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## The American Spirit





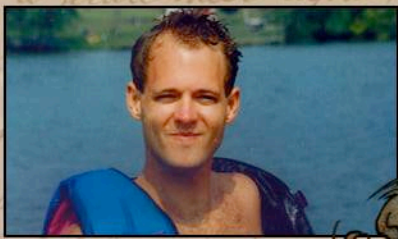
## **“Hero Rescue”**

We all need a “Hero” in times of crisis, turmoil and distress...and Captain America sure was glad I came to the rescue! LOL! I love the irony as many of us put forth much effort into our opinions about what we believe is best for the freedom and prosperity of our great nation. The photo was taken at a Gwinnett Braves baseball game in July 2010. Much has changed since and this month’s July magazine is reflective of the spirit we share collectively to celebrate another year since we gained independence. Wishing all those in the land of the free and home of the Braves a Happy 4th of July!



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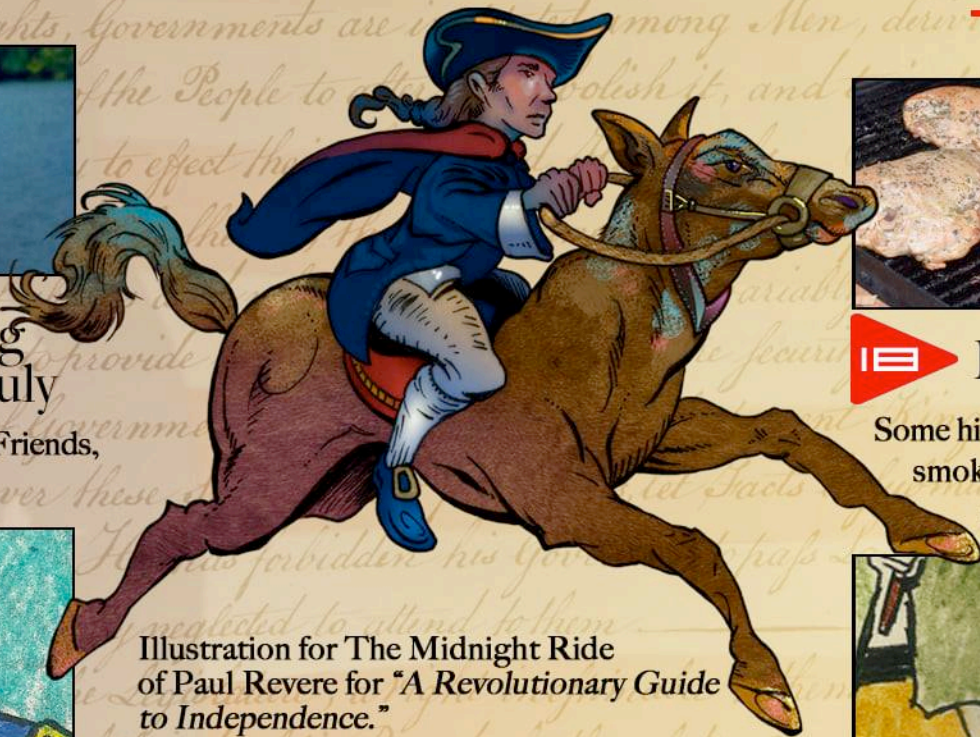


Illustration for The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere for "A Revolutionary Guide to Independence."

## The Rundown

Cover: An illustration created for my ambitious effort to show the spirit of American Freedom through "A Revolutionary Guide to Independence."

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Learning about history from the beginning is often something of great interest to me. I did some digging through my own history to discover how I may have been confused. It's all fun and games until war breaks out, but let's celebrate another birthday in America!

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A must-read for those who love the hidden details through much of American history.

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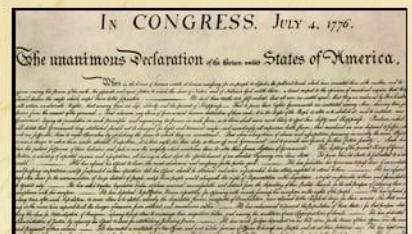
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So I had a few of the minor details mixed up with my art plate project in Kindergarten! But, it does show the enthusiasm I had then taking interest in the American spirit. History can be fun and this issue is all about celebrating the “American Spirit!”

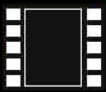
Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe 4th of July Independence Day!







# Celebrating Independence



My father relaxing during the holidays on Norris Lake in Tennessee. He obviously has no more advice to give about history if you don't already understand it. We often share history trivia and that's always fun!

The Fourth of July was often a chance to get together with family, friends, and loved ones to celebrate the holiday with good food, good company and good times. Those were the best memories I had that was a reflection of the pursuit of happiness and of the American Spirit.

Independence Day should be a celebration for us all and to put in perspective those things that matter most. For me, it was always getting back to those who knew me best as I was making my way through the challenges from college years and beyond. Everyone looked forward to gathering on that one day of the year in which to simply come together and unite in celebration of so much of life's ambitions. Camping had become the latest social recreation and those friends that had the opportunity and chose to enjoy that aspect of life made for great times, great memories, and everlasting friendships!





**Another Family gathering in 2006 featuring a rare photo of the Ballards: From Left to Right Top: Me, Danny and his wife, Buddy, Richie, Dad, My Grandmother and Patsy, my aunt.**

There is a great quote, "Home is not where you live, but where people understand you." I think home for me has always been with family as they know me better than I know myself. It was always a blessing to return to my roots over the 4th of July to celebrate both family and country. The two seemed intertwined with freedom and independence in that we each were unique within a family system that seemed just as diversified as a nation. We were a microcosm of many aspects in life, yet there was a respect amongst us that helped to administer a greater quality of all of us.

It doesn't take rocket science or fancy fireworks to understand human nature as I believe the visions our country's forefathers had sacrificed to build a better world not only for themselves, but for those generations that follow. The United States of America has been through the many phases of an independent nation and endured with the most basic principles. Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness are part of what we celebrate as a nation with so much diversity.

American values are often challenged by one party or another and there are often a variety of opinions that need consideration as *We The People* are a democracy that works within the confines of Republican administration. Our elected officials become "representatives" for our voice of opinion and that is what inspires changes needed for those very basic principles.

That is the Freedom of Choice in America that has been so valued, yet let us consider our history upon the sacrifices it took to bring us to a point where each can celebrate freedom.





**Buddy Befuddled! My uncle's reaction just after a joke and it was one reflective of the laughter we had during the good times we shared. No one was safe from some embarrassment as pranksters took no mercy!**

Opportunity. That is a word worth living for as dreams can become a reality if you are willing to work to reach the goals you create for yourself. That is how this country was built through the sacrifices and individual efforts that provided a means to all. It is no different than any history lesson that has been written from those that wanted something better for the future. That is American Value when it comes to a more perfect union. It is something that is constantly in a state of progressive efforts and the freedoms we have allow us to explore new directions to sponsor avenues of enterprising wealth for us all.

The true capitalization of America is in it's spirit of independence in that we have the freedoms of choice to decide and determine the future for generations that will follow. We all need to celebrate our success since 1776 as a nation united in understanding how difficult it is for so many diverse cultures that have been given the freedoms in pursuit of happiness. I am one to know firsthand how that is so important to those that come here from other countries that cannot celebrate the same freedoms they had before. This is America! This is the land of Opportunity! Let us not lose sight of making decisions based on selfish acts rather than those of a selfless nature because that was the mindset that created our country against such tyranny of colonial empirization.






