



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

This past year has been busy for all of the preservation groups here in Williamson County, and 2014 will be even more challenging with all of the upcoming Sesquicentennial events related to the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. The Tennessee Sesquicentennial Commission has selected Franklin as its 2014 Signature Event in the state with conferences and commemoration events to be held here.

The historic houses will have special events, and many of the local heritage groups also will sponsor special programs as well.

Our members, supporters and visitors might get confused with our various 2014 schedules as plans are made and adjusted by many independent groups. To 'bring order out of chaos', Deborah Warnick at the Williamson County Convention & Visitors Bureau has announced a new web site www.franklin150.com that will post and maintain the 2014 schedules of all-groups all-events sesquicentennial happenings.

The web site is scheduled to be up in the next few days. Your group can get your events included in the composite 150th Schedule by sending your event who/what/where/when event information to kellye@visitwilliamson.com Be sure to include a photo or poster and a link for additional information. If we all keep our info up-to-date, this can be a powerful tool to promote all of our sesquicentennial events next year.

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March to The Carter House 149th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin

In a commemorative event on November 30 highlighting the 149th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, a "March to The Carter House" took

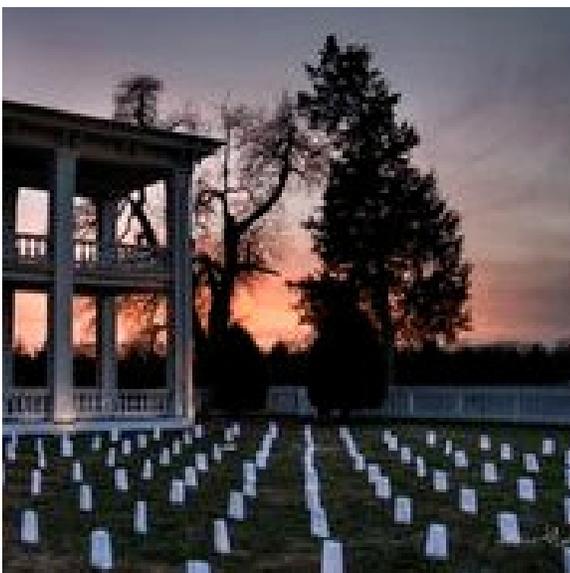
place with Sons of Union Veterans, Fort Donelson Camp #62, and Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sam Davis Camp #1293, marching. The Sam Davis Camp, with the men in butternut or gray, assembled on Winstead Hill, and the Fort Donelson Camp, the men in blue, assembled at the Fort Granger Marker in Pinkerton Park. As the reenactors marched out from their respective posts, families and friends joined in the march.



Photo by David Wittingham

This is the third year that the SCV and the SUCVW camps have cooperated in the display of unity as they meet at the Carter House. It was through the efforts of a commander of the Sam Davis Camp, the late Larry Cockerham, that the SUCVW and the SCV have cooperated in this unity march.

2013 Commemorative Illumination Staged at Confederate Cemetery



Battle of Franklin Trust Illumination coordinator Joanna Stephens reports that over 110 volunteers

assisted on Friday and Saturday to prepare this year's event on November 30. The placing of 10,000 luminaries in a rank and file display calls attention to the nearly 10,000 killed, wounded or missing soldiers of both sides at the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. Since 2006, volunteers have organized this annual Illumination and Commemoration ceremony.

An estimated 500 visitors attended the event and heard historian Eric Jacobson recount the battle and the suffering by the soldiers of both sides. Several attendees, who were seeing the ceremony for the first time, commented on the size and visual power of the display, and the solemnity of the ceremony. It is only when you see the 10,000 luminaries that you comprehend the scope of the battle and the suffering of the soldiers who struggled here.



Photos by Rebecca M Photography

News In Review December 2013

Park system may add Tennessee battlefields
Associated Press — 12/14/13 — FRANKLIN
 U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander has introduced legislation to include four Tennessee Civil War Battlefields in the national park system. The legislation would designate battlefields at Davis Bridge and Fallen Timbers in Tennessee, and Russell House - which is in both Tennessee and Mississippi - as part of Shiloh National Military Park. It would also include Parker's Crossroads of Tennessee in the system.

The National Park Service has already determined these battlefields are nationally significant and in need preservation and protection. U.S. Rep.

Marsha Blackburn of Brentwood introduced similar legislation earlier this year.

