

# Baron Johann De Kalb: The Courageous German General Who Fought for American Independence

Baron Johann De Kalb was a German military officer who fought for the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. He served as a major general and was one of the most experienced and respected officers in the army. De Kalb was killed in action at the Battle of Camden in 1780.



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## Early Life and Career

Johann De Kalb was born on June 12, 1721, in Hüttendorf, Bavaria. He was the son of a Lutheran pastor. De Kalb received a classical education and entered the military in 1743. He fought in the War of the Austrian Succession and the Seven Years' War.

In 1768, De Kalb was sent to the United States as a military advisor to the Continental Army. He was impressed by the American cause and decided to stay in the United States and fight for independence.

### **Service in the Continental Army**

De Kalb was appointed a major general in the Continental Army in 1777. He served under General George Washington and commanded the Maryland and Delaware troops. De Kalb was a skilled commander and was respected by both his troops and his fellow officers.

De Kalb played a key role in the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. He commanded the American right wing and held off the British advance. De Kalb's performance at Monmouth earned him the respect of the British commander, Sir Henry Clinton.

### **Death at the Battle of Camden**

In 1780, De Kalb was sent to the South to command the Continental Army in the Carolinas. He faced a difficult task, as the British had a strong foothold in the region. De Kalb was defeated at the Battle of Camden in August 1780 and was killed in action.

De Kalb's death was a major loss for the Continental Army. He was a skilled commander and a respected leader. His death is still mourned by Americans today.

### **Legacy**

Baron Johann De Kalb is remembered as one of the most courageous and respected officers in the Continental Army. He fought for the American

cause even though he was not an American citizen. De Kalb's death at the Battle of Camden was a major loss for the Continental Army.

There are many memorials to De Kalb in the United States. The town of De Kalb, Illinois, is named after him. There are also statues of De Kalb in Annapolis, Maryland, and Camden, South Carolina.

Baron Johann De Kalb was a courageous German general who fought for American independence. He was a skilled commander and a respected leader. De Kalb's death at the Battle of Camden was a major loss for the Continental Army. He is still remembered today as one of the heroes of the American Revolution.

## Additional Resources

- The Library of Congress: Baron Johann De Kalb
- Mount Vernon: Johann De Kalb
- Revolutionary War Archives: Johann De Kalb



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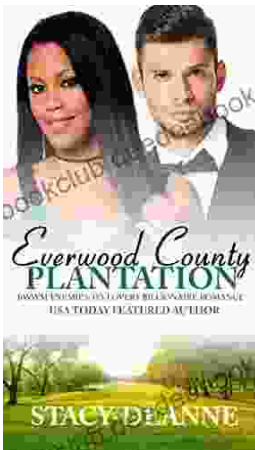
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