“How Wonderful!” stated Wanda Bennett, my sixth grade social studies teacher. It was a comic book version of history lessons I created to reinforce the material I was learning. I’m not sure about my intentions other than simply finding a way to express the stories from lectures and readings that I found compelling. There was some talk about publication potential which may have simply been a motivation for me to continue the series, but it was enough to make an impression that I was doing something to gain attention.

I created a few more and discovered how art enhanced my abilities to learn. All innocent enough with ambitious efforts to work through the process of creating a comic book based on our nation’s history. That was in 1979 and that was history in the making that would lead to my own artistic endeavors.

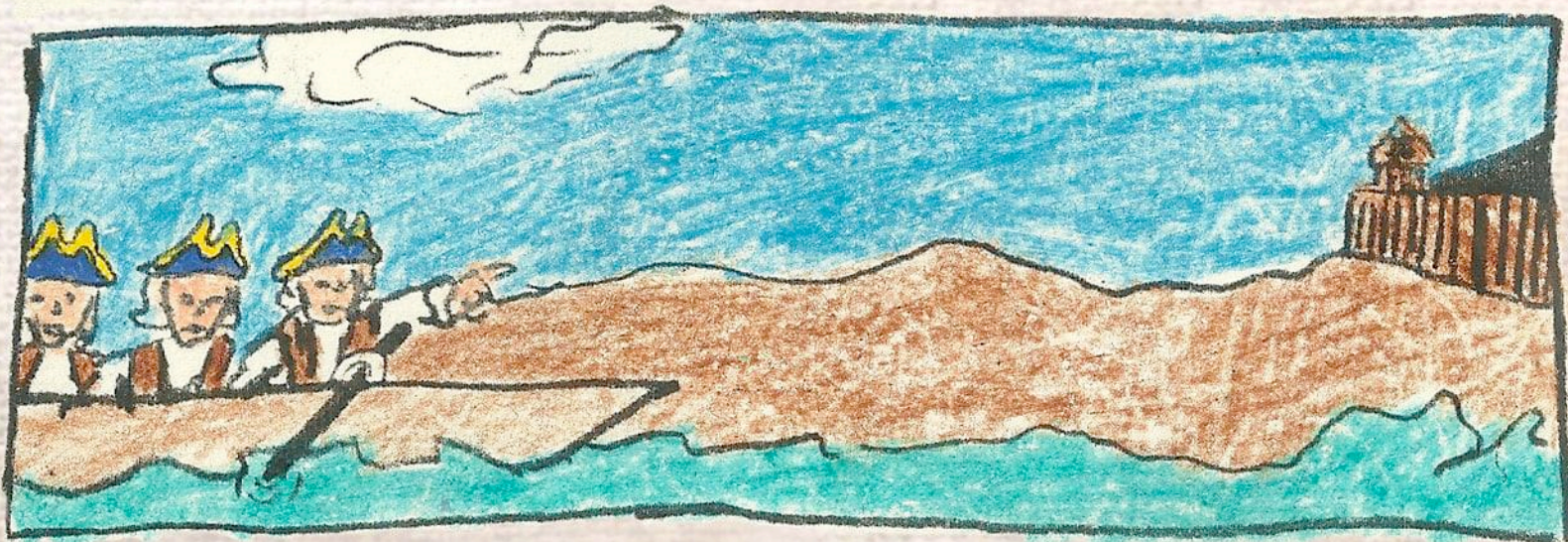




The colonists lost the OHIO River valley by NOT wanting to work together. They turned down the ALBANY PLAN.







Other teachers took interest in my talents to encourage my efforts.. I became passionate about creating things that would draw attention as art was leading me through Middle School education. Those skills would become learning devices I would utilize throughout an entire career and possibly a lifetime.

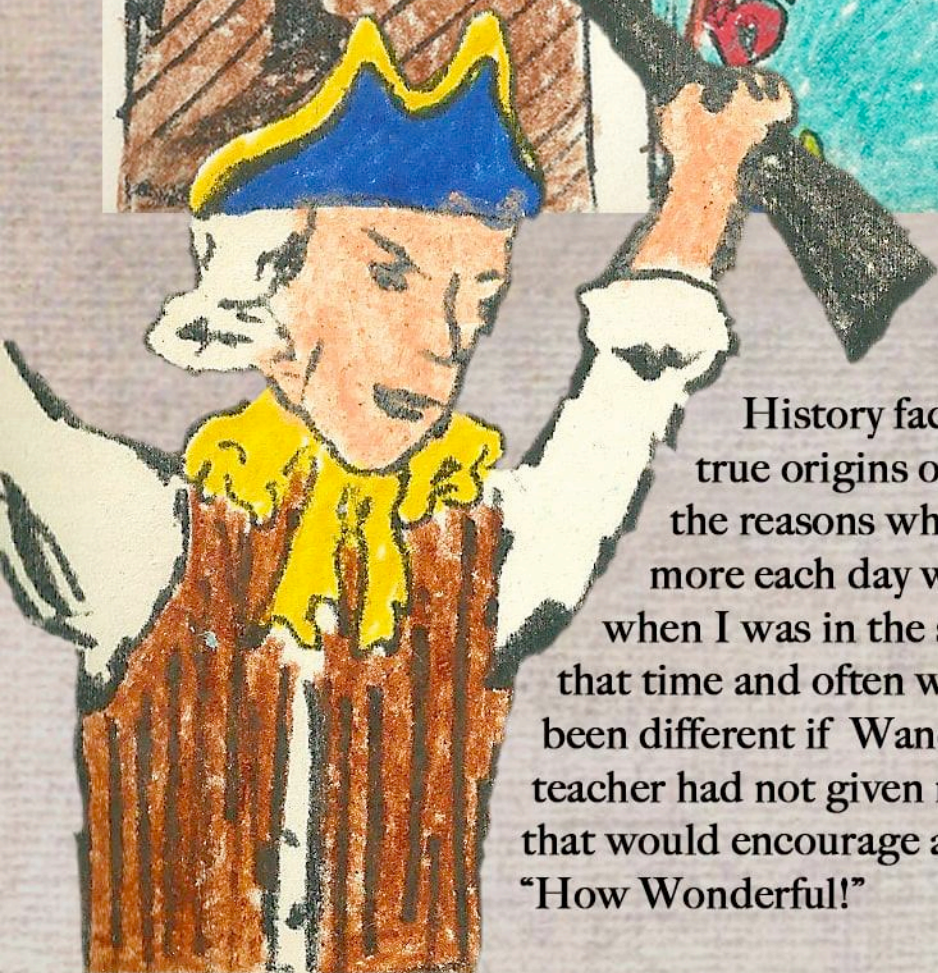
Visual communication through both art and literature became my most gifted quality. At the time, it was nothing more than words and pictures and I wasn't looking to the future with any driving ambition as much as I was living in the moment happy with what I could create that would make an impression on others.

