



Forgotten Victory Trail Association LLC
Battles of Connecticut Farms & Springfield - June, 1780
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The Forgotten Victory Trail Association was formed in 2021 when a group of local historians recognized that the Revolutionary War British invasion that took place in Elizabethtown, Connecticut Farms (Union), and Springfield in 1780 are hardly known and commemorated. The purpose of the invasion was to capture the "Fox," General George Washington, and to destroy the Continental Army encamped in Morristown.

The name "Forgotten Victory" comes from the first full-length book written about the battles by historian Thomas Fleming in 1973. Some of the main goals are to ensure that these battles are no longer forgotten, and the men and women who fought and suffered during these times are remembered. The plan is to accomplish this awareness in the following ways:

- To maintain and establish partnerships with historical associations to further these goals and objectives.
- The biggest project right now is the installation of eight major signs along the Forgotten Victory Trail from the Elizabeth Waterfront Memorial Park to Downtown Springfield and in Millburn / Short Hills. The total cost of this program will be in excess of \$100,000.
- Information will be provided on this fighting and the impact it had on the population which will create an environment that provides for contact with other interested, historically-minded individuals.
- A grade school education program has been established to inform and engage young people in their local history. There are plans to increase this educational program to many more New Jersey students.
- A FVT website will be established in the near future. In the meantime, the Washington Association of New Jersey, Morristown, is hosting a FVT page on their web site. The address of this web page is noted in the heading of this Newsletter No. 2.

- Local historical societies have been, and will continue to be, notified of our FVT Association and local historical events.
- Currently, professors at Kean University and Monmouth University are conducting an in-depth study of the aforementioned battles. They will more accurately define the actual routes all troops followed, better define the fields of battle and participants, and conduct detailed analysis of the actual battlegrounds.
- A database will ultimately be established for the input of information concerning participants of these battles in the form of biographies, pictures of family artifacts, and photos of spent munitions recovered from the battlefields.
- Municipalities and local historical societies will be informed that we exist and plan to distribute information on the battles to them and their members.
- All of the above are the more immediate working tasks. More will be developed in the future.

You are invited to become a member of the Forgotten Victory Trail Association LLC.

Membership is \$30.00, and will be effective until the end of 2024. Please email steveclark1952@verizon.net with your request for a Membership Application. You can also send \$30.00, with your contact information to the address at the head of this Newsletter No.2.

Membership is also being accepted from local historical associations. Membership for local historical associations is \$30.00 and is valid through the end of 2024. This membership does not cover individual members of the local historical association, although information sent from us to the local historical association, can be forwarded to their membership.

Please send me any questions you may have regarding membership.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for considering membership in the Forgotten Victory Trail Association.

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