## **BOSTON'S MINUTEMAN CLASSIC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

a brief history......

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## The 1<sup>st</sup> Minuteman

1984 was the year it all began! A vivacious young League makes our first National Tournament a reality! Teams from San Francisco, Milwaukee, D.C., New York, and South New England make their way to Boston to begin the enduring tradition of the Minuteman Classic Tournament!



1st Opening Ceremonies - '84



Opening Ceremonies -'87

## 1980's Minuteman I – VI

The Minuteman became one of the Largest Tournaments in the Country, with teams returning to Boston year after year.... ....including the "Hidden Door" team from Dallas, Texas (shown at left).



Logo -'87- pin



Boston hosts World Series - '91

## 1990's Minuteman VII – X

The success of the Minuteman during the 1980's played a key role in NAGAAA's choice of Boston and the Beantown Softball League to be the host of the 1991 Gay Softball World Series!



Red Sox welcome GWS players-'91



# 2000's Minuteman XI - XII

After an absence of 7 years, the Minuteman returned! And with the tragic events of 9/11/01, the US Flag became an important symbol of our country's solidarity against terrorism...and...for the good sportsmanship and spirit of the Minuteman!





## 2010's Minuteman XIII....

As we begin our 4<sup>th</sup> decade of the Minuteman, may the success of our past Minuteman Tournaments carry on with us now and into the future! And may everyone enjoy playing here in Boston today and always!



Boston Gay Softball enters its 5th decade!