AHAC Participates in Rededication of Hero Squares.

(Boston, MA. 18 August 2019) In 1898, the first Hero Square in Boston was named Dewey Square at South Station. Since then, we have dedicated more than 1,200 Hero
Squares for service members killed in action. The gold star on each sign represents the ultimate sacrifice that was given. It is designated only for those killed in action. The City of Boston is in the process of rededicating a number of these Hero Squares by updating signage and including a biographical plaque at eye-level providing additional detail as to the sacrifice made by the service member who is honored at that particular Honor Square. The City of Boston's Veterans Services Department requested the Color Guard of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company to assist in rededicating two (2) such Hero Squares during the weekend of 17-18AUG2019.

The Ancients Color Guard answered the call to help honor those who had fallen. 17AUG2019 Allston: Corner of Cambridge and North Harvard Streets in honor of Lt. John L. O’Brien (US Army, WW II, recipient of bronze star and purple heart KIA 1945). Veterans Commissioner Santiago and Gerald O’Brien, Lt. O’Brien's son, spoke at the Hero Square re-dedication. Many members from the Gold Star O’Brien family from across the US were in attendance and expressed their gratitude to all for helping to honor Lt. O'Brien's service and memory. 18AUG2019 Hyde Park: Intersection of Austin and West Streets in honor of John Carroll, Jr. (US Army, WW II KIA 1944) Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh Veterans Commissioner Robert Santiago, State Representative Angelo Scaccia, and City Councilor At-Large Annissa Essaibi George spoke of the Honor Square program and those who gave all in service to our nation. Mayor Walsh made it a point to recognize the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in his speech and, later, to individually thank each member of the AHAC Color Guard.

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