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President's Message

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July. We celebrate this country's independence and the multitude of freedoms that we enjoy. The Civil War was but one war that has helped to preserve today's freedoms that were won with blood, sweat and tears.

Your board continues to study new opportunities for preservation. During our last meeting we discussed possible sites of interest and we will continue to explore them, and if the time is right, to consider key land acquisitions.

STFB now has its own Facebook Page. We are new to Facebook but we continue to tweak the page that we hope will provide you with timely and historical information. Blue-Gray day activities are scheduled to take place 8-9 November. Look for additional information in this newsletter.

There is activity this month regarding a threat to battlefield property. We ask that you remain current of the activities by developers as they seek a zoning change of the property at Columbia Avenue and Fairgrounds Street. Please ask your Alderman and the Mayor to not support the rezoning of this important parcel. And please attend the Planning Commission meeting July 25 at 7:00 p.m. It matters!!

Many thanks to all for your loyal and continued support. It's working.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members June 2013

Charles & Nancy Brantley	Greenville, TX
Dennis Buttacavoli	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
Mitch Campbell	Memphis, TN
C Pat Cates	Woodstock, GA
Chicago CWRT	Wilmette, IL
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Don & Veronica King	Brentwood, TN
Stephen H King	Brentwood, TN
Michael Klinger	Albion, IN
Michael Loftin	Brentwood, TN
Mel Maurer	Westlake, OH
H Bryan Mitchell	Washington, DC
Curtis L Older	Gastonia, NC
Mark & Karen Perreault	Norfolk, VA
Harold & Mary Jo Pratt	Franklin, TN
Patrick Small	San Antonio, TX
Samuel Smith MD	Brentwood, TN
Ben Stein	Beverly Hills, CA
Jerry & Ruth Swedeen	Franklin, TN

**Lotz House To Host
Ed Bearss Dinner and Twilight Tour
Thursday, August 22**

The Franklin CWRT and the Lotz House Foundation will host American icon Ed Bearss for



a country supper followed by a Twilight Tour of the Battle of Franklin along Columbia Avenue from the Lotz House to the Cotton Gin.

The event will be held on the lawn of the Lotz House Thursday, August 22 at 5:30 p.m.



Ed Bearss is Chief Historian emeritus at the National Park Service, a frequent guest on The History Channel, and a Purple Heart World War II marine.

Tickets are limited. The cost is \$60 per person or \$425 for a table of eight. Reservations can be made at jtt@lotzhouse.com or by calling 615-790-7190. All proceeds benefit the Lotz House Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

STFB is on Facebook

Save the Franklin Battlefield now has its own Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/Battle.1864 We feel this will become a major communication channel with our supporters as we expand the page content. Check it out.

Rezoning Request Threatens Battlefield We Need Your Help

The Power Spray Car Wash at 1416 Columbia Avenue could become a 7-unit apartment cluster if developer Daniel Woods is granted a rezoning request that permits it. STFB Board feels this rezoning request should be denied.

This property is on the corner of Fairground Street and is the site of the Federal Advanced Line where the first close-contact fighting at the Battle of Franklin began. A historical marker placed by STFB and the Salt Creek CWRT of Chicago some ten years ago identifies this

historic place.

Woods' rezoning request asks to build 7 two-story townhouses on the .39 acres. The rezoning will increase the market value of the property and quite likely start a cascade of similar rezoning requests along Columbia Avenue – making future reclamation efforts on Columbia Avenue all that more expensive. STFB, other local preservation groups and the Civil War Trust all feel the zoning should stay as it is and any development of this property should conform to the existing zoning. This rezoning request will be presented to the full Planning Commission on **Thursday, July 25 at 7:00 PM** at City Hall on the Square. Please **plan to be there** to show your support for battlefield preservation. If the rezoning request were approved, the issue would then go before the full Board of Mayor and Aldermen for consideration.

A 2005 Survey of 400 Franklin Voters sponsored by the Civil War Trust reported that three-fourths of those surveyed wanted the City and its agencies to directly support Civil War Battlefield Preservation. The Planning Commission is the City's first-tier of review to avoid projects that create even greater threats to our battlefield. They need to deny this request.

Blue, Gray & Green: The Economic and Tourism Benefits of Battlefield Preservation is another very important recent study by the CWT that documents the beneficial impact that battlefield tourism brings to local business, employment, and tax collections. Quite simply, to reap the benefits of Civil War tourism, we first have to have the Civil War battlefield.

These two reports are available at the STFB web Site: www.franklin-stfb.org/preservation.htm and provide many insights why we must continue to preserve the Franklin Battlefield.

