

# *American History in Action!*

*Imagine Yourself, a Young Patriot Soldier...*

Before Dawn, December 9, 1775.

I have never shot a gun in battle before. Nor, have I ever killed a man. But today I will be called upon to do both in the name of freedom. I believe in independence for the Colonies. I believe in my father and his decision to break away from England's reign. And though I am only eighteen, I feel the fire of independence in my core.

The Redcoats have already defeated a rebellion at Kemps Landing. They are strong and they are well trained. But, we are fighting for our families, our land and our liberty. The troops will wake soon. Who knows what this day will bring. My mother wept when we left. She begged us not to go; but we know we have a higher calling.

It has been over nine months since Patrick Henry cried out in Richmond, "Give me liberty or give me death!"

Now is our chance....  
Cannon fire in the distance. God save us all.



**Watch this amazing story of patriotism and bravery along with colonial vendors and encampments:**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> during the  
Battle of Great Bridge Reenactment.  
10am – 4pm; 116 Callison Dr, Chesapeake, VA**

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