McCord honored by STFB for preservation efforts — Williamson Herald — 12/5/13 —

FRANKLIN — Board members recognized businesswoman Paula McCord, a longtime Franklin resident, for her preservation support. As owner of McCord Crane Service, she volunteered her time and expertise to assist with ceremonial efforts associated with the re-internment of the remains of the Unknown Soldier, a casualty of the 1864 Battle of Franklin. (Editor's Note: McCord Crane Service retrieved the massive old capitol columns and placed them as the monument for the Unknown Soldier.)

Carter's Hill project advances — Williamson Herald — 12/5/13 — FRANKLIN —

The original landowner of Berry Farms, now a residential developer on Lewisburg Pike, has donated funds to Franklin's Charge and the Civil War Trust so that the two organizations can finalize the purchase of seven acres of property on Columbia Ave., called Carter's Hill. Support from Avalyn Berry is enabling the project to move forward. The property includes a strip center where a Dominos Pizza is the anchor tenant. The two groups have a vision to create a battlefield park on this site.

State grant funding available for Civil War sites — Williamson Herald — 12/5/13 —

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Wars Commission and the Tennessee Historical Commission announced that applications for a new grant program, totaling about \$483,000 that will provide funding to protect Civil War and Underground Railroad sites will be available Dec. 1. Grants will be funded through the Tennessee Civil War Sites Preservation Act of 2013. All have a 50% match requirement. Submissions must be made by Feb. 1.

Historian highlights Quarles' brigade in SFTB address — Williamson Herald — 12/5/13 —

FRANKLIN — When writer and historian Brian Allison spoke to members of the Save the Franklin Battlefield Inc recently, he noted that the Battle of Franklin "wasn't the turning point of the War. It's the story of a bad day that happened to regular folks....it's all about the soldiers." Ninety-five men from Quarles' brigade lost their life during the battle of Franklin, 113 were wounded and 87 were reported missing. They were a very small brigade and part of Brig. Gen. William Loring's advance on federal troops occupying Franklin. The site, called *Loring's Advance*, has been preserved and is located near Adams Street.

Battles marked once again at Spring Hill, Franklin

— **The Tennessean-Williamson A.M. — 12/5/13**

— **FRANKLIN** — A solemn, two-day, two-county commemoration of the 149th anniversary of the battle of Spring Hill and Franklin concluded on November 30. The events began on Friday with tours of the Spring Hill battlefield and Rippavilla Plantation in Maury County. On Saturday, ceremonies and tours of battle sites at Carnton Plantation and The Carter House were conducted, capped off with a dramatic illumination ceremony marking the hours and commemorating the casualties of the furious 1864 battle.

Historical Franklin Battlefield artifacts uncovered in Lotz House Cellar — Williamson Herald —

11/25/13 — FRANKLIN — Franklin Tennessee's Lotz House Executive Director J.T. Thompson announced today historian John Marler has completed a two-year archeological excavation project in the Lotz House cellar uncovering and meticulously documenting approximately 900 Civil War relics and items connected with civilian life from the mid-to-late 1800s. The Lotz House, built in 1858, is located at the epicenter of the Battle of Franklin held Nov. 30, 1864. The findings help tell the story of the battle as iron canister spheres, bullets and remnants of leather Civil War accoutrements were found in the dirt.

Lotz House sponsors blood drive on the site of 10,000 casualties — Williamson Herald —

11/25/13 — FRANKLIN — On Nov. 30, 1864, blood ran in rivers over hundreds of acres of land just a couple blocks south of the center of Franklin. To honor the 10,000 American casualties of the Battle of Franklin who fought to ensure the freedom of generations to come and to help those waging their own battle for life, the American Red Cross, partnering with the Lotz House, hosted a blood drive on Saturday, Nov. 30 — the 149th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin.

Civil War history starts in Spring Hill — The Tennessean-Williamson A.M. — 11/29/13 —

SPRING HILL — Known among some historians as the biggest blunder of the U.S. Civil War, the immediate aftermath of the Battle of Spring Hill occurred 149 years ago today. And, yet, planning already is underway at Rippavilla, a former plantation and the site of the Spring Hill Battlefield, for the battle's much anticipated 150th anniversary event. Historians at Rippavilla mark Nov. 29 each year by offering candlelight tours of the first floor of the stately 1855-built mansion as well as guided hayride tours of the battlefield.

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