



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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Dedicated to the Preservation, Protection, and Promotion of  
Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

## President's Message

As 2012 draws to a close, I want to take the opportunity to thank our STFB Members for your continued support. Through your membership dues and donations, we are able to continue our work to preserve, protect, and promote Civil War Battlefields here in Williamson County. If you are not yet an STFB member or have let your membership lapse, I hope that you will consider supporting our work by (re)joining us today. See the STFB membership/renewal form on the last page of this newsletter for details.

I can report to our membership an active and productive year. One of our projects is actively caring for the 5 Acre Loring's Advance property including clearing, mowing, and preparing it for public access. We look forward to the day when it will be linked with other parcels by walking trails, providing the visitor with a more comprehensive understanding of the action in this part of the battlefield that witnessed tremendous casualties. In March, we conducted a public tour of Loring's Advance led by Eric Jacobson. If you could not attend, I hope you will view the tour video on our website [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org).

Again, thank you for your continued support. I wish you happy and safe Holiday season and a great 2013!

Mike Walker – President

## New & Renewing Members November 2012

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| T J Aiello                   | Franklin, TN         |
| Robert Boyda                 | Highland Heights, OH |
| Dean & Rita Carr             | Brentwood, TN        |
| Civil War Trust              | Washington, DC       |
| Orange County CWRT           | Garden Grove, CA     |
| Rob Dean                     | Franklin, TN         |
| Philip W Duer                | Nashville, TN        |
| Francis Hall                 | Plant City, FL       |
| Bobby Hargrove               | Franklin, TN         |
| Chip Huffman                 | Brentwood, TN        |
| Mike and Debbie Jeannette    | Franklin, TN         |
| Maxie Laura                  | Franklin, TN         |
| Pam Lewis                    | Franklin, TN         |
| Sherry Male                  | Nashville, TN        |
| Arthur Mellor                | Franklin, TN         |
| Patrick Miller               | Madison, AL          |
| Kathy & Joe Mizzi            | White Lake, MI       |
| Bill Nolan                   | Niles, OH            |
| Ken & Nancy Noller           | Riverside, CA        |
| Fred Prouty                  | Nashville, TN        |
| Peter Schofield              | Cleveland, OH        |
| Cullen Smith                 | Franklin, TN         |
| Jim & Pat Swan               | Nashville, TN        |
| Paul Timmerman               | Snoqualmie, WA       |
| Stephen Varner               | Franklin, TN         |
| Valley Corps Confederate Vol | Salem, WI            |
| Thomas Worms                 | Chicago, IL          |

## 148th Anniversary Battle of Franklin Illumination November 30, 2012

As the dusk deepened around the Carter House and the glow of the rows of illuminaria became more distinct, a sense of awe came over the crowd

as they reflected on the men – the Americans – who fought and died on these grounds, on this date, 148 years ago.

Just before the program began, a small band of reenactors in butternut, on their annual march from Winstead Hill, marched through toward the field of candles and seemed to disappear into the dusk. Then, as Mayor Ken Moore began his speech welcoming the audience and introducing Eric Jacobson, the Chief Operating Officer of the Battlefield Trust, a volley of gunfire echoed from the direction of the candles.

Jacobson spoke on “Franklin: Its Place in History,” telling how Americans, each fighting for the cause he believed in, engaged in a battle that made its mark in history. As he spoke, one could visualize the luminaria as symbolizing these Americans – casualties of the Battle of Franklin – their place in the memories of their own families, in the memories of the citizens of Franklin who 148 years ago cared for the wounded and helped bury the dead, and in the memories of those today who commemorate the Battle.

The latter part of the program brought the beautiful voices of the children from the Bravo Creative Arts Center Choral Group singing, “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “Dixie,” and “When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again.” The program ended with the haunting notes of “Taps,” from the bugle of Chad Gray.

The Illumination would not have been possible without the efforts of the many volunteers who helped in every aspect of preparation and takedown. STFB volunteers laid out the painted dot pattern for the luminaria on Thursday. On Friday afternoon, other volunteers assembled the candles into blocks and bags and placed them on the dots, and then lighted the candles. Following the ceremony, the group gathered the luminaries, disassembled them, and stored the candle blocks for next year. The 2012 Illumination Ceremony was a success.

### **Fort Granger Park Day Announced for April 6, 2013**

The City of Franklin Parks Dept and the Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission have again joined with the Civil War Trust to encourage volunteers to help improve Fort Granger vegetation on Park Day next April 6. The Civil War Trust’s 17th Annual Park

Day is a national volunteer effort to clean up and raise community awareness of Civil War related sites.

Many of you volunteered for the CWT Park Day last March to spread a mountain of mulch, cut undergrowth and paint walkway railings on the Fort Granger grounds. As you know, the old county 4-H show barn property between the fort and Eddy Lane is now part of the park and the old buildings have been removed. The tentative plan now is to improve the entrance road and parking area, plus add split rail fencing along Eddy Lane. The rail fence is used as a ‘trademark’ at all of Franklin’s Civil War parks so visitors can easily find them.

The Park Day volunteers are needed to install vegetation and plantings to enhance the appearance of the grounds. The general plan is to have the new entrance open to the public by mid-year.

Fort Granger is one of the best preserved Civil War earthen forts in the country. Guns near the fort played an important role in the Battle of Franklin and improved interpretative signage and a phone tour stop at Fort Granger will add to our visitor’s understanding.

