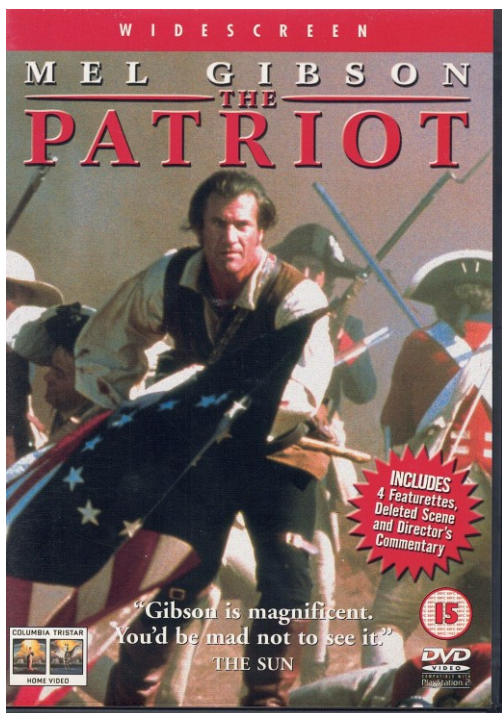


# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Patriot**



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## Information

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Origin: United States, Germany

Genres: Action, Drama, History, War

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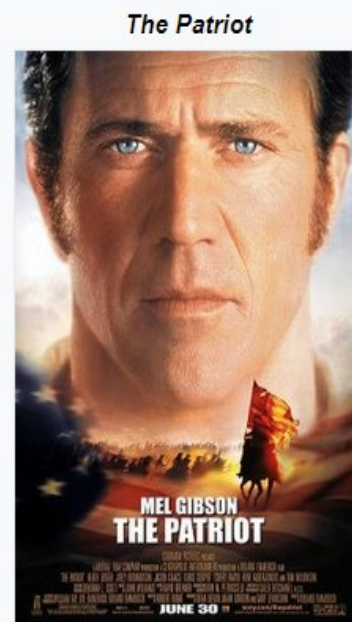
Languages: English, French

Filming locations: Rock Hill, South Carolina, USA (Revolutionary War Re-enactment battles)

Sound mix: Dolby Digital, DTS, SDDS, Dolby Atmos

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	<a href="#">Roland Emmerich</a>
Written by	<a href="#">Robert Rodat</a>
Produced by	<a href="#">Dean Devlin</a> <a href="#">Mark Gordon</a> <a href="#">Gary Levinsohn</a>
Starring	<a href="#">Mel Gibson</a> <a href="#">Heath Ledger</a> <a href="#">Joely Richardson</a> <a href="#">Jason Isaacs</a> <a href="#">Chris Cooper</a> <a href="#">Tchéky Karyo</a> <a href="#">René Auberjonois</a> <a href="#">Tom Wilkinson</a>
Cinematography	<a href="#">Caleb Deschanel</a>
Edited by	<a href="#">David Brenner</a> <a href="#">Julie Monroe</a>
Music by	<a href="#">John Williams</a>
Production companies	<a href="#">Centropolis Entertainment</a> <a href="#">Mutual Film Company</a>
Distributed by	<a href="#">Columbia Pictures<sup>[1]</sup></a>
Release dates	June 27, 2000 (Century City) June 30, 2000 (United States)
Running time	165 minutes <sup>[2]</sup>
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$110 million <sup>[3]</sup>
Box office	\$215.3 million <sup>[3]</sup>

# Storyline

During the American Revolutionary War in 1776, Captain Benjamin Martin, a veteran of the French and Indian War and a widower with seven children, is called to Charleston to vote in the South Carolina General Assembly on a levy supporting the Continental Army. Fearing war against Great Britain and not wanting to force others to fight when he will not, Benjamin abstains; the vote is nonetheless passed, and, against his father's wishes, Benjamin's eldest son Gabriel joins the Army.