Those became my formative years of independence as I had discovered an inner self I could utilize to my advantage. I'm sure there are turning points and factors in everyone's life that lead to some conscious effort that becomes a motivation for some unique quality of individuality. Art seemed to come more naturally to me than anything else I struggled with, but that is not to say I didn't have to work through the challenges. Not so much a gift as much as a means to administer a passionate desire to learn. The seeds of encouragement had taken root and I was going through the growing pains of needing more attention. I found that through art more than other ventures.

Your own history is just as telling if you reflect upon those moments that made a difference, achieved a goal set for yourself, or have turned some new corner that takes you to another mindset. Those are the moments that matter most and become so important to your life experience.

Our nation's history set the stage for the many freedoms now in question. Today is much different than when our forefathers wrote the Declaration of Independence. It was a document for future generations as much as their own to establish a nation to form a union comprised of many cultural dynamics.





History fascinates me with learning the true origins of how things happened and the reasons why it was so important. I learn more each day with the same enthusiasm I had when I was in the sixth grade. I reflect back upon that time and often wonder how my life may have been different if Wanda Bennett, my social studies teacher had not given me that encouraging compliment that would encourage and inspire me even today... "How Wonderful!"



# A *Revolutionary* GUIDE TO INDEPENDENCE



History has always been a fascination and a subject that continues to keep my curiosities interested with research and delving into new material. Origins and the stories that build like chapters leading to novel ideas often take me on a journey within my own sense of self. Both Art and United States History share commonalities that illustrate and articulate a progression of efforts allowing for growth within. Those concepts led me to create an activity book for all ages as something to inspire others to learn more about our nation's independence.

It was both a challenge and a reward for me to go through the research and produce a compelling account reflective of the many threads sewn into our social fabric. It included biographies of our forefathers and the roles they played along with some fun activities, games, trivia, and other interests related to our nation's history as the Revolutionary War became a fight for freedom.

I found many new discoveries within my research as the internet has become a wonderful source of information and I have numerous books and magazines that are also valuable editions in which inspire my enthusiasm for history.





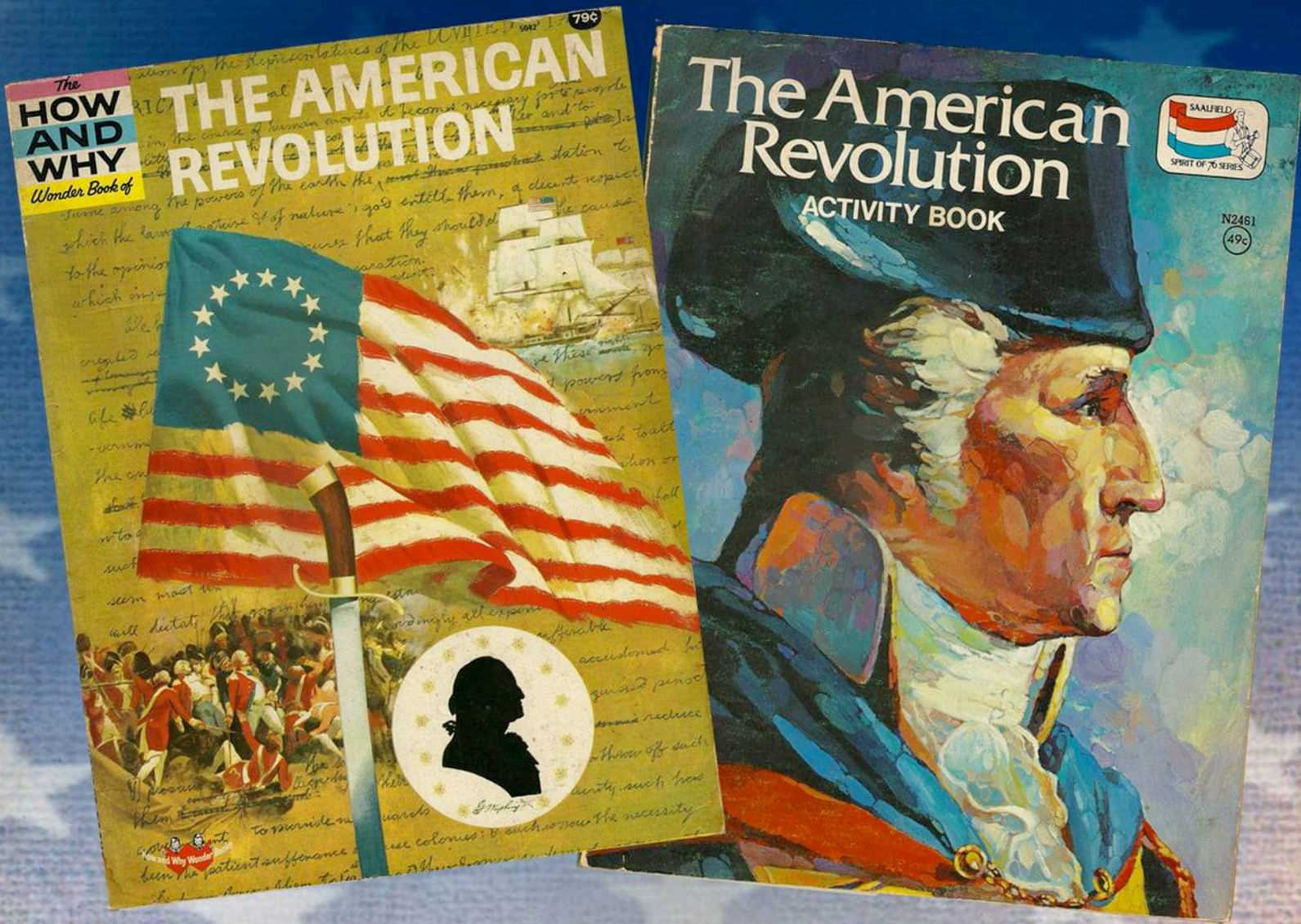
An illustration for “A Revolutionary Guide To Independence” as I needed to create another graphic component that worked in context of the story of Paul Revere’s ‘Midnight Ride’ to alert local colonists the British Red Coats were taking up arms and advancing towards war efforts.

This was a project I took to extreme measures. I wanted to be as accurate with detail as much as providing fun for younger ages to help inspire the American spirit. Although the idea had been growing on my mind for many years, it soon became my most ambitious project. I wanted to create something that had the potential of similar items I had seen before, but to combine the various ideas together as a collection for all age groups

“A Revolutionary Guide To Independence” was the best name I considered as it was a reflection of a concept leading to a determination of the idea.

It was much work for me to take on for myself, but I thought it was more for others’ value as much as my own personal goal of achievement. The response was overwhelming with so many who appreciated the effort and that gave me a greater sense of “independence!”





As far back as Elementary School I was inspired by our nations history. There was a learning incentive sponsored by RIF (Reading is Fundamental) in which students could pick a select number of books to read for free. The two books above were two I had chosen in 1976. Of course, that was the year of our Bicentennial in which our country would be celebrating 200 years of independence. The two books became special to me, yet very different. The How And Why Wonder Book was full of stories about the American Revolution while the Activity Book was filled with crossword puzzles, word finds, coloring pages and other fun stuff.

My idea was to somehow combine the two books together to create one that shared the same subject for various ages of interest. Of course, this would be a personal challenge as I would need to find all the images I needed and create additional material that I thought would be of interest to others. It became one of those projects in which I started and became committed to finishing a few years ago just before July 4th, 2018.