Watch the STFB newsletters and web site to learn how to volunteer for Park Day April 6, 2013.

### **Tennessee Civil War GIS Project**

(This reprint corrects a typo in the web link) The Tennessee State Library & Archives is undertaking a project to map comprehensive Civil War history onto the existing Geographic Information Systems data that our local governments use to record their official land boundaries and ownership information.

Both public and private utility companies also use the GIS system to record their above and below ground lines, poles, towers etc. Cities map their roads and streets, land use plans and a myriad of other information onto this one official record of land boundary and ownership data base. Each entity adds its information to the system as a unique information layer that can be selectively turned on and off. The counties’ boundary and ownership data is refreshed to the TSLA files on a monthly schedule.

There were an estimated 2,600 engagements of some type in Tennessee during the war. A few hundred have been added to the Civil War GIS to date but the

work continues. All of this information is available to historians and students online.

The site is constantly being expanded but already features many original maps, documents, diaries and photographs from the TSLA historic collections. Hundreds of engagements and battles are pinpointed with aerial and modern map layers. The site provides 1860 county census data and unit histories for every Tennessee regiment from *Tennesseans in the Civil War*. See <http://tnmap.tn.gov/civilwar/>

The system also layers *The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War* maps onto modern maps, and provides links to narrative information from the *Official Records* and the *Tennessee Civil War Sourcebook*. This is a powerful tool for battlefield preservationists.

## News In Review December 2012

### Local author gets Landry Award for Civil War Tome—*The Tennessean*—11/24/12—

**Nashville**—Nashville author Linda Barnickel will receive the 2013 Jules and Frances Landry Award for “most outstanding achievement in the field of Southern studies” from the Louisiana State University Press for her Civil War book, *Milliken’s Bend: A Civil War Battle in History and Memory*. Her book, which will be released this spring, is about the Battle of Milliken’s Bend, where slaves-turned-soldiers held back a Confederate attack.

### 148<sup>th</sup> battle anniversary marked with march, solemn illumination — *The Tennessean-Williamson A.M.* — 12/6/12 — FRANKLIN —

Civil War reenactors, history buffs and curiosity seekers commemorated the 148<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Franklin on Friday, Nov. 30, at the Carter House museum along Columbia Avenue. In keeping with the event’s annual tradition, volunteer set out luminaries (small paper bags with candles inside) to mark the more than 8,000 casualties that resulted when Union and Confederate troops clashed Nov. 30, 1864.

### Civil War preservation efforts gain ground— *The Tennessean-Williamson A.M.* — 12/6/12 —

**FRANKLIN** — 2012 isn’t the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, but the year is shaping up as a memorable one for bringing the city’s Civil War history to the forefront. here’s a wrap-up of a year’s worth of Civil War related developments that have brought more local and national attention to the

city’s historic past:

- **Columbia Avenue Battle of Franklin Park:**

Supporters raised \$1.8 million to buy what is now a Domino’s Pizza restaurant with a small shopping center next door.

- **Battle of Franklin Museum/Interpretive Center:** Unveiled to much hoopla and a \$1.2 million grant in 2007; the creation of a Battle of Franklin interpretive center/museum next door to the Carter House on Columbia Avenue hasn’t moved forward since then.

- **Civil War Trust/City of Franklin Funding Plan:** The Washington, D.C.-based Civil War Trust, which is the largest national Civil War heritage group, is promising to match an annual \$250,000 commitment made by the city.

- **Access road into Eastern Flank of the Battle of Franklin property:** Earlier this month, city aldermen backed a contract to pay engineers at Smith Seckman Reid Inc. \$165,920 to oversee construction of a drive into the city’s Eastern Flank of the Battle of Franklin Park.

### Bibb praised as hero — *The Tennessean-Williamson A.M.* — 12/6/12 — FRANKLIN —

Local attorney Julian Bibb was named November’s Darrell Waltrip Automotive Hometown Hero, securing a \$500 donation through the honor to Franklin’s Charge, a Civil War preservation organization he founded. He also co-founded Leadership Franklin and has been active in the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County and gave early support to the Land Trust for Tennessee. Bibb also has been committed to New Hope Academy, a Christian-based school with an economically and racially diverse student body.

### Parks, battlefields could face big cuts — *The Tennessean* — 12/8/12 — FRANKLIN —

with the so-called fiscal cliff of automatic tax increases for all Americans and across-the-board spending cuts looming in January, more is at stake than tax rates and political posturing. The nation’s national parks, battlefields and historic sites could face major cuts without a deal, a move that could mean reduced park hours, fewer staff and an increased backlog in needed maintenance, a leading parks conservation group said. For the seven major national parks, battlefields, military parks and historic sites in all or parts of Tennessee, the cuts could mean a loss of between \$2.7 million and \$3.2 million. That’s on top of more than \$500,000 in budget reductions the parks faced between 2011 and 2012, park budget figures show.

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| QTY | Item  | Price                 | Total         |
|-----|---|-----------------------|---------------|
|     | Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)      |                       |               |
|     | Donation: <b>Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase</b> (circle one)                           |                       |               |
|     | “Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville” ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover | \$20.00               |               |
|     | <b>“Heading Back Home” DVD</b> the story of Franklin’s Unknown Soldier Burial       | \$25.00               |               |
|     | “Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Perryville” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11    | \$15.00               |               |
|     | “Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Franklin” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11      | \$15.00               |               |
|     | “Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Shiloh” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11        | \$15.00               |               |
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