



*"Let it be said that the Negro soldier did his duty  
under the flag, whether that flag protected him or not."  
- Edward A. Johnson, Spanish-American War Historian*

THE REVOLUTION  
WAR OF 1812  
CIVIL WAR  
INDIAN WARS  
SPANISH AMERICAN WAR  
THE GREAT WAR  
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# FOR LOVE OF LIBERTY

THE STORY OF AMERICA'S BLACK PATRIOTS

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“It is a wonderful story... of a group of Americans who never lost their love of this country, never lost their faith in it or what the founding fathers had promised them. And that's why this story is simply called, **For Love of Liberty.**”

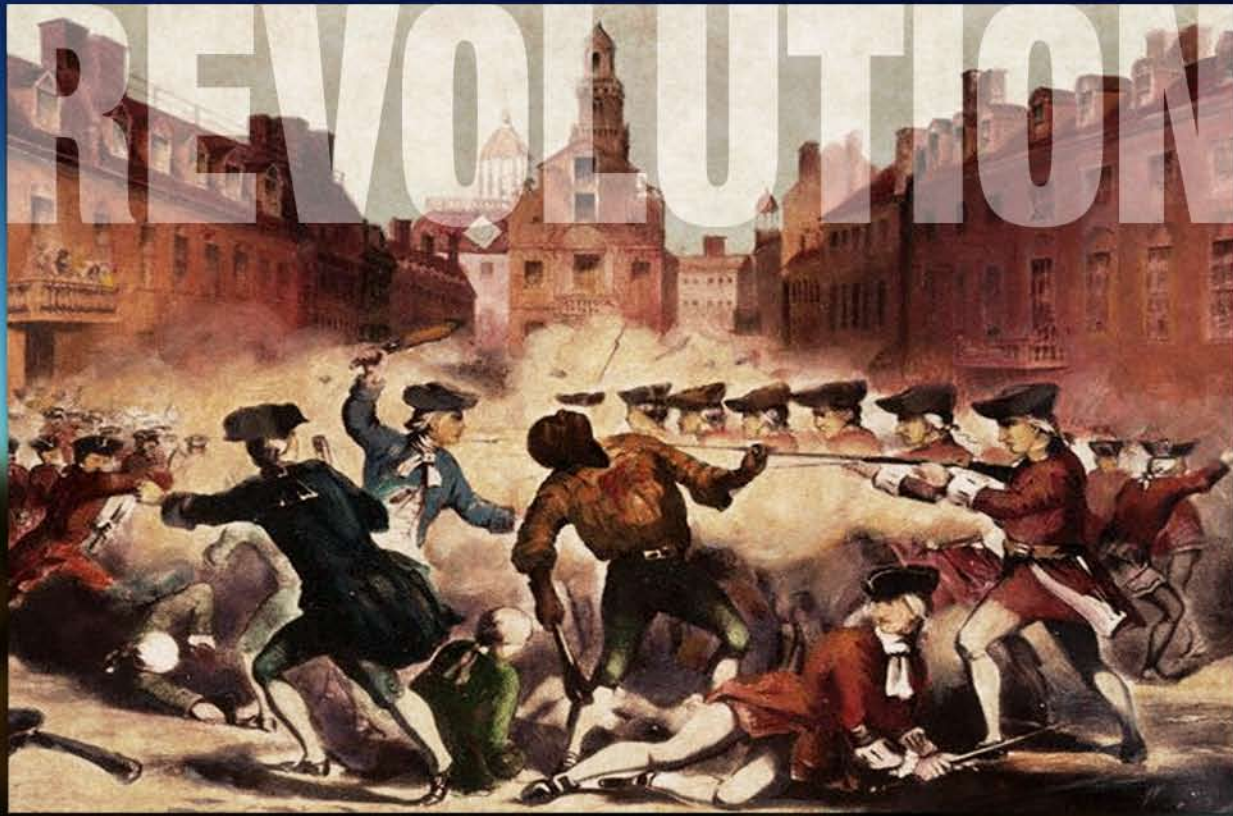
— General Colin L. Powell,  
Former U.S. Secretary of State



If prevalent and accepted accounts of American history – both scholarly and those portrayed by Hollywood – are to be believed, the face of the United States Armed Services was white.