The first accepted flag of our nation was known as the Continental Flag of the Grand Union. It incorporated elements from Great Britain and similar to the flag flown by the East India Trading Company, which had much influence in trade throughout the colonies.



The "Star-Spangled" Flag actually had 15 stars and 15 stripes as two more states had been recognized. This was the flag flown over Fort McHenry as Francis Scott Key wrote our National Anthem.



Elizabeth Griscom, better known as "Betsy Ross" is credited with the first design of the American flag with 13 stars united in a circle. Although there were other variations that had been developed, her flag became more widely popular and accepted and gained the approval of George Washington.



The 48-Star Flag was used from 1912 through 1959 to represent the nation. Two more states had been added to the country's union and it became a matter of congress to consider changes to the flag.



Another flag that had been developed for the American Naval ships during the Revolution consisted of the 13 stars to represent each colonial state, yet arranged more horizontally and vertically within the blue field. Also take note the stars consisted of six points, which had been common with many early versions.



The current flag was introduced and became official July 4th, 1960 to identify a star for all 50 states in the union. Hawaii and Alaska were now represented as official stars on the flag of the United States of America.

It was mid-June and I was still going through the research and coming up with new ideas. My fascination had turned into an obsession and I found myself deep within my own passion just to finish enough to satisfy my goal. I wrote the biographies based on my research, created some trivia, puzzles, and even a simple board game to play. I even forced myself to create a few illustrations needed as time allowed in addition to all the page designs and graphic elements that would be needed.

Day and night I worked as much as possible to generate something that others may find valuable to the spirit of American history. It was well worth the effort as I received positive feedback from many as I posted the book to social media and to my personal website that could be downloaded. A self-imposed project that had been an idea for many years had finally come to light and it's one that gives me such pride to have the freedom to share with others and gives me an inner sense of how our nation sacrificed so much throughout history to enable me to create something in return to show respect and honor to those that provided independence for each of us.

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## WHERE EAGLES DARE!



The Bald Eagle is a symbol of both Freedom and Independence for the United States of America.

The large bird of prey with its distinctive white head, golden beak, earthen brown body and rapturous talons shares many similarities to its adopted country of national distinction. It has become a symbol of liberty, independence, and the freedom to fly to discover for its own survival. Early colonists had become inspired by the large bird's ability to claim new territory for itself in which nature could provide a more lucrative life. Ranging mostly in the northern US and Canada, the Bald Eagle prefers large bodies of water with abundant food supply along with plenty of forestry for nesting. An eagle reaches sexual maturity around 4-5 years and as it matures, then moves away from its adolescent nesting origin in an effort to manifest its own destiny. "Bald" is a false description as it is a word derivative from meaning "white-headed." Once listed as an endangered species, the Bald Eagle has been closely monitored and government efforts have now given much rise to its ability to habit numerous other prospective areas of our country.



Although they live a life of solitary independence, many gather in winter months in lucrative salmon-rich waters to share their prosperity. Similar to our congressional assemblies to resolve issues, the Bald Eagle then returns to it's own livelihood.

Once mature, Bald Eagles typically live a life of longevity lasting 20-40 years in the wild and can be extended afterwards in captivity where the food source is provided. One note of interest as they age is their beaks continue to grow and eventually become detrimental to their feeding functionality. It is at this point when the bird must decide to either go through a pain-staking procedure of chiselling it's beak to allow itself to continue or starve to avoid the pain.

It is another symbolic representation of prosperous growth resulting in painful decisions of survival. As a nation, we must make hard choices and decisions that may be painful for our survival to carry on the independence and freedoms that we have.



Benjamin Franklin did not support the decision to have the Bald Eagle as the national symbol. He felt the bird was not representative of the country, claiming it lacked moral character as it often stole it's food from other birds. Franklin lobbied heavily to have the Wild Turkey as America's choice.





Whether grillin', smokin', or simply ordering pizza... Celebrate those special times with others with good food, good times, and life-long memories!

*The Fine Art of Cooking*



# Barbecue & Smoked Grilling

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documents that seemed too intellectual for common man, mankind's focus was on what mattered most...Bar-B-Q! Smoking in particular was considered more complex than simply searing and sizzling with grilling methods. Smoking with various wood chips offered more seasoned taste and flavor. "Barbecues," as the word became descriptive to mean a community gathering for a big, festival feast became a popular social engagement in colonial America. It has been noted in history that George Washington attended one in Alexandria, Virginia that lasted three days! Times change, cultures develop with new trends and numerous developments such as technology, resources, and convenience play a role in that society has lost that original festival feast culture.



Smoked cooking takes longer than other methods, but offers that distinctive flavor you don't get with other methods. Considered an advanced art of cooking, those pitmasters from the Carolinas, Kansas City, Memphis, and Texas have no more special talent than any of us that are willing to try for ourselves. I've spoken to a few that offer some basic advice:

Hickory wood is best overall. Other types, such as apple, mesquite, and cherry do just as well, but not that much different in flavor of the meats as it has more to do with seasoning.

Dry rubs sink into the meat during the smoking process and marinating is also good as it depends on the nature of what you are cooking. I typically will marinate the Chicken, and use dry rub seasonings on meats such as a Boston Butts and hams.

I highly recommend a Temperature thermometer to poke into larger meats to get an indication of how the cooking is going. There are rules with weights of meat and how long to cook per lb. Make adjustments in the heat throughout the cooking process needs consideration.

Make the heat adjustments from both the intake door (which allows oxygen to enter keeping the flame active) and the chimney stack (which allows the smoke to escape.)

A temperature gauge for the smoker is critical in that it gives you a good indication of how hot the meat is cooking. Many do not have one and I had to install one for myself.

There is a slight difference between Smoking and Bar-B-Q in that it requires more heat for barbecued meat than smoked flavored cooking. For example: Brats, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers just need to be smoked enough with less heat while Pork Ribs, hams, and large meats require more heat to cook through. It's not so different than a conventional oven in which you make those adjustments in temperature by adding more wood, adjusting the intake and chimney to find the balance of cooking and flavor.

These are simple tricks to follow to get you started...and call me when it's ready!

