



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

Here in Franklin, we are welcoming the return of warmer weather and reawakening of springtime.

With the season, it's also time for an important election in Williamson County. All seats on the Williamson County Commission are up for grabs in the Primary Election on May 4th. Early voting runs through April 29th, Mon - Sat at the Williamson County Administrative Complex.

As you consider the candidates in your district, I hope that you'll ask for their position on protecting our endangered Williamson County Civil War sites.

When you contact them, point out that:

- Tourists visiting our Civil War sites benefit us directly by creating jobs and generating tax revenue – and thus reducing our individual taxes.
- The upcoming Civil War Sesquicentennial, 2011-2015 will focus great interest on the Civil War with the potential for significantly increased tourism here in our county.
- Battlefields provide open green space and walking trails which benefit our quality of life.

You can learn more about the benefits of Battlefield Preservation at our website, www.franklin-sftb.org; click on Preservation.

Thank you for your support.

Mike Walker - President

146th Battle of Franklin October 15 – 17, 2010 Registration is now open

Military and civilian re-enactors can now register for the 146th Reenactment of the Battle of Franklin. The registration fee is \$5 per person and includes firewood and straw. A registration link at www.franklin-stfb.org will get you started. You can 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.

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. Re-enactments are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 PM.

Check the STFB web site www.franklin-stfb.org for the latest information on events scheduled for that weekend. For questions, email bthargrove@aol.com or rghuff@aol.com

Eastern Flank Loop Road Update

The city continues to consider funding for an urgently needed loop road at the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. At present, the aldermen are ranking a list of "small projects" under consideration – one of which is the EF Loop road. Whether it is built or not will depend on results of ranking and approval of funding.

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It is reassuring to see considerable support for the loop road voiced by the mayor and many of the aldermen. In tight economic times, there are many worthy projects competing for funding and the fact that the EF loop road is seriously being considered is evidence of the commitment and support from many across the community for our battlefield parks.

Thanks to all of you who have contacted your alderman in support the loop road. If you have not done so already, please ask take a moment and send an email. Visit www.franklin-stfb.org for contact information.

New & Renewing Members March 2010

Ernie & Nell Bacon	Franklin, TN
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Triune Earthworks Tour Saturday May 1st, 2010

The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association invites you to join historian Fred Prouty on a hike to see some of the most intact and extensive earthworks in the country. Fred is the program Director for the Tennessee Wars Commission and a leading authority on Tennessee Civil War fortifications. The Triune, Tennessee earthworks are on privately owned land and not publicly accessible. This will be a rare opportunity to view the massive fortifications.

The tour is scheduled in conjunction with the TCWPA Annual Meeting set for 8:30 AM at the Triune Community Center located at 8021 Horton Highway, between Highway 96 and Highway 840. The public is invited to the meeting and/or the tour but you **MUST REGISTER BEFOREHAND**. See www.tcwpa.org – go to the **EVENTS** tab – to register and for more information about the tour.

The tour will begin at 9:30 with a brief orientation to the Triune Fortifications at the Triune Community Center. Participants will park at this location and carpool to the nearby fortifications. The tour will begin and end at the Community Center and conclude about 12:30 PM

Unknown Soldier Burial DVD Trailer Released

Brian Speciale & Jodi Jones-Speciale have announced the release of the trailer for their documentary ***Heading Back Home: The Story of Franklin's Unknown Soldier and the Five Bloodiest Hours of the Civil War***. They have placed no restrictions on the trailer, so you can view it via a link from the STFB web site www.franklin-stfb.org They hope to release the completed Documentary some time this summer.

When you follow the link to youtube, be sure to select the highest resolution possible to view the trailer. It's available in full HD, so selecting either 720p or 1080p on the video player will allow you to see it in the best possible online quality.

This amazing and profound documentary, produced by the husband-wife team of Brian Speciale and Jodi Jones-Speciale, chronicles the May 2009 discovery of a Civil War soldier's remains in Franklin, and his October 2009 interment as Franklin's Unknown Soldier. The funeral, procession, and burial ceremonies were planned and organized by the Franklin Battlefield Task Force.

Watch this newsletter and our STFB web site for the announcement of the finished documentary.

STFB at Franklin's Arbor Day/Earth Day Event

Save The Franklin's Battlefield, Inc., had a part in Franklin's Arbor Day/Earth Day event on April 17 at Pinkerton Park. The day was quite pleasant and the crowds were larger than in years past. STFB members, Mike Walker, Sam Huffman, Dan Mora, and Sam Gant manned the booth.

The STFB tent served as an information booth for the battlefield and for preservation efforts at Franklin. Event participants picked up STFB calendars, Driving Tour maps, bookmarks, and Path Divided brochures and studied the aerial view of the Franklin Battlefield. They asked many questions and expressed appreciation for the Franklin preservation efforts.

In the afternoon, a number of people took the STFB tour of Fort Granger. Sam Gant discussed the role of the fort in the Civil War Federal Army occupation of Franklin as well as during the Battle of Franklin. Bobby Hargrove and David Miller discussed and demonstrated the use of the rifled musket during the Civil War. It was a good day all around.

Carnton Blue Gray Days November 19, 20,21

Carnton Plantation will hold its Blue Gray Days program the weekend of November 20-21 this year. We will publish the event schedule as it

develops. On Saturday November 20, the Franklin Battlefield Task Force will conduct a memorial ceremony at the Confederate Cemetery and organize the **community project of the Illumination of 10,000 candles.**

The Carter House will organize the annual march from Winstead Hill on the November 30th battle anniversary as always. There is talk of having a small Illumination at the town square and the hospital sites as part of the anniversary events. No definite plans yet.

News In Review April 2010

Carter House to dedicate site— *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 4/12/10 — FRANKLIN — A ceremony and dedication was held April 17 to formally open a section of land that was part of the garden at the Carter House during the Battle of Franklin on Nov. 30, 1864. "Our city has worked hard to recapture as much of the battlefield as we can to preserve and interpret its history," said Marianne Schroer, Battle of Franklin Trust board chairwoman. "Opening the Carter House Gardens is a significant step to the Trust's commitment to preserve this hallowed ground."

War re-enacted at Carnton— *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 4/12/10 — FRANKLIN — A living history event with Civil War re-enactors took place on April 16-18 at Carnton Plantation. Local historians, re-enactors and others discussed the Battle of Franklin and conducted battlefield demonstrations, among other activities. A firing demonstration showed the difference in rifle technologies between the Confederate and Federal troops. Re-enactors marched from Carnton to the Carter House with a stop at Collins Farm.

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