

THE STRATEGY OF VICTORY

How General George Washington Won the American Revolution

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A SWEEPING AND INSIGHTFUL GRAND STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, HIGHLIGHTING WASHINGTON'S ROLE IN ORCHESTRATING VICTORY AND CREATING THE US ARMY

Led by the Continental Congress, the Americans almost lost the war for independence because their military thinking was badly muddled. Following the victory in 1775 at Bunker Hill, patriot leaders were convinced that the key to victory was the home-grown militia—local men defending their families and homes. But the flush of early victory soon turned into a bitter reality as the British routed Americans fleeing New York.

General George Washington knew that having and maintaining an army of professional soldiers was the only way to win independence. As he fought bitterly with the leaders in Congress over the creation of a regular army, he patiently waited until his new army was ready for pitched battle. His first opportunity came late in 1776, following his surprise crossing of the Delaware River. In New Jersey, the strategy of victory was about to unfold.

In *The Strategy of Victory*, preeminent historian Thomas Fleming examines the battles that created American independence, revealing how the creation of a professional army worked on the battlefield to secure victory, independence, and a lasting peace for the young nation.

THOMAS FLEMING, a distinguished historian and author of more than fifty books, was a frequent guest on PBS, A&E, and the History Channel. He also contributed articles to *American Heritage*, *MHQ: The Quarterly Journal of Military History*, and many other magazines.

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