

July 4, 1776 Revolutionary Facts to Remember

In celebration of our 242st anniversary today of the American Revolution here are some revolutionary facts to appreciate.

- During the 20 year American Revolution from 1763 to 1783
- There were 94 battles
- 62 troop movements
- 33 acts of British parliament against us
- Some 32,000 British and Hessian troops substantially moved around Boston
- The total American Continental Army size in 1776 and the largest number organized during the 20 year war were 46,891. This number varies from some 29,800 and up depending source. 46,891 represent 1.6% of the some 3 million population of the 13 colonies.
<http://www.ushistory.org/valleyforge/youasked/071.htm>
- At least 15% were sick, furloughed or detached duty not counting desertion.
- Over 50% of the 3 million colonials “wanted” to be free.
- Roughly one third wanted to stay under King George III and the monarchy.
- Roughly one third waffled back and forth depending on where their money was coming from.
- Only 1% to 1.6% of the colonial population was willing to fight.
- Number of soldiers arriving at Valley Forge, December 18, 1777 was 10,000 to 12,000. This is about one third of one percent of the 3,000,000 population of the 13 colonies.
- Are you willingly to fight to be free again?

Sources: Great history to appreciate what challenges we conquered.

- Worth printing a chapter at a time to read on the fly -
<http://www.history.army.mil/books/RevWar/ContArmy/CA-fm.htm>
- Revolutionary War History Chart (At-a-glance) to purchase –
<http://www.learningwithease.com/staircasesample.cfm>

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For those who asked for a typed up version of the time graph above:

3/5/1770: Boston Massacre

Next two years: growing mandates, control, tyranny, marginalization, labels, resentment

6/9/1772: HMS Gaspee torched in Rhode Island

5/10/1773: Tea Act signed

12/16/1773: Boston Tea Party

3-6/1774: Intolerable Acts passed by Parliament to further control colonies

9/1774: Colonists impose sanctions against Britain

2/9/1775: British blockade Massachusetts colony

4/19/1775: First shots of American Revolution

6/17/1775: Bunker Hill (Loss)

7/4/1776: Dec. of Independence signed

8/27/1776: Washington defeated at Long Island, nearly destroyed

10/1776: British achieve major military victories in NY

12/25/1776: Washington crosses Delaware and defeats British and Hessians

1777: British win 2/3 of all battles

Winter 1777-78: Washington camped at Valley Forge

1778: British win 4/5 of all battles

1779: British win only 50% of all battles

1780: British wearing down, back and forth battle results. Patriots lose SC but defend NC from invasion.

1781: Patriots winning key battles.

10/19/1781: General Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown.

1782: British wearing down from financial crisis, lack of support for overseas war (sound familiar?), domestic and continental issues.

12/27/1782: Last battle fought on US soil in Revolution.

9/3/1783: Treaty of Paris, US independence Recognized.

On the other timeline, beginning 11/3/2020:

11/4/2020 - present - FIX 2020 MOVEMENT

1/20/2021- present - growing mandates, control, tyranny, marginalization, labels, resentment

Fourth Turning.