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This statue known as the *Lexington Minuteman* was originally meant to represent the common Minuteman, but has now become accepted as Captain John Parker. The statue was created by Henry Hudson Kitson and stands at the town green of Lexington, Massachusetts.

Minutemen were members of teams of select men from the American colonial partisan militia during the American Revolutionary War. They provided a highly mobile and rapidly deployed force that allowed the colonies to respond quickly to the threat of war.

Did you know there were two minutemen statues under debate as to which one should be used to represent the Organized Reserves? The Concord Minuteman statue sculpted by Daniel Chester French, located in Concord Massachusetts, was a strong contender for the spot.

“French’s statue is distinctly emblematic of an unequivocally characterizes the citizen-soldier—the first of his kind in our nation, who furnished the key to our traditional defense policy—the forerunner of the modern Reservist. He is portrayed in citizen garb, stepping from the plow, the implement of industry, grasping a musket, the weapon of war.”

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