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I am writing to ask for your financial support of the *Friends of Minute Man National Park* year-end appeal. The *Friends* support for our National Park is more important than ever.

2014 was a busy and productive year for the *Friends* and 2015 promises even more success.

Our Parker's Revenge initiative – designed to restore an important April 19th battlefield, has moved apace. This fall a few dozen volunteer re-enactors have worked very hard clearing underbrush from the site. This month, we had the pleasure of hosting the nation's foremost battlefield archeologist, Dr. Doug Scott, to help us. Parker's Revenge is also garnering recognition at the national level as a centennial project.

Our Patriots of Color initiative, designed to highlight the contributions of men of color who were present on the battle road on April 19th, 1775, has progressed well. A historian we funded wrote a series of research papers, providing solid information for park staff. These will soon be available on the Park website. This coming year, the *Friends* will also be funding a *Scholar in the Park* to research different aspects of this important topic.

The community of *Friends* keeps growing. Our Garden Party's 100 attendees successfully helped us support the maintenance of the historic Buttrick gardens and a similar size contingent of families turned out for our Halloween Lantern Walk. We now have more than 1700 Facebook "Friends" and we help the Park by promoting events to an e-mail list of over 1400.

These undertakings are made possible by the generosity of you and other community members. To keep up this momentum, we rely on your strong annual support. Please help us in our efforts to preserve and protect this precious National Park. Every gift received helps advance the cause of Minute Man National Historical Park.

Giving is safe and easy. Please click on the yellow donate button on the front page to pay by credit card. If you prefer to send a check, please mail to:

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Thank you!