For more recipes from my  
"GOURMET GALLERY"  
Here is the link:



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# Colonial Man

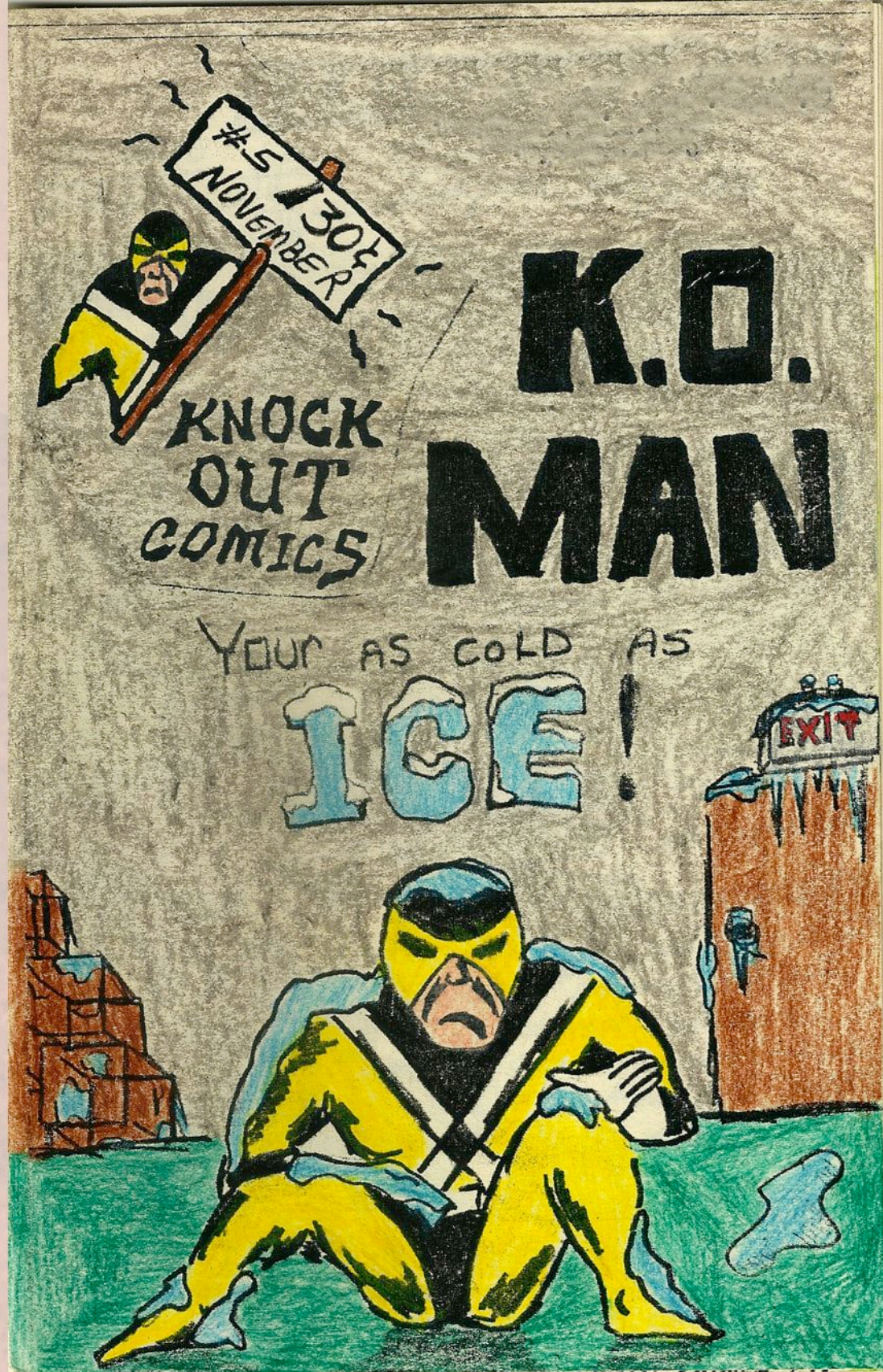


One of my many comic superheroes from early childhood was a figure I eventually named "Colonial Man." The character went through a few changes until I decided he would go back in time as a superhero to help America fight during the Revolutionary War.

His villain nemesis was "Timebomb," who could throw bombs at Colonial Man from one place and time to another. Our hero would last long enough to help in victory before he was thrown back into the future. Our forefathers such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Paul Revere were part of an elite force that had come across a magic hammer in which they pounded into the earth to bring Colonial Man back for help.

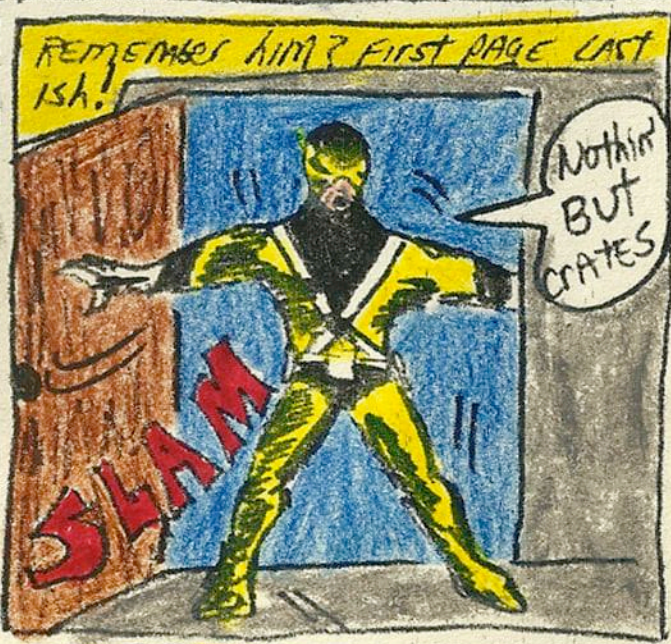
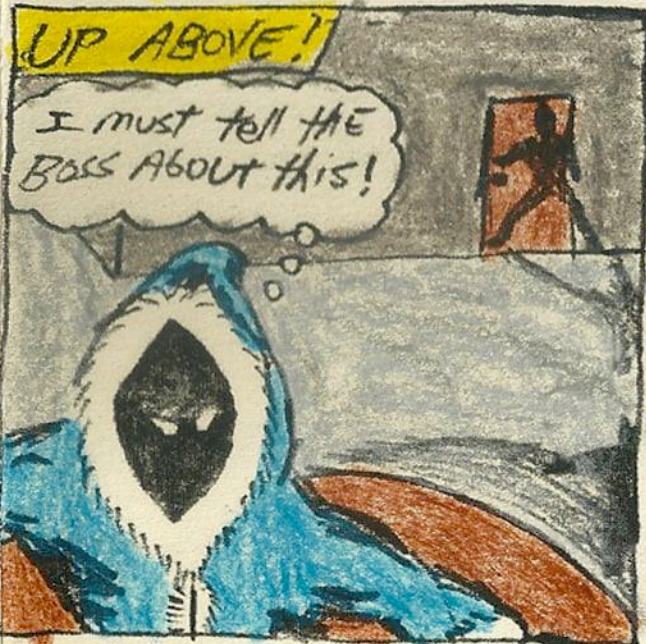
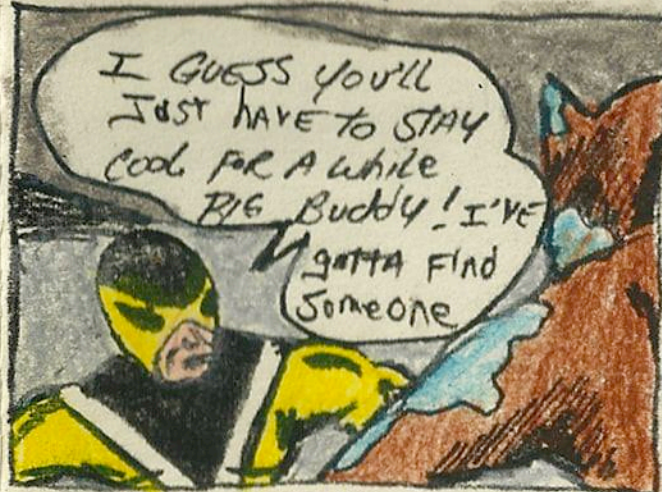
As one of the first superhero characters I created for myself, he was originally called KO Man as my comics line was "Knock Out Comics" with a hammer as the symbol and KO Man got his energy and power from his hammer. I'm more than sure I got the idea from Thor! In any event, it was fun to draw the character and create stories as his evolution of creativity went through many years of thoughts, concepts, and ideas for a character development. It's not so different from a nation trying to define its own identity.





