



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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Dedicated to the preservation, protection, and promotion of  
Civil War sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

## President's Message

Mike Walker - President

What is your favorite memory or experience touring Civil War Battlefields? As I write this on Father's day, I recall the satisfaction and sense of continuity from taking my sons to the same sites I visited with my father years ago. An appreciation of history and of the sacrifices and struggles of previous generations is a valuable gift we can pass on to our children.

Another great legacy we can leave future generations is preserved Civil War battlefields where one can step back through time and ponder the motivations that would lead men to engage in savage combat in a struggle that gave us the country we know today. Unfortunately, in Franklin, with most of the battlefield covered by busy roads, homes, and businesses, it is difficult to find places and moments for solitude and reflection.

This is why we urgently need your help to take advantage of a rare opportunity to save some of the few remaining open parcels of the Franklin battlefield. Please see the update in this newsletter on our Land Acquisition pledge drive. We are most grateful to those who have already sent in their pledge. With your support, we will soon add significantly to the saved portion of the Franklin Battlefield.

Mike Walker - President

## New & Renewing Members May 2010

Dan Brown	Nashville, TN
Suzanne Burns	Brentwood, TN
Betty Cannon	Pleasant View, TN
C. Pat Cates	Woodstock, GA
Andy & Mike Cullison	Oklahoma City, OK
Austin CWRT	Austin, TX
San Joaquin Valley CWRT	Fresno, CA
South Bay CWRT	Mountain View, CA
David B Dale	Nashville, TN
Heidi DeForest	Cambridge, WI
F Miles Ezell	Nashville, TN
Rob Hodge	Sterling, VA
Jonathan Land	Dunlap, TN
Spyros & Mavy Lezimis	Chicago, IL
Karen Emerson McPeak	College Grove, TN
Van & Melody Martin	Franklin, TN
Ben McDonald	Louisville, KY
Arthur Mellor	Franklin, TN
John & Carol Petty	Wartrace, TN
Harold & Mary Jo Pratt	Franklin, TN
Richard Shepler	Duck River, TN
Michael Skinner	Franklin, TN
Paul Timmerman	Traverse City, MI
Greg Wade	Franklin, TN
Joseph Williamson Jr	Castalian Springs, TN

**Register Now**  
**146<sup>th</sup> Battle of Franklin**  
**October 15 – 17, 2010**

Both military and civilian reenactors can now register for the 146<sup>th</sup> Reenactment of the Battle of Franklin. The fee is \$5 per person and includes firewood and straw. You can register at [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org) and pay by credit card,

PayPal, or by check with a mail-in form. You can register multiple participants at one time. A \$125 bounty will be paid for the first 8 artillery units.

Re-enactment events are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 PM. The event will be held as part of Franklin's Civil War Days weekend Oct 15 – 17 at the Harlinsdale Park just north of downtown Franklin. Food vendors and period sutlers will be on site. Check the STFB web site [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org) for the latest information on events scheduled for that weekend. For questions, email [bthargrove123@aol.com](mailto:bthargrove123@aol.com) or [rg Huff123@aol.com](mailto:rg Huff123@aol.com)

## Eastern Flank Loop Road Update

Efforts to build the much needed Loop Road at the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park continue. After the Franklin aldermen named the loop road their number one small project priority and a public forum was held to take public input, the Battlefield Preservation Commission (formerly, the Battlefield Task Force) is now working to refine options before making a recommendation to the board of mayor and aldermen. We will continue to keep you informed as this work progresses.

## IT'S OFFICIAL ---- IT'S OFFICIAL



The Civil War Sesquicentennial license plate sponsored by the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association has been designated by the Tennessee Legislature as **the Official Civil War Sesquicentennial license plate.**

SIGN UP ONLINE TODAY FOR YOUR PLATE at [www.tcwpa.org](http://www.tcwpa.org) When we reach 1,000 signups, TCWPA will send you instructions on how to actually order the plate which will add \$35 per year to the cost of your tag. The new plate will go into production at that time.

TCWPA recently updated the license plate design to

include the new Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Logo on the left side. TCWPA has pledged its proceeds (\$15.62 per plate) to both battlefield preservation and the Civil War Trails program. Proceeds for the Civil War Trails signs will go directly back to the community of the person who bought the plate to help purchase Civil War Trails signs for that community.

When people see the new plate and Civil War Trails markers, and learn about Tennessee's rich Civil War heritage, they're more likely to support our preservation mission and sign up for their Civil War Sesquicentennial license plate as well. Your Civil War Sesquicentennial plate will demonstrate to all that you understand the importance of the sesquicentennial years. Sign up today to display the plate on all of your vehicles. **Pile on** – we need to get this done.

## STFB Land Acquisition Plan Update

Last month, we revealed that STFB officers have been in discussion with the owners of a 5 acre parcel of the Franklin Battlefield that is now for sale. This tract is located near the eastern end of the trench line and in the vicinity of Collins Farm. We also mentioned last month that an additional 6 acres is available near Collins Farm that we intend to incorporate into our eventual plans.