Two years later, Charleston falls to the British and a wounded Gabriel returns home carrying dispatches. The Martins care for both British and American wounded from a nearby battle before British Dragoons led by Colonel William Tavington arrive, arrest Gabriel with the intention of hanging him as a spy, and seize Benjamin's African American workers for their own use. When Benjamin's son Thomas tries to free Gabriel, he is shot and killed by Tavington, who then orders the Martins' house burned and all wounded Americans executed. After the British leave, Benjamin, accompanied by his two younger sons, set up a row of muskets and ambush the British convoy transporting Gabriel. Benjamin skilfully, yet brutally, slaughters several British troops with his tomahawk. A British survivor tells Tavington of the attack, earning Benjamin the moniker of the "Ghost".

Gabriel decides to re-join the Continentals and Benjamin soon follows, leaving the younger children in the care of Benjamin's sister-in-law, Charlotte. While traveling, they witness American soldiers and militiamen under General Horatio Gates engaging the British Army. Benjamin points out the foolishness of undisciplined and untested men fighting well-trained British regulars on open ground; sure enough, the Continentals are decisively routed. Benjamin meets his former commanding officer, Col. Harry Burwell, who appoints him as colonel of a newly raised militia unit due to his combat experience and also places Gabriel under his father's command. Benjamin is tasked with weakening Lord Cornwallis's regiments through a sustained campaign of guerrilla warfare. Benjamin is also provided the service of French Major Jean Villeneuve, who helps train the militia and promises more French aid.

Gabriel asks why Villeneuve and others often mention an incident at Fort Wilderness. Benjamin, having been hesitant to answer the question up to now, finally tells his son: while fighting in the British Army, he and several other soldiers discovered French soldiers committing an atrocity against British colonists. The enraged men caught up with the retreating French at Fort Wilderness and killed all but two of them. The survivors were forced to gather the heads of their comrades and present them to the Cherokee, convincing the tribe to betray the French and side with the British. Benjamin reveals that he has been haunted by guilt ever since.

Benjamin's militia carries out brutal ambushes of British patrols and supply caravans, even capturing some of Cornwallis' personal effects and his two Great Danes, and burn the bridges and ferries needed by Cornwallis. The general angrily blames Tavington for his setbacks, but when Benjamin uses what Cornwallis perceives as a dishonourable ploy to free some of the captured men, he reluctantly permits Tavington to do whatever he pleases if it puts a stop to the attacks. With the reluctant aid of Wilkins, a local Loyalist, Tavington has the homes of several militiamen burned and their families executed. Benjamin's family flees Charlotte's plantation as it is burned to live in a Gullah settlement with formerly enslaved residents. There, Gabriel marries his betrothed, Anne.

Tavington's brigade raids a town that has been secretly providing the militia with food. He has all the residents, including Anne and her parents, assembled in the church and demands the location of their camp. After their location is given, he has the doors barricaded, and orders the church to be burned, killing everyone inside. When they discover the tragedy, Gabriel and several other soldiers attack Tavington's encampment; Tavington is wounded but manages to kill Gabriel before retreating. Benjamin mourns and contemplates desertion before being reminded of his son's dedication to the cause by finding an American flag he repaired. Martin's militia, along with a larger Continental Army regiment, confronts Cornwallis' troops in a decisive battle at Cowpens. Benjamin rallies his side, and he and Tavington meet in personal combat. Tavington disarms and wounds Benjamin with his sabre, before preparing to deliver the coup de grâce. At the last second, Benjamin dodges the attack and impales Tavington twice in the abdomen and throat respectively, killing him. The battle is a Continental victory, and Cornwallis sounds the retreat.

After many retreats, Cornwallis is besieged at Yorktown, Virginia where he surrenders to the surrounding Continental Army and the long-awaited French naval force. After the conflict ends, Benjamin returns to his family, with Charlotte carrying their new baby, and discovers members of his former militia unit rebuilding his homestead on their old town road.

## Cast

Mel Gibson as Captain/Colonel Benjamin Martin

A veteran of the French and Indian War, the hero of the fictional Fort Wilderness, and widowed father of seven children, He is based on a composite of historical characters which include Thomas Sumter, Daniel Morgan, Nathanael Greene, Andrew Pickens, and Francis Marion.

