



Forgotten Victory Trail Association LLC

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The Forgotten Victory Trail Association was formed in 2021 when a group of local historians recognized that the Revolutionary War battles 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 General George Washington and 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. Our goals are to ensure that these battles are no longer forgotten, and the men and women who fought and suffered during this time are remembered. We plan to accomplish this awareness in the following ways:

First, to define the fighting in Elizabeth, Connecticut Farms (Union) and Springfield in 1780, and increase recognition of the related sites and fighting locations. We plan for at least seven informative signs from the Elizabeth Landing Site to Springfield and Millburn.

Information will be provided on this fighting and the impact it had on the population to our membership and create an environment that provides for contact of 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.

An FVT web site will be established in the near future. In the meantime, the Washington Association of New Jersey in Morristown will host an FVT page on their web site.

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.

We plan to advise municipalities and local historical societies 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.

We would like to invite you to become a member of the Forgotten Victory Trail Association. Please email me at steveclark1952@verizon.net with any questions on membership. Any questions on this newsletter may be addressed to Kathryn Paretti at cathou0630@aol.com.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we thank you.

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