A few sample pages that are a blast from the past showing Colonial Man (KO Man) in all his glory. I think the character needs resurgence to put our country back on track with the same ideals our forefathers had for this country as it seems the most evil villain we have to face is our own sense of not understanding historic values of freedom.







MORE ROCKS,  
DOCTOR.

NO REPLY IS HEARD BY THE YOUNG  
SERVANT, SO HIS FIRST REACTION IS TO  
ENTER WITHOUT PERMISSION ONLY TO  
FIND ...

LABORATORY

DOCTOR  
MANSFIELD?!

**KNOCK!  
KNOCK!**

IT IS NO LONGER DOCTOR,  
SERVANT, NOW I AM AN ULTIMATE  
POWER AND I SHALL BE CALLED...

**TIME BOMB!**

**DEATH!**

THE SHADOWS  
BECOME ALIGHT!





# A Voice from History

In 1787, about the time our original 13 states adopted their new constitution, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic 2,000 years prior:

“A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship.”

His studies went on to more specific accounts of how the greatest of civilizations from history endured for 200 years before they began to go through a sequence of progressive efforts that would lead to an end.

1. From bondage to spiritual faith
2. From spiritual faith to great courage
3. From courage to liberty
4. From liberty to abundance
5. From abundance to complacency
6. From complacency to apathy
7. From apathy to dependence
8. From dependence back into bondage



Later research by Joseph Olson of Hamline University of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota that pointed out details that need consideration from the 2000 Presidential election:

### **POPULATION OF COUNTIES WON DURING THE 2000 ELECTION:**

**GORE: 127 MILLION**

**BUSH: 143 MILLION**

### **SQUARE MILES OF LAND WON DURING THE 2000 ELECTION:**

**GORE: 580,000**

**BUSH: 2,427,000**

### **STATES WON DURING THE 2000 ELECTION:**

**GORE: 19**

**BUSH: 29**

### **MURDER RATE PER 100,000 RESIDENTS IN COUNTIES WON:**

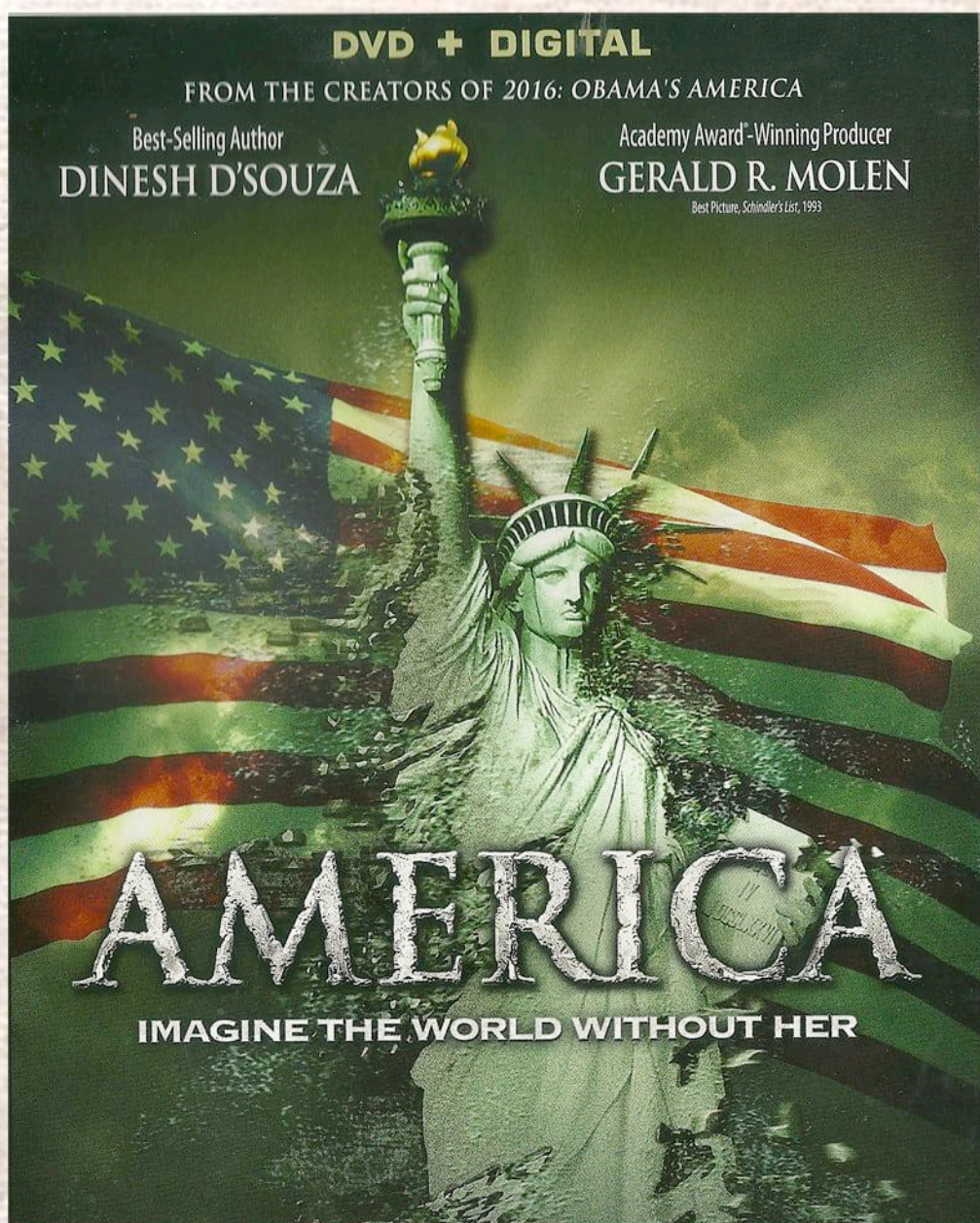
**GORE: 13.2**

**BUSH: 2.1**

Professor Olson's conclusions were accurate in that the territory Bush had won was mostly land owned by tax-paying citizens. Gore's victories encompassed those citizens living in government-owned tenements and living off welfare. Olson believed the country was somewhere between the "complacency and apathy" phase of our nation's sequence of evolution. He estimated some 20 years ago that 40 percent of the population had become government-dependent.

Both Republican and Democrat parties have their differences in philosophy and our country has become divided between capitalism and a push for exploration of worldwide marketing, but WE as a people make the choices that allow for political incentives to become greater powers than our own freedoms. Let us not lose sense to an awareness that we should rely upon our government because those were the very basic reasons why those 13 original colonies united together to fight against such tyranny. We won that war, but still have much to consider to form a more perfect union.





I read the book long before the DVD became available and I encourage others to understand the logic from a political landscape in that American has become a platform for government control. Both parties are guilty, but I believe Dinesh D'Souza explains much in how our society is on the brink of destruction from within more than a threat to outside forces.