But more opportunities arose as we talked to landowners. Another 5+ acres adjacent to the 6 acre parcel could be available to be wrapped into the plan for a total 16 acre purchase of open Franklin Battlefield. None of the land has buildings or structures to be preserved. It is open, and very significant, Franklin battlefield land.

We have begun the appraisal process for the first 5 acres, and we have received pledges of over \$8,000 to date. Our rough estimate is that, with participation of the national preservation groups, and state and local groups, STFB would have to raise slightly more than \$100,000 of new money to do deals for the 16 acre total. We will not begin the actual fund raising until the deals are firm and the projects are incorporated into the plans of the national preservation groups.

All of these parcels are ground that Loring's division traversed under heavy canister and musket fire as they assaulted the eastern end of the Federal line, and where Adam's brigade shifted to the west before charging into the enemy's trenches near the cotton

gin. As with Collins Farm, our long term goal would be to place these important battlefield parcels under conservation easement insuring their perpetual preservation, and eventually include them in the City of Franklin Battlefield Parks system.

### **We need your help:**

We need to identify supporters and groups **who will be able to substantially help us** when the time comes – either late 2010 or early 2011. We are asking for pledges of financial support now so that we can include pledged amounts as part of our funding plan to the national preservation groups. To date, our pledges of new money total over \$8,000

To make a pledge, send an email to [treasurer@franklin-stfb.org](mailto:treasurer@franklin-stfb.org) or postal mail a note to:

STFB Treasurer  
Box 851  
Franklin, TN 37065-0851

As we said before, once the deal for one or both parcels is defined, we will pass that information to you privately so that you can evaluate your pledge and adjust its amount and timing before making a firm commitment. If you would like to see and/or walk the properties, email [treasurer@franklin-stfb.org](mailto:treasurer@franklin-stfb.org) and we will be happy to arrange it.

### **And Still More News:**

The flooding here in early May severely damaged several houses along Lewisburg Pike near Collins Farm. FEMA and City officials and the homeowners are evaluating the status of these homes to see what recovery plan should be adopted. Depending on the homeowner's wishes, there is a possibility that some of these properties might become available through buyouts as parkland near the river. This situation could add another 5 acres or so to 16 mentioned.

As the sesquicentennial years approach, we look forward to working with all of you to bring these parcels into the 'saved' column before the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **News In Review May 2010**

**Bathing in public up soon for 'Chip,' Franklin soldier — *Williamson Herald* — 5/6/10 — FRANKLIN** — Franklin's most photographed man—the Confederate soldier affectionately known by many

as "Chip"—may get a long overdue scrub after Franklin aldermen approved an agreement for the statue's maintenance. The UDC will advise the city if there are concerns about the condition of the monument and the city will review the advice and determine if maintenance is required.

**City plans to take care of statue — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 5/17/10 — FRANKLIN** — City officials are set to take over the upkeep of the iconic Civil War statue in Franklin's Public Square per a new agreement with the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Franklin Chapter No. 14.— In other Civil War-related news, Franklin Mayor John Schroer wants to create a Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission that would replace the city's Battlefield Task Force. The 18-member commission would formally advise aldermen and the city on matters related to the city's military history and serve as Franklin's "historic and cultural preservation brain trust," according to the ordinance.

**Robert Hicks to host dinner, tour at Carnton as part of Town & Country Tour event — *Williamson Herald* — 5/27/10 — FRANKLIN** — Hicks led tours and discussed the Historic Carnton Plantation home and gardens on the June 4 Town & Country Tour. Well-known preservationist Danny Anderson is chairing the event. Hicks brought history to life as he told the story of not only this incredible home and the gardens, but the people who lived and died here.

**Road to park tops to-do list — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 5/31/10 — FRANKLIN** — A long-discussed new road that would run from Lewisburg Pike into the city's 110-acre Eastern Flank of the Battle of Franklin Park is atop a list of "small" capital investment projects that city aldermen want to start later this year. While questions of timing and money haven't been fully answered, the city's support of the roadwork will mean easier access for tourists and spell relief for Heath Place homeowners who have expressed concerns about an increase in traffic through their neighborhood on Carnton Lane.

**National Archives puts Civil War vaults on display — *The Tennessean* — 6/8/10 — WASHINGTON, DC** — Civil War stories emerge from documents on rare public view at the National Archives in Washington, DC., as the nation prepares to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. For more information on the Discovering the Civil War exhibit, see the National Archives at [www.archives.gov/exhibits/civil-war](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/civil-war)

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## June 2010

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

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QTY	Item	Price	Total
	Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)		
	Donation: <b>Marker Fund</b> ~ <b>Land Purchase</b> (circle one)		
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
	"Battle of Franklin – Five Hours in the Valley of Death" DVD	\$25.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Perryville" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Franklin" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Shiloh" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Ft. Donelson" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Stones River" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Nashville" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
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	<b>\$25.00 and up</b>	<b>\$4.95</b>	
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