Joely Richardson as Charlotte Selton

Benjamin's sister-in-law and later wife. She is the owner of a plantation that is burned down by the British. She looks after Benjamin's children while he is fighting; eventually they have a child together.

Heath Ledger as Corporal Gabriel Edward Martin

Benjamin's eldest child, and the husband of Anne Howard. He decides to join up with the Continental Army against his father's wishes.

Lisa Brenner as Anne Patricia Howard

Gabriel's childhood friend and love interest.

Gregory Smith as Thomas Martin

Benjamin's second son, he, like Gabriel, is anxious to fight in the war, but Benjamin says he has to wait because of his age. He is shot and killed by Tavington when he protests against Gabriel's arrest.

Trevor Morgan as Nathan Martin

Third son, he and Samuel help around the plantation.

Bryan Chafin as Samuel Martin

Fourth son, he is usually seen helping Nathan around the plantation.

Mika Boorem as Margaret "Meg" Martin

Benjamin's older daughter, she is often seen taking care of her younger siblings.

Logan Lerman as William Martin, Benjamin's fifth and youngest son.

Skye McCole Bartusiak as Susan Martin

The youngest of Benjamin's seven children, initially she will not speak, which may be a post-traumatic reaction to the death of their mother Elizabeth.

Jason Isaacs as Colonel William Tavington

The brutal and psychopathic commander of the Green Dragoons. The character is based on Banastre Tarleton.

Chris Cooper as Colonel/Brigadier General Harry Burwell

One of Benjamin's commanding officers in the French and Indian War and a colonel of the Continental Army. He fought in the 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill. He is based on Lieutenant Colonel Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee.

Tchéky Karyo as Major Jean Villeneuve

A French officer who trains Martin's militia, he holds a grudge against Martin for his part in the French and Indian War, but they become close friends by the war's end. He serves as Martin's second-in-command.

René Auberjonois as Reverend Oliver

A minister of Pembroke who volunteers to fight with the militia.

Tom Wilkinson as Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis, 2nd Earl Cornwallis

A general of the British army.

Donal Logue as Dan Scott

One of Benjamin's men. He is a racist and bullies the former slave Occam, but grows to befriend him.

Peter Woodward as Brigadier General Charles O'Hara

Cornwallis' second-in-command.

Leon Rippy as John Billings

One of Benjamin's neighbors and oldest friends who joins the militia. He is one of the 18 captured men taken to Fort Carolina and later released by Benjamin.

Adam Baldwin as Captain James Wilkins

An officer in the Loyalist Colonial militia recruited into the Green Dragoons by Captain Bordon.

Jamieson K. Price as Captain Bordon

Tavington's second-in-command of the Green Dragoons.

Jay Arlen Jones as Occam

A black slave who is sent to fight in his master's place.

Joey D. Vieira as Peter Howard  
Anne Howard's father.  
Zach Hanner as British field officer.  
Terry Layman as General George Washington.  
Andy Stahl as General Nathanael Greene.  
Grahame Wood as a British Lieutenant.

### Parents Guide

#### Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:MA Brazil:16 (video rating) Canada:14A Denmark:15 Egypt:R (self-applied) Finland:K-18 (2006, extended version) Finland:K-14 (2000, theatrical version) France:Tous publics avec avertissement Germany:16 (f) Hong Kong:IIB Iceland:16 India:U (re-rating) India:A (2000, original rating) Ireland:15 (DVD) Italy:T Malaysia:U Netherlands:16 New Zealand:R15 Norway:15 (cinema rating) Peru:14 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Russia:16+ Singapore:PG South Korea:15 Spain:13 Sweden:15 Taiwan:12+ Thailand:u 15+ (self-applied) Turkey:13A (self-applied) United Kingdom:15 United Kingdom:15 (DVD) United States:R (certificate #37230) United States:Unrated (certificate #37230, extended version) United Arab Emirates:PG-15 (self-applied)

#### Sex & Nudity

None

#### Violence & Gore

Severe

Profanity

Mild

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Moderate

MPAA Rated R for strong war violence