A movie/documentary that not all can accept as truth can easily become distorted and facts are often deceptive devices through a new age of technology. There are concerns about the past, present, and future and the movie reveals a dark side to political agendas to undermine a system of government that wants more control to persuade the people to buy into a system that will lead us all to some twisted form of socialism. Politics are not my specialty, but it's knowledge worth knowing through the eyes of those that have a better understanding of American history.

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# One-Night Stands with AMERICAN HISTORY

Odd, Amusing, and  
Little-Known Incidents

RICHARD SHENKMAN  
and KURT REIGER  
FULLY UPDATED!



## One-Night Stands with American History

As the book claims, it is filled with extraordinary events, bizarre situations, surprising secrets, and just plain crazy stories from American history. Arranged chronological in order from the arrival of the colonists and our founding fathers of a new nation through the Civil War and cross-continental expansion during the nineteenth century... to worldwide conflicts and economic upheavals of the 20th century and the latest current lunacies, each story is a brief account with compelling and often startling information that is also entertaining because they are based on truth.

For those who enjoy historical trivia, the book is a must-read and can be a valuable reference guide with insight into those odd, amusing, and little-known incidents in American history. I have the revised edition from 2003 which is great to pick up anytime to simply read a tid-bit of of history that entertains me for an evening. Fun stuff from history and that's the truth!

I hope you enjoyed this issue and it helped put you in the spirit! The greatest treasure our nation has to offer is "Freedom!" so let's keep that in mind and not allow those who want to take that from our sense of self. Everyone have a Fantastic 4th of July in celebrating another glorious year of Independence and I will see

You next month with a new topic.... ummm....I think that's a tease listed just below. -- Chris

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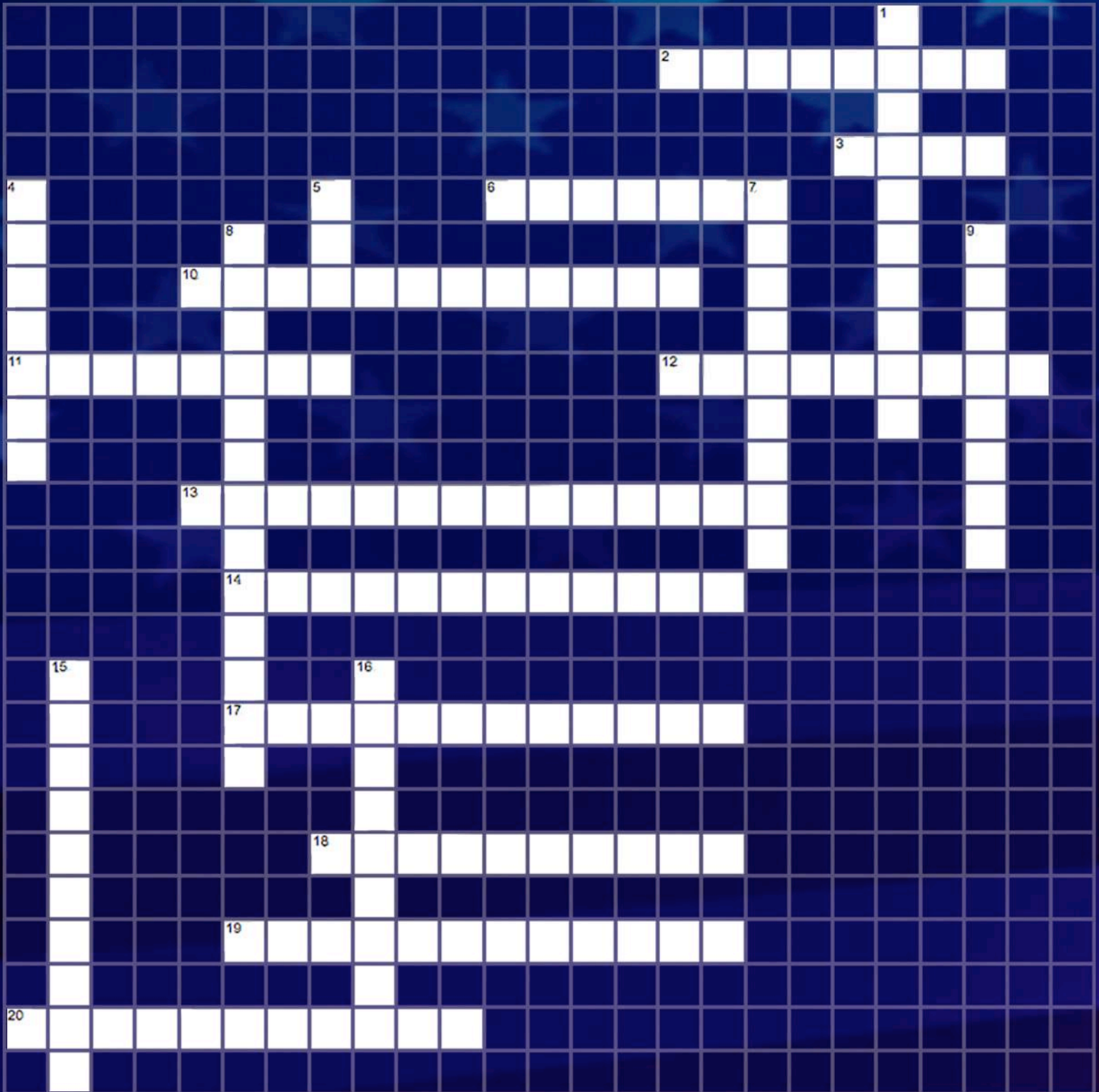
## Sports

All things Sports from childhood through today as it has been a theme that has always been a part of my life experience. From my own athletic performance to artistic ambitions, it's a Win-Win Victory when it comes to understanding how the final score is more about overcoming the odds and discovering more of the truth within yourself. I hope you enjoyed the spirit of this issue and let's put our game face on next month! Love and Wishes! - Chris

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# PATRIOTIC CROSSWORD





## ACROSS

- The river crossed by George Washington and his army on Christmas night, 1776 in an attempt to gain a small victory against Hessian soldier outposts hired by the British.
- A cloth-like symbol that waves in the air to represent American freedom.
- The one word typically used for those who risked their lives to escape tyranny and oppressive government control.
- The name of the empire in which King George III ruled.
- An often-used name given to the British soldiers.
- Who sewed together the very first American flag?
- Considered by many as an event in Boston that officially became the first shots fired in the American Revolution.
- The city that held the first meeting of the continental congress.
- Because the American colonies had no official voice in British government and felt they could manage on their own, they declared a state of what?
- The word used to describe acts against a governing authority.
- Much of the basic principles of the US constitution were based on a book written by Thomas Paine. What was the title of this book?

## DOWN

- This famous American is known for his "Midnight Ride" to warn Americans that the "British Were Coming."
- A statue that resides upon New York's Ellis Island given to the United States by France to honor this valuable commodity to American values.
- This party in Boston was quite destructive because colonists dressed up as Indians invaded British ships to throw out crates of this product into the harbor. What was this commodity?
- The name given to many of the American soldiers who fought against the British because they were typically farmers, craftsmen, and businessmen who were fighting for their freedom upon a moment's notice.
- The official document signed to recognize America's independence from Great Britain.
- The name of German soldiers that were hired by the British to fight against the colonists during the American Revolution.
- As a wealthy land-owner in Virginia and a prominent leader, this famous American was chosen to lead the continental army and was later elected as the first president.
- Although contributions were made by many American idealists to create free country, what famous American figure authored The Declaration of Independence?



