

# Clearly Defined Mission



The Alliance to Restore the Republic, more commonly known as the Rebel Alliance, has one purpose... To end the tyrannical rule of Emperor Palpatine and Darth Vader, and restore freedom, democracy and prosperity to the known Galaxy. Its mission is clearly defined and it will accomplish that mission no matter the cost. Having a clearly defined mission gives the Rebels focus, it provides them with a plan that all participants know, and can follow. It prevents the Rebels from ever getting side tracked and per suing their own personal goals at the expense of the overall mission.

Think about Return of the Jedi. In this movie Emperor Palpatine and Darth Vader were on the final Death Star. In one coordinated mission the Rebels had the chance to end the Galactic Civil War and return peace to the Galaxy. All this could have been potentially ruined by Luke Skywalker had he stayed with the Echo Moon Base team, instead of turning himself over to Vader. Vader could have use the Force to track down Luke and the Echo Base team, the planetary shield would never have been destroyed, and the Emperor would have succeeded in destroying the Rebel Fleet with his fully operational Death Star. Luckily, Luke had a clearly defined mission, and was willing to risk his own life to ensure that mission succeeded.



Star Wars also honors the American Revolution. Their stories are very similar. In 1776 the Continental Army was smaller, had less training, and nowhere near the resource available that the British Army commanded. The Continental Army had leaders such as George Washington, Nathaniel Greene, and Fredrich von Steuben. These leaders had a clearly defined mission that pushed America toward its independence.

General Washington understood that with the Declaration of Independence there was no turning back. Any American that signed the Declaration or was caught leading the Continental Army would be hung, and their holdings (which mean lands and other valuables) would be forfeit to the Crown of England. Winning the Revolution was mission that must have succeeded at all costs. Washington turned the tide of war with the historic Battle of Trenton. It was here that Washington planned to catch Hessian mercenaries off guard by attacking them on Christmas Night. His plan succeeded, his mission achieved, and the British were forced back to their bases in New York where the final battles of the war would take place the next summer.