For now, we need for you **to contact the Franklin Planning Commission** and the Franklin Planning Department to ask they not approve this rezoning request. You should voice your concerns to Catherine Powers – Planning/Sustainability Manager at catherine.powers@franklintn.gov

or

Mailing address: City of Franklin
109 3rd Avenue South
Franklin, TN 37064

PLUS, if you can possibly be there, **we really do need**

for you to simply attend the Planning Commission meeting July 25 at 7:00 PM. You won't have to speak – just be there to show your support. That would help us greatly. **Wear something red.**

Sign Up Now for Reenactment November 8 and 9, 2013

Franklin's Blue-Gray days will be held at Historic Carnton Plantation on November 8 and 9, 2013. The annual battle re-enactment to commemorate the 149th Battle Anniversary will be on Saturday, November 9 at 1:00 pm. Register with an email to **bthargrove123@aol.com** or **rg Huff123@aol.com**. There is no registration fee. Calvary and Artillery are limited so register now for a reserved spot.

News In Review July 2013

Green space could become large park — The Tennessean–Williamson A.M. — 6/14/13 — THOMPSON'S STATION — Town officials tonight voted to pursue the purchase of 104 acres of farmland in the heart of Thompson's Station for public green space. The property is along Thompson's Station Road West, north of the Town Hall, and comprises much of the scenic vista behind the landmark red caboose. The town hopes to finalize its purchase after the start of the new fiscal year in July, Mayor Corey Napier said. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen tonight voted to make a \$1.15 million offer on the property, which has been appraised at more than \$1.2 million. (Editor's Note: This property was the site of intense action during the Battle of Thompson's Station, March 5, 1863).

County's mix of attractions draws tourists — The Tennessean–Franklin Review Appeal — 6/19/13 — FRANKLIN — Williamson County, the sixth top tourist destination by expenditure among 95 counties in the state, is gaining on the State's other well-known tourist draws with its rich historical and cultural sites. In 2011, tourism in Williamson County generated \$332.4 million in expenditures by visitors. That was a 12.47-percent increase from 2010. The numbers for 2012 will be out in the next few months and Mark Shore, executive director of the Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau, expects to see the tourism industry holding steady.

Speaker to shed light on General Hood — The Tennessean–Williamson A.M. — 7/12/13 — FRANKLIN — On July 14, The Franklin Civil War Round Table presented West Virginia's Stephen

“Sam” Hood. Hood, a vigorous defender of Army of Tennessee Gen. John Bell Hood, a few months ago discovered a cache of formerly unknown Hood papers stored in the closet of a direct descendant. Sam Hood presented some of the information from his new book, *John Bell Hood - The rise, Fall and Resurrection of a Confederate General*.

More artifacts unearthed during work at battlefield — The Tennessean–Williamson A.M. — 6/20/13

— FRANKLIN — The Eastern Flank Battlefield Park keeps yielding secrets from the city's distant past. The items were recovered by archaeologists after workers discovered a 12-pound cannonball during the road grading for the new park entrance. Larry McKee, TRC Cos. Inc., archaeology program manager, declined to discuss specifics of what was found, citing security concerns since work on the roadway is ongoing.

The New York Times taps Hicks to write Civil War editorial members — Williamson Herald— 7/2/13 — FRANKLIN — The New York Times tapped Battle of Franklin Trust board member and *New York Times* best-selling author Robert Hicks to write an editorial on “Why The Civil War Matters” for its July 3 edition commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Pickett's Charge. Pickett's Charge occurred on the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1863.

‘Herald’ publisher among Carter House's new board members — Williamson Herald— 6/27/13

— FRANKLIN — The Carter House recently announced the addition of four new Board of Director members – Mike Bailey, John Bibb, Derby Jones and Monty McInturff. “We're proud to have the addition of these distinguished community leaders serving on our board,” said Ed Underwood, Carter House president. “The Carter House is gearing up for the 150th Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Franklin and they will assist in the effort to enhance the experience for visitors to Franklin. Mike, John, Derby and Monty all bring a wealth of knowledge and passion to our board as we work to implement our strategic plan.”

Word of emancipation remembered at Juneteenth event — Williamson Herald— 6/17/13 —

FRANKLIN — The national Juneteenth celebration marks when the word spread to Galveston, Texas, that slaves were set free at the conclusion of the Civil War. According to Thomas Murdic, General Gordon Granger, of Franklin renown, notified the slaves in Galveston of the Emancipation. This was followed by much celebration. The event was celebrated in Franklin June 15 at McLemore House.

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