

## **Bedford Minuteman Company Change of Command Ceremony**

- The Retiring Captain will call the troops to attention and march them into the hall and line them up. With a facing command the troops face the table with the swords and commissions. To a drumbeat the Retiring Captain will proceed to in front of the table, ending up facing the troops.
- As soon as the Retiring Captain is in position, the Cornet will enter to a drumbeat to a position to the Retiring Captains left. Halt, place the Bedford Flag into the stand, take one step backward, and salute the flag, then take up a position to the left of the flag facing the troops. The flag is being held by his right hand as it is in the stand.
- As soon as the Cornet salutes the Flag, a drumbeat will escort in the new officers-elect, in order of rank. (The 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Adjutant, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Finance and the Cornet.) The new officers will enter single file, following the same route as the Cornet, and stop in a line three paces to the front of the Retiring Captain, turn facing him and salute.
- As soon as they salute, a drumbeat will escort the Captain-elect. Following the same route, to a position in front of the Retiring Captain, stop, turn facing him and salute.
- The Past Captain announces, "ELECTED TO COMMAND THE BEDFORD MINUTEMAN COMPANY FOR THE COMING YEAR, - \_\_\_\_\_". The Cornet brings the Captain-elects' sword and commission from the table to the Retiring Captain and returns to his post. The Retiring Captain presents the sword and commission to the Captain-elect, then places the silver georgette around the neck of the New Captain, salutes and retires two paces to the rear still facing the troops.
- The Captain does an about face and proceeds to announce the new officers. For each announcement, the Captain moves to a position in front of that officer. Announces ELECTED TO THE RANK OF \_\_\_\_\_ and name. The officer steps forward and salutes, the Captain presents him his sword and shakes his hand as he receives the commission in his left hand, salute and steps back into line.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt:            ELECTED TO THE RANK OF 1<sup>st</sup> LIEUTENANT, \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Adj:        ELECTED TO THE RANK OF 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. ADJUTANT, \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Finance:    ELECTED TO THE RANK OF 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. FINANCE, \_\_\_\_\_

Cornet:            ELECTED TO THE TRANK OF CORNET, \_\_\_\_\_

- The Captain will proceed to announce the non-commissioned officers who will step forward, salute, receive their commission, shake hands, salute, and step back.

Sgt. Major: ELECTED TO THE RANK OF SGT. MAJOR, \_\_\_\_\_

Sgt. Quartermaster: ELECTED TO THE RANK OF SGT. QUATERMASTER,  
\_\_\_\_\_

Board Members: ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks troops and exits ceremony room.