



# Battle of Short Hills

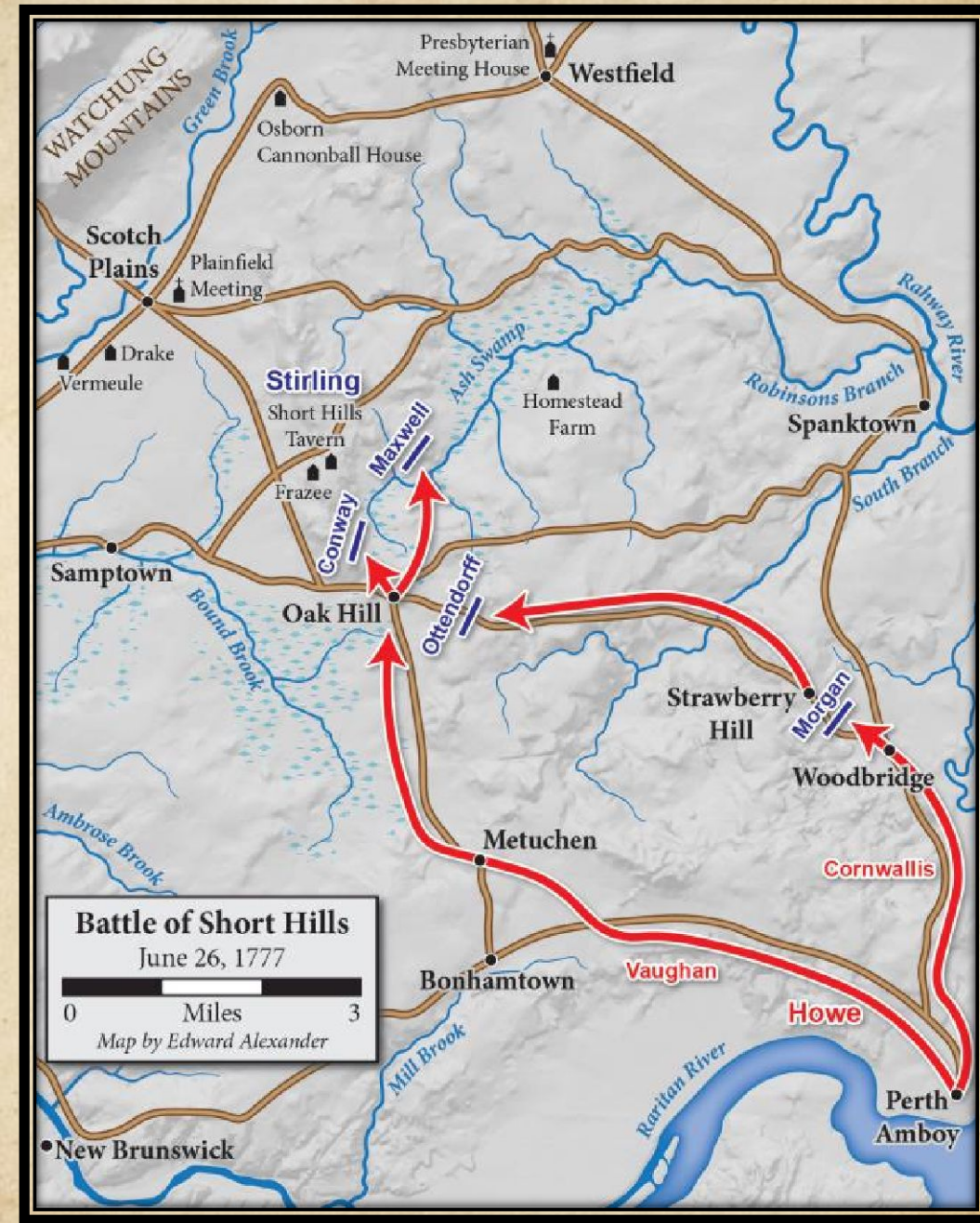
250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary- June 26-27 2027

“Bringing New Jersey’s History Home”



# Historical Significance

- The **Battle of Short Hills**, which took place **June 26th 1777**, embodies the ideal of the American struggle during the War for Independence.
- It was here, on the farmland of modern Union County, that American patriots went head-to-head with the British Empire.
- Holding off a two pronged attack, the fledgling New Jersey Brigade fought a gallant retreat, keeping the advancing redcoats at bay while the rest of the Continental Army marched to the safety of the Watchung Mountains.





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- ▣ This strategic victory set the stage for the survival of the state as an American territory and forced the British to try a new approach to regaining their colonies.
- ▣ New Jersey men defended this land in the name of Liberty, let us remember their sacrifice and bring their memory home for the 250th Anniversary year.





