

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 solders 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:

1. 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>