

Who Was Nathaniel Greene?

Do you know who trained regular colonists to be great soldiers? Nathaniel Greene was born and raised right here in Warwick, Rhode Island on August 7th 1742. The Greene's were a very wealthy family; but, Nathaniel's father was a cruel man and did not believe in education so, he wouldn't educate his son. Nathaniel wanted education though. So, he educated himself with a special study of math, military tactics, and law. After he was educated he decided he wanted to go into the war, and he did. Greene went through many jobs in the war, each one more important than the last. Although Nathaniel did not die in war, he unfortunately died of heat stroke on June 19th 1786 in Edisto, South Carolina.

Greene transformed many regular colonists into the best soldiers of our country. He was very keen because he had a plan to defeat the British. He led his men on a march with the British following. However, he did it so that the British would run out of supplies and eventually die of hunger. Greene was first promoted to Brigadier General of the Rhode Island Army, and had worked his way all the way up to Major General. He was then placed in command of the Continental Troops of Long Island. Then, in 1770 Greene was appointed to take command of the Southern Army, which was probably one of the most important jobs. Besides George Washington, Nathaniel Greene was the only General to serve the full 8 years of the Revolutionary War.

Nathaniel actually influenced the outcome of the war. He trained colonists to be great soldiers, which led to having one of the strongest armies. He had killed many of the British. In fact, his unique plans made the British run out of supplies when they were chasing the colonists on that long march, this made the British surrender. So, Nathaniel simultaneously stayed alive, managed to be healthy, have a great army, and fight for freedom. Clearly Nathaniel was a very brave man.

Being Nathaniel would be extremely honorable because he was a very well respected man. I would have been very proud to have trained so many soldiers and have helped win the Revolutionary War. I would be so self respecting because I was so keen to have made unique plans for my soldiers. I bet not all his life was this exciting though. Training all those soldiers must have taken up a lot of time and have put a lot of pressure on Nathaniel. His life may have been stressful, and taken a lot of patience. Although it wasn't always easy, it was well worth it!

Nathaniel made fabulous plans, he made great soldiers, and he even helped win the war! His life may have been pretty good at times but maybe not so much other times. But, without Nathaniel's leadership and influence on George Washington, we might still have been ruled by Britain. Therefore, Nathaniel was a hard working, kind, keen, and very important man in the American Revolutionary War.

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