



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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Where do you go to find out what Civil War related events are coming up in the Franklin area? Of course, the STFB Newsletter is known for covering a wide variety of events. This month, you'll read about the next Franklin Civil War Roundtable meeting, Franklin's Charge Seminar, and Blue & Gray Educational Society Tour.

However, there are often more events than we can include in print. Be sure to visit the "Upcoming Events" page at [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org), to see a more complete list and for the latest updates. Included this past month were Park Day cleanup at The Carter House and Carnton, Rippavilla Living History event, and the Tennessee Preservation Trust's 2009 Statewide Preservation Conference. Other upcoming events are the McGavock Confederate Cemetery Memorial Service in June, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2009 National Preservation Conference this Fall. You'll see the latest on the 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin and upcoming STFB tours. Check back often. We'll do our best to keep you up to date.

And enjoy the rich bounty of historical, preservation, and educational events for the whole family in Franklin.

Mike Walker

## New & Renewing Members March 2009

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## Susquehanna CWRT Hosts Dick Simpson

The Susquehanna CWRT of Lewisburg, PA invited Dick Simpson to present his "The Forgotten Battle of Franklin" program to their group on March 26. Dick developed the lecture after his visit to Franklin in May 2003. Since then, he is in great demand by dozens of historical groups out east who are not familiar with the Battle of Franklin story.

The group's Secretary, Prudence McCullough, asked STFB to supply her with handout materials and books and DVDs that she could sell to the CWRT members and their guests to supplement their fund-raising. She says the attendees were very impressed with Mr Simpson's lecture and purchased \$145 in books, plus Dick donated his honorarium of another \$100 to preservation projects here in Franklin.

Prudence said she would look us up when she visits Franklin, and Dick informs us that by his tabulation his lectures have generated over \$5,000 in total donations to STFB projects. A big STFB thank you goes to Prudence and Dick for their untiring efforts to help save the Franklin battlefield.

## Franklins Charge Seminar June 18-20, 2009

The Third Annual Franklin's Charge Symposium is set for June 18-20, 2009 and is entitled **Franklin to Nashville, the last days of the Army of Tennessee**. Attendees will follow the footsteps of General John Bell Hood from Franklin to Nashville, and Saturday's session will include a trip to Nashville to visit several historic sites.

Featured authors and historians include Thomas Cartwright, James Hoobler, Eric Jacobson, Chris Losson, Fred Prouty, Wiley Sword, and Ridley Wills.

For event schedules and registration, visit [www.franklinscharge.com](http://www.franklinscharge.com) or call 615-595-0636

A new attraction this year will be a **small re-enactment of the Battle of Franklin** at the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. Several hundred re-enactors in period dress, along with artillery and camp set up, will

be there. The Saturday re-enactment is at 2:30 p.m. and the Sunday event at 1:00 p.m.

These events are free. The visiting public can watch the action and visit with the re-enactors afterwards. The re-enactment groups are members of the Tennessee Valley Battalion and other supporting groups. For the latest info and schedules visit [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org)

## Blue and Gray Education Society Announces Dec 2-5, 2009 Battle of Franklin In-Depth Tour

Join the Blue and Gray Education Society and historians Eric Jacobson and Parker Hills as they deliver a highly interactive and detailed study of the Battle of Franklin December 2-5, 2009.

This is the second of a three-part series that began in 2008 with Hood in Alabama and his advance through Spring Hill. It is being held near the anniversary date in hope that participants will better understand the moment as they stand on the very places at the very time certain events occurred.

The program starts in the parlor where Hood met his generals the morning of November 30th. You will then move with Hood's army examining the Union defenses and the Confederate routes of attack. You will walk multiple attack routes and include some night walking. You will enjoy directed conversation that evaluates, without preconceptions, what went right and wrong and what were the options that were not taken. This is wall-to-wall Franklin for three days. For schedules and registration, call 888-741-2437 or see [www.blueandgrayeducation.org](http://www.blueandgrayeducation.org) (go to **Take A Tour** and scroll down)

## Franklin Civil War Roundtable

On Sunday, May 10, 2009, Vann Martin will present a program on **"The Civil War Veteran in the Post War Years: The United Confederate Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic"** Martin is known as an expert in "reunion artifacts" and has an extensive

collection from the various Confederate and Union veterans groups. He has many interesting stories about the individuals who owned these pieces and will bring a large sampling of his diverse collection for attendees to view. Anyone in the Franklin/Nashville area is invited to participate. The Roundtable meets at 3:00 p.m. at the Williamson County Library, 1314 Columbia Ave., Franklin, Tennessee.

### **News in Review**

#### **Carnton visitors center goes forward — *Franklin Review Appeal* —**

**3/11/09 — FRANKLIN** — With years of delay now a thing of the past, Carnton Plantation's visitors center should be open by early this summer. The Fleming Center will have a barn-house feel to help it fit in with the plantation's Antebellum look and will have exhibit space for artifacts and objects the current trailers don't have room for. While construction of the Fleming Center moves ahead, the city's future progress on the Eastern Flank of the Battle of Franklin Park remain on hold indefinitely.

#### **Hometown Tourist – Middle Tennessee's pre-Civil War homes tell historic tales— *The Tennessean* —**

**3/15/09 — NASHVILLE** — Middle Tennessee is rich with old homes that are like walk-in photo albums of the state's history from frontier times through the Civil War. Scars from the Civil War are still visible in Franklin. Carnton is famous for its bloodstained floors, and the Carter House's farm office is riddled with bullet holes.

#### **Dreyfuss urges support for neglected battlefields — *The Tennessean* —**

**3/19/09 — WASHINGTON** — Oscar-winner Richard Dreyfuss visited the nation's capital on Wednesday to call attention to the most endangered Civil War battlefields. The actor joined the CWPT as the group released its annual "History Under Siege" report on ten battlefields endangered battlefields. This year's

list includes Spring Hill which has been named to the list every year since 2005.

#### **Rippavilla sits amid shadows of growth— *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 3/22/09 —**

**SPRING HILL** — The Spring Hill's Civil War battlefield, named for the fifth year as one of the nation's most endangered battlefields, encompasses 400 acres around Rippavilla where an out-of-state developer wants to build homes, apartments, a theater, restaurants and retail space one day. It would also erase what some consider to be a historic treasure. For now, development of that land remains on hold, and the Washington, DC-based CWPT wants to keep it that way.

#### **Quest is to capture history — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." —**

**3/24/09 —FRANKLIN**— On Saturday, March 21, Civil War reenactors with the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry, Company D, participated in an instructional camp at Historic Carnton Plantation in preparation for larger-scale reenactments such as the Battle of Shiloh coming up in April. The activities allowed the men and their horses an opportunity to practice drill formations and battle tactics. Visitors got to meet reenactors in period-correct uniforms, who answered questions about Civil War life.

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