



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

We have much to cover in this Newsletter but I don't want you to miss a very important Call to Action regarding an opportunity which could yield \$1 million towards battlefield preservation in Franklin each year!

Please see the article on a Civil War Trust match proposal to the City of Franklin and contact the Mayor and Aldermen to voice your support today.

As always, the fall is our busiest time in Franklin and we share news on some of the upcoming events as well. See our Upcoming Events webpage for more information and late updates.

Finally, be on the lookout for your Invitation to the upcoming STFB Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner. You will not want to miss our speaker for the evening: James Knight speaking on 'Fort Donelson – Conflict in Command'. I hope to see you there.

And don't forget to sign up to help with the 2012 Illumination scheduled November 30th at the Carter House. We need your help.

Each of you is very important to all that we are collectively doing here in Franklin and I thank you for your continued support.

Mike Walker – President

New & Renewing Members September 2012

Wayne Anderson	Raymond, MS
Louise Batey	Franklin, TN
James Childress	Brentwood, TN
Chad Comer	Gamaliel, KY
Naples CWRT	Naples, FL
May Dean Eberling	Nashville, TN
Lotz House Museum	Franklin, TN
Sam Huffman	Brentwood, TN
Mike Kent	Monroe, GA
Kevin D Miller	Austin, TX
Nancy & Bob Neighbors	Conway, AR
Jean Nelson	Nashville, TN
Alice Richardson	Central Point, OR
Glenn Rieuf Jr	Franklin, TN
The Watchdog	Warren, MI
Col Sam Whitson	Franklin, TN
Greg Yackel	West St Paul, MN

STFB Annual Meeting & Dinner Thursday, November 15, 2012

The Annual Meeting of Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc., will be held Thursday, November 15, 2012 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Otey Hall, in Franklin.

We plan to gather at 6:00 p.m. with a full dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m. A short business meeting will begin immediately after dinner, followed by our speaker, James R. Knight, a member of the Carter House Staff. Mr. Knight, the author of several books and articles including, *Bonnie and Clyde: A 21st Century Update*, *The Battle of Franklin*, and *Fort Donelson*., will speak on "Fort Donelson-Conflict in Command."

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The business meeting will include the election of Board Members and a review of STFB 2012 activities. The status of the Loring's Advance project and the identification of other prospective preservation sites will also be discussed.

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person with payment in advance no later than Friday, November 9. Pay To/Mail to:

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Call to Action - Civil War Trust Match Proposal

Your help is needed now to ensure that a great opportunity to preserve more Franklin battlefield land is not missed. The Civil War Trust has proposed to the City of Franklin that if the city will set aside \$250,000 per year for battlefield preservation, the CWT would pledge to raise at least \$250,000 in matching funds which could be combined with \$500,000 from the American Battlefield Protection Program, thus yielding \$1 million each year for battlefield preservation in Franklin.

It is crucial that you contact the Franklin mayor and your Aldermen now and ask them to support this proposal. If you don't live in Franklin but have visited our battlefield sites or plan to, please write to the Mayor and mention your visit in your letter. Our city leaders in Franklin recognize the value of Civil War tourism to our community. As Mike Grainger, CWT Vice Chairman stated "More preserved land would give out-of-town tourists more Civil War sites to visit and explore. And the longer they stay in Franklin visiting the battlefield, the more money they will spend in Franklin hotels, restaurants, and businesses. The additional battlefield land will also provide recreational opportunities for local residents, improving quality of life."

Franklin Mayor and Aldermen contact information:
http://franklin-stfb.org/franklin_city_contacts.htm

Civil War Trust Buys Battlefield Parcel at Federal Advanced Line

The land where the first soldiers fell at Franklin is an empty, less than half-acre lot. When the owner put the land up for sale, a local historian alerted the

Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit Civil War Trust. The Trust contacted the owner and soon struck a deal.

The parcel is on the west side of Columbia Pike, the second lot south of Battle Avenue. It is near a STFB historical marker donated ten years ago by the Salt Creek CWRT that interprets the actions at the Federal Advanced Line.

