

CAMBRIDGE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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H onorable City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Honorable Members of the City Council:

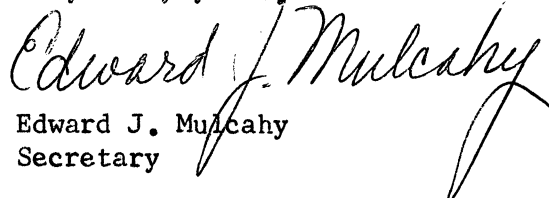
The deplorable conduct of certain groups forming on the Cambridge Common has been brought to the attention of the newly formed Cambridge Veterans' Organization on numerous occasions.

Members of the Cambridge Veterans' Organization toured the Common on Sunday afternoon, April 27th, and found the Common thronged by young people who had gathered to listen to a concert of "mod" music. Students were seated on the Soldiers' Monument, and a wire fence, enclosing a seeded area, had been torn down and the area was being trampled on. The group also visited the Revolutionary War flagpole and found that a Patriots' Day wreath placed at the base of the flagpole had been deliberately knocked over and that the concrete base of the pole had been defaced. The group also noticed that there was no flag being flown from any flagpole on the Common.

The desecration to the monuments on the Common are a complete mockery to the heritage which we were once so proud of.

The Cambridge Veterans' Organization voted unanimously to appeal to the City Council in an effort to do something about the disgraceful situation at the Cambridge Common.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Mulcahy
Secretary

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Communication from Edward J. Mulcahy,
Secretary, Cambridge Veterans' Organiza-
tion, requesting the City Council to do
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