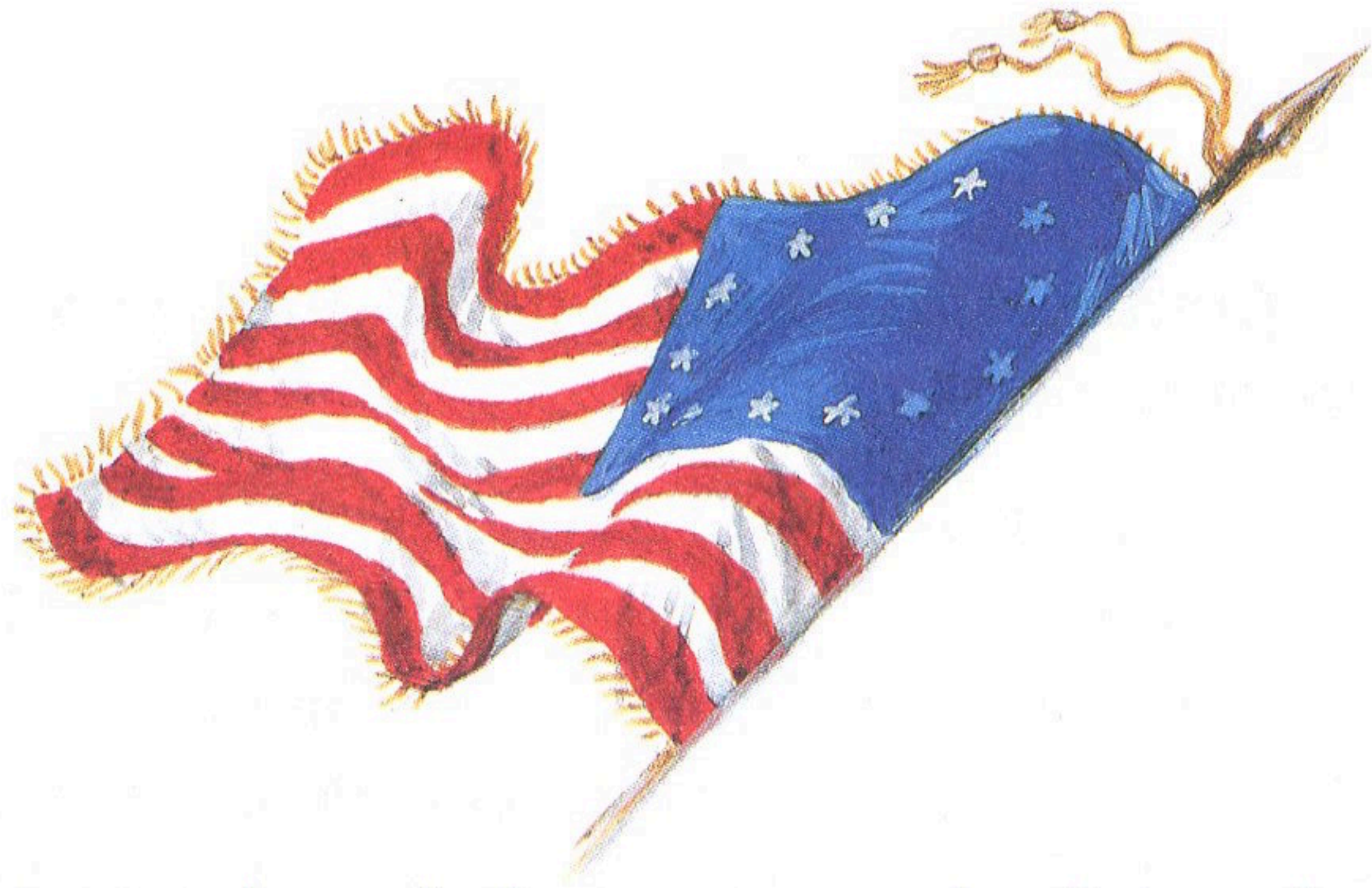


If your family sided with the Patriots, how did you support the war?

You may have shared food with soldiers when they marched by your house. But you didn't eat lamb. Sheep were needed to supply wool for soldiers' uniforms.

Lead was needed to make ammunition, so families donated lead tools and other items to be melted and then molded into bullets. In July of 1776, Patriots in New York City found a good source of bullets — a lead statue of King George on his horse. They pulled down the statue and carted most of it to the village of Litchfield, Connecticut, where it was molded into more than forty thousand bullets for American muskets.

Patriot women stopped buying English products such as tea and cloth. (They would not wear black clothing, even for funerals, because black cloth came from Britain.) They collected money and made clothes for soldiers.



Patriots showed their support by flying the new national flag, adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The flag had thirteen red and white stripes, and thirteen white stars on a blue background. Families displayed the flag on many occasions throughout the year, especially on June 14, which became known as “Flag Day.”