The parcel will cost \$135,480, which includes closing costs. The purchase deepens the Civil War Trust's investment in Franklin, where the group has used more \$4 million in grants and pledges since 2005 to buy Franklin battlefield land. Last year, the trust raised \$200,000 to buy 5 acres of the former battlefield along Adams Street in Franklin.

Mike Kent Civil War Show Sat/Sun December 1-2

The Nation's largest Civil War show will run Dec 1-2 at the Williamson County Ag center at 4215 Long Lane Franklin TN. From I-65, take Peytonsville Road exit 61 to the east, and follow the signs. Hours are Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 9-3

The Ag Center accommodates over 1,000 tables under one roof with 15 acres of free parking. There are several top line hotels and restaurants nearby. STFB will have our regular booth at the show and we invite all members and prospective members to stop by and say hello and get the latest preservation news from Franklin.

2012 Illumination Friday, November 30

The Franklin Battlefield Commission has set the battle anniversary, November 30, as the date for the 2012 Commemorative Illumination. The event will be held at 4:45PM on the Carter House grounds. Volunteers are needed to paint dots at 10:00 am on the 29th and to set up the display at 1:00 PM on the 30th. To volunteer, contact Amanda Hall 615-550-6737 or Amanda.Hall@franklintn.gov Also visit www.bofillumination.org The website has photos of prior events and a time-lapse video of the 2010 Illumination assembly.

Study Underway For Gun Carriages On The Square

The Franklin Battlefield Commission recently

approved a resolution for Commissioners Dr Sam Gant and COL (Ret) Sam Whitson to study the feasibility and estimated costs of acquiring carriages to remount the four guns on Franklin Square. All are authentic Model 1841 6-pounders that were manufactured before or during the war years. They are on permanent loan to the City of Franklin from the Dept of the Army.



The current concrete mounts lack a Civil War appearance and would be replaced with four replica iron #1 carriages that meet National Parks System standards for appearance and durability. COL Whitson estimates the cost of four such carriages to be \$60,000. If the project is approved by the City of Franklin, a fund raising effort to find businesses and individuals as sponsors will be undertaken with STFB help. Contact Whitson at 615-591-7219 or fairstreet@comcast.net



COL Whitson also provided STFB with a rendering of the general visual effect that our future visitors would experience when they first see the Franklin Square.

Battle of Franklin 148th Anniversary Friday & Saturday – Nov 2-3, 2012 Confederate and Union Soldiers Wanted

This year's **reenactment** event will be sponsored by the Battle of Franklin Trust and will be held on the grounds of the Carnton Plantation on Friday and Saturday November 2 & 3. Camping is available on the Carter House grounds Thursday through Saturday nights. Camp set up begins Thursday noon to 4:30 PM. The camps are open to the public 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Friday and 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday.

A Battle of Franklin **reenactment** is planned for Saturday at 12:00 NOON on the grounds of Carnton Plantation. This is a non-cavalry event and artillery is limited – so call for details. There is **NO REGISTRATION FEE** but you must register -- firewood and restroom facilities are provided.

Please sign up immediately with Bobby Hargrove 615-794-6179 or bthargrove123@aol.com or Robert Huff rghuff123@aol.com

News In Review October 2012

Register listing could win help for cemeteries — *The Tennessean*, “Williamson A.M.” —9/28/12 — FRANKLIN — The state Historical Commission has recommended that both Rest Haven and The Old City Cemeteries be added to the National Register of Historic Places. If given a final approval, they would join Franklin's five historic districts listed on the National Register as well as other properties, including the Toussaint L'Overture Cemetery, which is the city's historically African-American cemetery.

Visitor spending reaches new levels — *Williamson Herald*— 10/10/12 — FRANKLIN — Williamson County continues to grow its share of Tennessee's second largest industry – tourism. Of Tennessee's 95 counties, Williamson held steady in the No. 6 spot again for 2011. The latest economic impact report released by the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development showed Williamson County visitor spending grew by 12.47 percent to \$332.4 million, placing Williamson County in the top 10 percent of counties in Tennessee for annual rate of growth, according to the TN Dept. of Tourist Development; “The Economic Impact of Travel on Tennessee Counties,” Nashville, TN.

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