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Civil War sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

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I want to make you aware of a great way you can commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial, and at the same time encourage battlefield preservation in your community by signing up for a Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial License plate.

The plate has been designated by the Tennessee Legislature as the **Official Civil War Sesquicentennial License Plate for Tennessee**.

The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association (TCWPA) has pledged proceeds from the plate to both battlefield preservation across the state, and to 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.

Sign up for yours today! **There is no cost to sign up.** When the plate goes into production, you will be notified by email how to actually order yours. Go to www.franklin-stfb.org and follow the license plate link to sign up or to update your vehicle registration information.

The March newsletter also has many announcements for the upcoming events by STFB and other organizations. Be sure to mark your calendars

Mike Walker - President

New & Renewing Members February 2011

Shelley Andrews	Chattanooga, TN
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Timothy Traver	Clay Center, OH
Ernest Wade	Loganville, GA

147th Battle of Franklin October 14 – 16, 2011 Reminder to Register

Planning is now underway **and Registration is open** for the Reenactment of the Battle of Franklin. You can access the Registration web page from the STFB web site www.franklin-stfb.org For questions and manual registration, contact btargrove123@aol.com or rg Huff123@aol.com

The event will be structured much like the 2010 146th reenactment last October – only bigger. Re-enactors and attendees alike were very

complimentary of last year's facilities and event organization. The general plan is to make the Franklin Reenactment an annual event for some years to come.

What is known so far is that 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 14 – 16 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 for the latest information on events scheduled for that weekend.

The OFFICIAL Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial License Plate Project Needs Your Help



The drive to get approval for the Civil War Sesquicentennial license plate is continuing. It has turned out to be a monumental task and **the sponsoring organization needs the combined help of all our preservation groups to reach their goal.**

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.** 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 across the state, and to the Civil War Trails program. Proceeds for the Civil War Trails signs will be returned directly to the community of the person who bought the plate to be used for the purchase of Civil War Trails signs for that community. So all of our communities benefit from the plate fees even if we don't have an active battlefield purchase project underway near our home.

The numbers to consider:

TCWPA needs the commitment of 1,000 plate purchasers before the plate can go into production. With the level of statewide interest in the Civil War here in Tennessee, and with the beginning of the Sesquicentennial years now upon us, you might think that finding 1,000 Volunteers to sign up for the plate would be an easy task. It turns out that is not so.

TCWPA officers have informed us that something over 500 vehicles have been signed up for the plate so far. They need another 500 Volunteers to sign up right away. Think about this - the good folks at Titles and Registrations estimate that there are currently 5,000,000 vehicles registered in Tennessee. Just 500 signed up for the Sesquicentennial Plate out of 5 million vehicles. That is not what you call market saturation.

The Problem:

... is that those other 4,999,500 **Tennesseans don't know that there is a Sesquicentennial Plate in the works.** If they did, they would sign up ASAP. That's where you come in... we **need for YOU to get 5 or more vehicle owners to sign up for the plate.**

Make a personal commitment to take on this challenge. Convince your neighbors, your bowling club, your church class, your relatives, and your preservation membership to join in. We are only going to have one chance to get this plate approved AND so much of our future preservation effort depend upon getting the plate on-the-road. Whittle away at all those 4,999,500 unconverted.

It costs nothing to sign up

Go to TCWPA.ORG or the STFB web site to find a link to the sign-up web page. Once TCWPA has 1,000 signed up, they will notify you on exactly how to order the plate. It adds \$35 to your registration fee.

Don't wait . . . for your current registration to expire. When you get your new Sesquicentennial plate, any unused portion of your current registration is credited toward your new registration fee. We are counting on your help to put this important project over the top.

