

The Other April 19th

Baltimore 1861



Dennis Ahern

will address

The Acton Historical Society

Sunday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m.

at the

Church of the Good Shepherd, 164 Newtown Rd., Acton

Every year, on April 19th, we are reminded of the minutemen who went to the bridge in Concord in 1775. Less well known is the story of other men from Massachusetts who answered their country's call in 1861. Responding to Lincoln's request for volunteer militia to defend the Capitol, the 6th Mass. Volunteer Militia fought their way through a Rebel mob in Baltimore. Four soldiers and several civilians were killed. These were the first casualties from hostile fire of the Civil War, 86 years to the day from the first blood of the Revolution. Dennis Ahern of Acton will tell about how, of all the Union, Massachusetts was the first to fight.

This meeting is open to the public at no charge.