The truth is over 5,000 Black soldiers fought in the American Revolution. And though most were not recognized as citizens or even free men, more than 200,000 took up arms in the Civil War. Over 380,000 African-Americans served in World War I and more than 2,000,000 defended this country in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Yet most accounts of their valiant actions are absent from history books and contemporary film.



The breadth of their service can be traced back to the dawn of the Republic. In 1770, Boston citizens confronted a squad of English soldiers. A Black man took control of the protest and challenged the Redcoats. The British raised their weapons and fired. With that one volley, Crispus Attucks, an escaped slave, became the first man to give his life for a cause that would later become the American Revolution. Thomas Jefferson immortalized that sacrifice when he wrote, "The blood of Attucks nourished the tree of liberty ..."

**F**rom those early struggles to our current battle against global terrorism, African-Americans have risked their lives in defense of this nation in the dual effort to preserve freedom for their country while also attempting to acquire it for themselves. Their long struggle has been as painful as it was heroic – their sacrifices profound and their enormous contributions largely ignored.

MIDDLE EAST



**F**or **Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots** has finally, and for all time, set the record straight. It is an unprecedented documentation of the African-American experience in the U.S. military. At the center of this multi-faceted initiative is a four-hour, high definition, two-part documentary introduced by Colin Powell and hosted on-camera by Halle Berry. The film uses letters, diaries, speeches, journalistic accounts, historical text and military records to acknowledge the tremendous, unheralded accomplishments of African-American Servicemen and women – from the earliest days of the Republic through our present conflict in Afghanistan. The documentary asks the question why these heroic men and women fought so valiantly for freedoms they themselves did not enjoy.







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At the heart of *For Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots* are the emotional first-hand accounts of those who were there. Their epic stories come to life through dramatic readings by a who's who of American arts and culture.

Lending their voices are Morgan Freeman, Mel Gibson, Bill Cosby, John Travolta, Danny Glover, Walter Cronkite, Ossie Davis, Susan Sarandon, D.L. Hughley, Robert Duvall, Dennis Haysbert, Sam Elliott, Isaac Hayes, John Goodman, Ice-T, James Garner, Robert Townsend, Alan Rickman, LeVar Burton, Jonathan Pryce, Roscoe Lee Browne, Ruby Dee, John Amos, Robert Culp, Barry Corbin, Delroy Lindo, Eric La Salle, Angela Bassett, Chris Cooper, John Spencer, Alfre Woodard, Cliff Robertson, Lou Gossett Jr., Dulé Hill, Blair Underwood, Glynn Turman, Charles S. Dutton, Jesse L. Martin, Lambert Wilson, Ron Silver, Courtney Vance, Ruben Santiago-Hudson, Harold Perrineau Jr., Julian Bond and others.

Their words reveal an epic story of perseverance and personal triumph.

# A GREAT STORY



- Good Morning America

**W**hat others are saying

"Highly Recommended" - Video Librarian

"A milestone documentary" - Chicago Sun Times

"A landmark social document" - Baltimore Sun

"An extraordinary film" - George Lucas

"Wonderful" - Colin Powell

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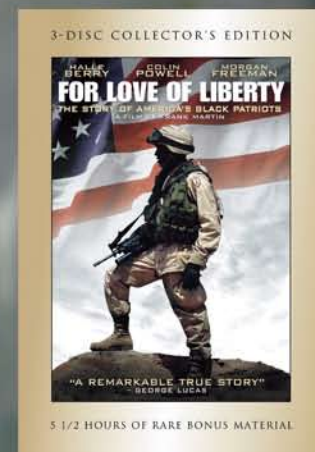
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