# Revolutionary

# MAD LIBS

Here's a fun way to re-write history!

First answer the questions below.

Next, put the words into the corresponding stories on the opposite page.

## Story One

1. What is your favorite restaurant? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name one city from the original 13 colonies: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name a famous figure from the American Revolution: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What would you say if you were in pain? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name your favorite movie type/genre: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name Two of your favorite animals: A) \_\_\_\_\_; and B) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name a human emotion you recently experienced: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name a particular fruit or vegetable: \_\_\_\_\_
9. In a word, describe something unpleasant: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name another famous figure from the American Revolution: \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is your favorite subject in school? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What one word best describes America? \_\_\_\_\_

## Story Two

13. What is your favorite car? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Name an event that occurred during the American Revolution: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Name the place where that event occurred: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Name a famous figure from the American Revolution: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Name something the colonists may have worn or carried: \_\_\_\_\_
18. What is your favorite animal (in the form of more than one): \_\_\_\_\_
19. Name a natural disaster: \_\_\_\_\_
20. Name something you have today the colonists did not have: \_\_\_\_\_
21. Name an emotional response: \_\_\_\_\_
22. Something our country fought for during the revolution: \_\_\_\_\_
23. Name a weapon used during the American Revolution: \_\_\_\_\_
24. Think of a clever word to describe a scientific machine: \_\_\_\_\_
25. Name something that describes an American Ideal: \_\_\_\_\_



## Story One

I was at **1** \_\_\_\_\_ in **2** \_\_\_\_\_, hanging out with my good friend **3** \_\_\_\_\_, when he asked me to join the American Revolution. “**4** \_\_\_\_\_!” I cried as I realized how much the country was changing. The 13 colonies had far too much **5** \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives and **6A** \_\_\_\_\_ and **6B** \_\_\_\_\_ were not getting along and it was about as **7** \_\_\_\_\_ as it could be. There were plenty of **8** \_\_\_\_\_ to throw at the **9** \_\_\_\_\_ Redcoats to fight for our Independence. **10** \_\_\_\_\_ was also there giving a speech about **11** \_\_\_\_\_ that gave everyone a sense of **12** \_\_\_\_\_.

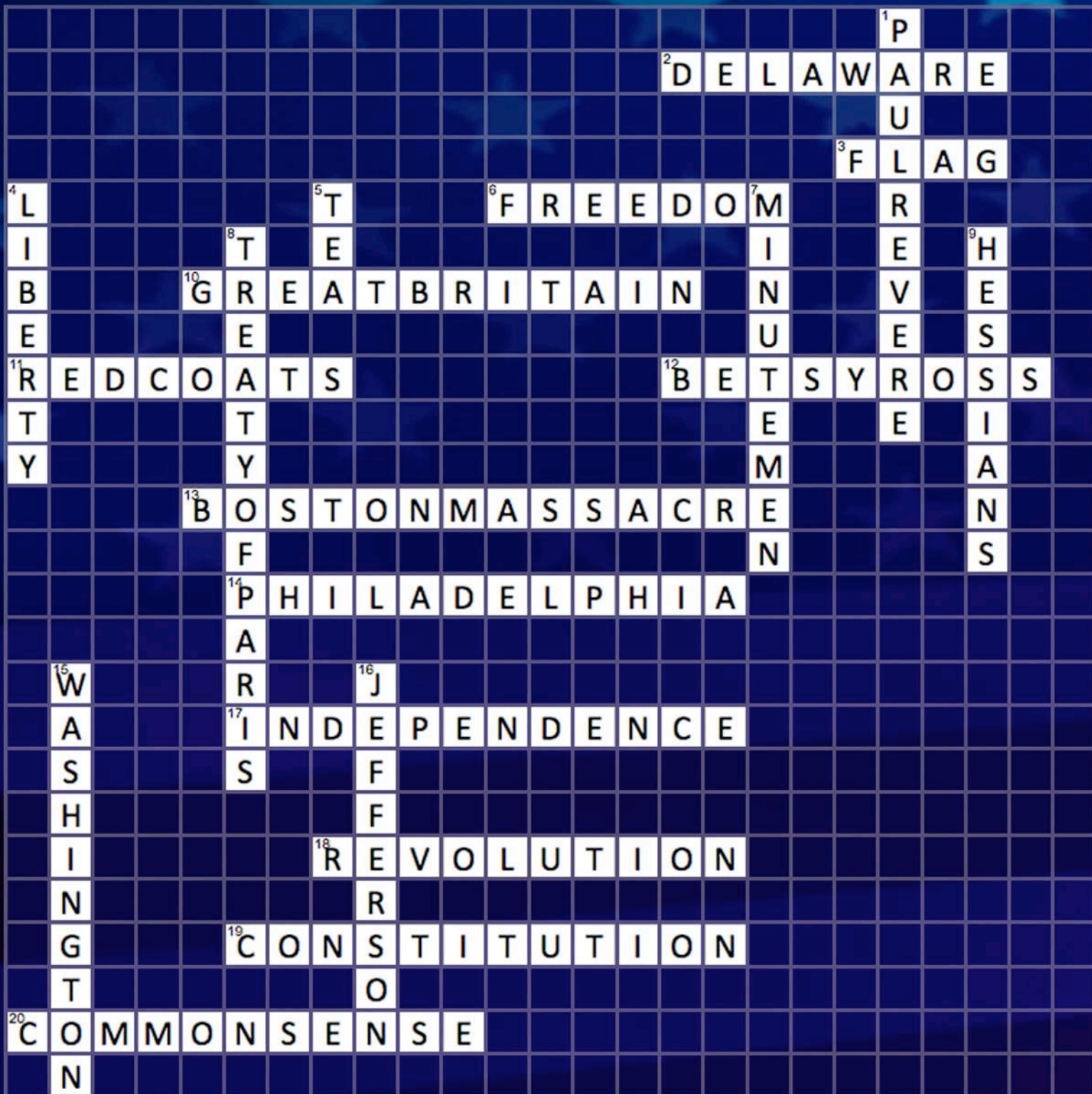
## Story Two

I was driving my **13** \_\_\_\_\_ so fast that I broke the sound barrier and found myself travelling through hyperspace back in time. I landed just as **14** \_\_\_\_\_ was happening in **15** \_\_\_\_\_. Things were not as I had been taught in school because **16** \_\_\_\_\_ was there without his **17** \_\_\_\_\_. I didn't know what to do as everyone was acting like a bunch of **18** \_\_\_\_\_ because they weren't prepared for **19** \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, I presented them with my **20** \_\_\_\_\_, which I still had with me, and the colonists seemed to be in a state of **21** \_\_\_\_\_. “May the **22** \_\_\_\_\_ be with you!” I shouted as I barely escaped the **23** \_\_\_\_\_ of the Redcoats just as a Black Hole opened in the Time-Space **24** \_\_\_\_\_ which propelled me back to the future where **25** \_\_\_\_\_ had been saved.



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