Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company Parade by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com

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The largest military parade on the East Coast takes place on the first Monday in June in downtown Boston with over 30 historic military organizations participating in this yearly Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company ceremonious event. The AHAC marched from their Headquarters in Faneuil Hall, past the Granary Burial Ground on Tremont Street. At the cemetery, a wreath was laid at the gravesite of Robert Keayne, the First captain to command the Company. The parade then proceeded to Boston Common, where the drumhead elections is re-enacted for officers and 12 elected Sergeants. The election is a re-enactment of the first election and has continued without interruption since 1638. The parade then reconvened and proceeds to a local downtown hotel at Copley Square.
WWII veteran 101-year-old Tony Barrasso of East Boston
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