boston, MA – 27 June 2018) Historic Color Guard Parades in Gillette Stadium. 381 Year Old Military Organization Carries Flags before New England Revolution Game!

On Wednesday 26 June the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company’s Color Guard paraded before the crowd of fans in Gillette Stadium. Over 11,571 fans were in attendance of the New England Revolution against the Philadelphia Union game in Foxborough. This is the first time the AHAC Color Guard paraded in Gillette Stadium.

The Color Guard was led by MSG Gerard F. Kelly of Burlington carrying the USA flag. SSG Peter Petrillo of Cambridge carrying the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag, LT Neal Biron of Norton carrying the AHAC flag and SGT Robert Collins of Melrose carrying the POW/MIA flag.

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 distinguished professionals, businessmen, clerics, serving and retired military officers, including three Medal of Honor recipients; patriots all. 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, MG Benjamin Lincoln, Senator Leverett Saltonstall, James Michael Curley, Christian Herter and many other prominent members of this Commonwealth.

The Company operates a unique military museum with free admission on the 4th Floor of Faneuil Hall, a location the AHAC has occupied since 1746, and is open Monday thru Friday 9 AM until 3:30 PM

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(L to R: Honor Guard: Gerard F. Kelly of Burlington, SGT Robert Collins of Melrose, SSG Peter Petrillo of Cambridge and LT Neal Biron of Norton)

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