The **3rd New Jersey Regiment**, as well as membership of the **Brigade of the American Revolution**, are to recreate this battle in commemoration of this historic event.



The battlefield is walked on everyday, but how many people actually know about the sacrifice and fury that took place on this hallowed ground?



# By recreating this day through living history, we hope to accomplish the follow goals:

1. As accurately as possible recreate the Battle of Short Hills and give the public a connection to what happened in their back yard 250 years ago.

2. Drum up more interest in New Jersey's colonial history. The good, the bad, the ugly.

3. Give exposure to local historic societies and groups.

4. Help local commerce and small business while promoting this historic event.

5. Engage the public through living history and demonstrations.

6. Foster a connection between modern New Jerseyans and their rich past.



# 2027

**Oak Ridge Park in Union County will once again be used for this event and to make a connection to the surrounding townships.**

- The grounds border, if not are actually part of, the original Battle of Short Hills and are host to an original dwelling from the 1730s.
- Ample parking is available as well as the opportunity for living historians and reenactors to set up period camps and safely conduct a tactical battle demonstration.
- Historic programming teaching about 18<sup>th</sup> century soldiery, minorities, civilians, and material culture will take place throughout the weekend.

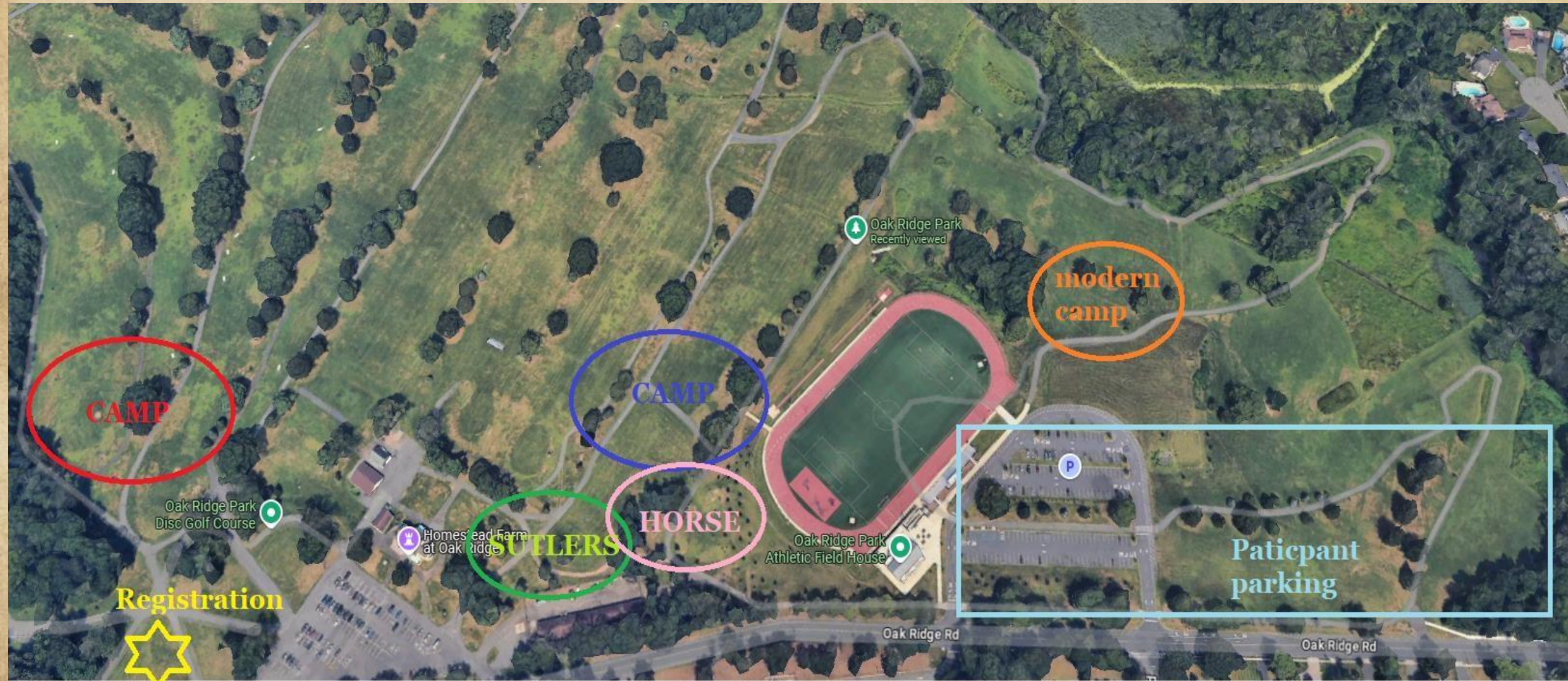


# 2017 Park Map



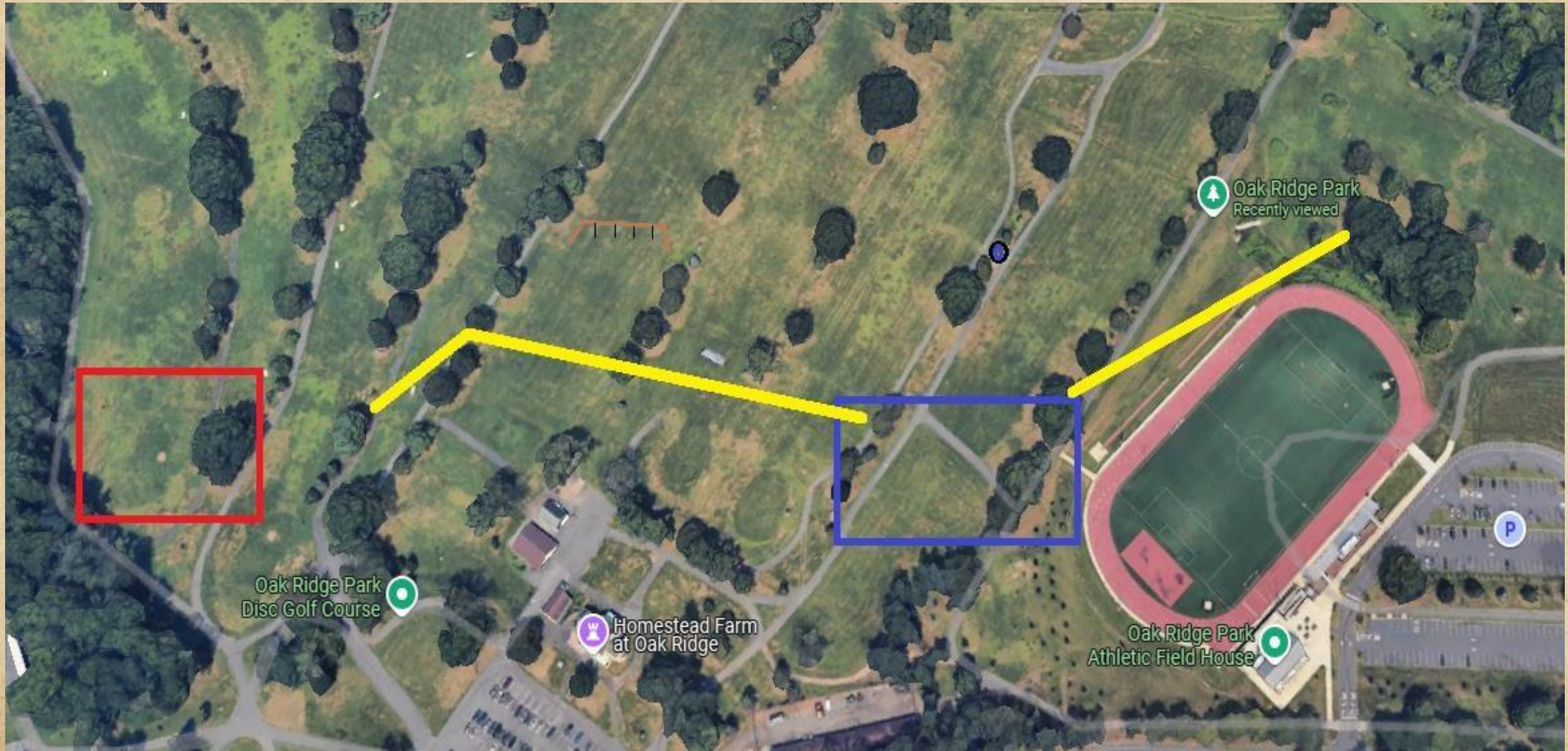


# 2027 Park Map





# Field Line Map





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A historical map of the Battle of Short Hills, dated 1779. The map shows the positions of British and Continental Army units. Key locations include 'Position de Lord Sterling' at the top, 'Camp de Lord Sterling' in the center, and 'Camp de Lord Howe' at the bottom. The map is titled 'Plan de l'Affaire de Short Hills & du Camp de Lord Howe 1779' in the upper right corner. The terrain is depicted with green hilly areas and brownish-yellow valleys. Various military units are represented by colored rectangles and lines, with some labeled with names like 'Genl. Howe' and 'Brig. de M. Smith'.

**Thank you for your consideration,  
we look forward to working  
together to bring the 250<sup>th</sup> Battle  
of Short Hills back!**