**Franklin Civil War Round Table
to challenge General Hood history
April 10 – 3 pm**

The April Franklin Civil War Round Table will present

a panel of experts to discuss General John Bell Hood, one of the most intriguing characters of the Civil War. The Battle of Franklin Trust's Eric Jacobson, author/ historian Steve Davis and author/ historian Sam Hood will sit on a panel to discuss the myths and realities, often intertwined, concerning one of the most intriguing characters of the Civil War. Mark your calendars for 3PM Sunday April 10th at the Williamson County Library. Read more at www.franklin-stfb.org

News In Review March 2011

7th Tennessee Cavalry Camp at Carnton — Battle of Franklin Trust *Battlefield Dispatch* — March 2011 — FRANKLIN— More than 100 Civil War reenactors and historians along with at least 80 horses gathered for an annual event at Carnton Plantation to learn camp basics and completely immerse themselves in the field life in the day of a Confederate cavalryman. “Camp of Instruction,” hosted by the 7th Cavalry gives reenactors and historians from across the country a rare opportunity to live and learn as Civil War soldiers.

Remembering Our Bold Defenders: Civil War Veterans — Battle of Franklin Trust *Battlefield Dispatch* — March 2011 — FRANKLIN— A new exhibit looking at Civil War veterans opened at Carnton Plantation's Fleming Center March 1, 2011. The display examines the immediate transition from soldier to civilian, the formation of veterans' organizations, reunions, and modern memory through reenactment. The exhibit will run from March through October 2011.

Battle of Franklin Trust doesn't renew CEO Jennifer Esler's contract after one year — *Williamson Herald* — 3/3/11 — FRANKLIN — In a statement released Feb. 26 by Franklin Trust Chairman of the Board of Directors Marianne Schroer, it was announced the organization did not renew the contract of CEO Jennifer Esler. “Eric Jacobson will continue to serve as director of operations of the Battle of Franklin Trust, managing operations for both sites,” Schroer said.

Lawmakers push for Civil War anniversary commission — *The Tennessean* — 3/11/11 — WASHINGTON — Representative Jesse Jackson,

Jr., of Illinois plans to introduce legislation that would spend \$6 million over five years to set up a Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission to help states and groups mark the anniversary. That includes \$3.5 million in grants that the National Endowment for the Humanities would award to universities, museums and local governments to host events and programs.

Scenes from Civil War play on tap — *The Tennessean*, “Williamson A.M.” — 3/13/11 — FRANKLIN — Deanne Collins and her cast presented portions of her play, *SCATHE: A Civil War Incident in Middle Tennessee*, at the Franklin Civil War Round Table. The performance featured scenes involving Van Dorn and Gen. Forrest, Van Dorn's eviction from White Hall, and the evolution of his relationship with Jesse Peters and his assassination.

Fort Negley event teaches Civil War history lesson — *The Tennessean* — 3/14/11 — NASHVILLE — Civil War reenactors brought history alive at Fort Negley, a Union fort increasingly on the mist-see list of war buffs. More than 20 soldiers and several women and children set up an authentic battlefield camp at the Metro Parks museum. They displayed authentic cooking tools by a campfire. Members of Co. B, 9th Kentucky U.S. Volunteer Infantry demonstrated marching and firing muskets and had a skirmish against four Confederate reenactors from the 8th Tennessee Dismounted Cavalry.

Franklin Park projects get red light — *The Tennessean*, “Williamson A.M.” — 3/15/11 — FRANKLIN — The construction of a new access road to the city's Civil War park and the preservation of a former horse barn at its Harlinsdale Farm property are two projects that have been on the back burner for years. City aldermen are holding off further pursuit of an access road off Lewisburg Pike to the 110-acre Eastern Flank of the Battle of Franklin Park until the city finds out if a \$1.2 million state Department of Transportation grant is approved.

Carter House installing first HVAC system thanks to grant from MTEMC Customer Cares, donors — *Williamson Herald* — 3/17/11 — FRANKLIN— After more than a year of research and planning, The Battle of Franklin Trust will be coordinating the installation of a heating and air conditioning system for The Carter House, the epicenter of the Civil War Battle of Franklin and one of the landmarks in Williamson County's tourism repertoire.

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