



Bicentennial Calendar

Significant events of the Revolutionary years



1774

September 5
First Continental Congress
convenes in Philadelphia.
(Independence NHP)

1775

March 23
Patrick Henry's "Liberty or
Death" speech before
Virginia Assembly.

April 19
Battles at Lexington and
Concord, Mass.
(Minute Man NHP)

May 10
Ethan Allen and Benedict
Arnold take Fort
Ticonderoga, N.Y.

June 15
George Washington
appointed commander in
chief of Continental Army.

June 17
Battle at Bunker Hill
(Breeds Hill), Charlestown,
Mass.

1776

January 10
Thomas Paine publishes
pamphlet *Common Sense*.

February 27
Battle at Moores Creek,
N.C.
(Moores Creek NMP)

June 28
Thomas Jefferson presents
Declaration of Independ-
ence to Congress.
(Independence NHP)

June 28
Battle of Sullivan's Island,
S.C.
(Fort Sumter NM)

July 4
John Hancock first to sign
the Declaration of Inde-
pendence at Philadelphia
(Independence NHP)

September 15
New York City occupied
by British.

December 25
Washington crosses Dela-
ware River into New Jersey.

December 26
Battle of Trenton, N.J.

1777

October 17
Burgoyne surrenders at
Saratoga.
(Saratoga NHP)

December 17
France recognizes
independence of
United States.

December 19
Winter encampment at
Valley Forge, Pa., begins.

1779

February 24
Battle of Fort Mifflin,
Vincennes, Ind.
(George Rogers Clark NHP)

December 1
Winter encampment at
Morristown, N.J.
(Morristown NHP)

1780

October 7
Battle of Kings Mountain,
S.C.
(Kings Mountain NMP)

1781

January 17
Battle of Cowpens, S.C.
(Cowpens NB)

March 15
Battle of Guilford
Courthouse, N.C.
(Guilford Courthouse NMP)

October 19
British surrender at
Yorktown.
(Colonial NHP)