



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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

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I hope you had a chance to visit with us during the recent tour of the Loring's Advance battlefield parcel. If not, you missed a great chance to learn about the action over a pristine 5-acre property that we were instrumental in acquiring in 2011.

In case you have not heard, the Car Wash property that was before the city council for rezoning is no longer in play. The developer has withdrawn his request for rezoning. Many thanks to all of you who supported us in the campaign to deny its rezoning.

The month of November will be a busy month for Civil War related activities in Franklin. Blue-Gray day activities are scheduled to take place November 8-9 with a reenactment on 9 November at Carnton.

There will be a March to the Carter house on November 30 to commemorate the Battle of Franklin. And plans are underway for an illumination to honor those who fell at the Battle of Franklin. Look for details in this newsletter.

STFB is holding its annual meeting and dinner on 14 November, so make plans to attend all of these events.

Thanks for your continued support to STFB and be sure to visit our Facebook page (Save the Franklin Battlefield).

Dan Mora – President

## New & Renewing Members September 2013

Wayne B Anderson	Raymond, MS
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## STFB Annual Meeting & Dinner Thursday November 14, 2013 Sign Up Now

The Annual Meeting of Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc., will be held Thursday, November 14, 2013 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, Brian Allison, a Nashville native and graduate of Austin Peay State University who has served on the staff of Carnton Plantation and as curator of Traveler's Rest. Brian will speak on, "Quarles' Brigade at the Battles of Franklin and Nashville." In the Battle of Franklin, Quarles' Brigade, as a unit of Walthall's Division, advanced across the Loring's Advance property before engaging the Federal defense line.

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The business meeting will include the election of Board Members and a review of STFB activities. The meeting also will include the presentation of STFB's *Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award* to a local resident who has provided invaluable service to battlefield preservation.

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person with payment in advance, no later than Friday, November 8

Seating is limited to 40 so please get your check in early to:

STFB PO Box 851 Franklin, TN 37065	If you have questions, call Sam Huffman, 615-480-9539 See you there!
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### **2013 Illumination Set for November 29-30**

The Battle of Franklin Trust has announced that the 2013 Illumination will be held at Carnton near the Confederate Cemetery on Saturday, November 30. Many volunteers are needed to paint the dots on Thursday, Nov 29 at 10:00 AM and for the Illumination setup and lighting at noon Nov 30. E-mail Leigh Bawcom at [Leigh@BattleofFranklinTrust.org](mailto:Leigh@BattleofFranklinTrust.org) to get on the volunteer list.

This year's event will feature a 10,000 candle display to Commemorate the nearly 10,000 Americans killed, wounded or captured that fateful day here in Franklin. Roughly 100 volunteers and 10 pickup trucks will be needed on Saturday to assemble and to pick up the Illumination materials.

The Illumination each year is a public statement that the Franklin community and our visitors, clearly understand our responsibility to remember forever the cost of war and the suffering of those who fell here.

So if you have a truck and many friends, get them signed up as your team to come be part of this special and meaningful project. For additional details, see:

[www.bofIllumination.org](http://www.bofIllumination.org)

### **March to the Carter House**

On the 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, both Confederate and Union reenactors and others in civilian attire will converge on the Carter House.

The March, organized by the SCV Sam Davis Camp 1293 and the SUVCW Fort Donelson Camp 62, honors all the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Franklin. Meeting at the Carter House signifies the unity of the Nation following the close of that war.

At 4 p.m., Nov. 30, 2013, men and women will assemble on Winstead Hill to be led by men in butternut or gray carrying the Confederate flag for a march to the Carter House. At the same time, another group will assemble at the Fort Granger sign in Pinkerton Park to be led by men in blue carrying the U.S. flag for their march to the Carter House.

The public is invited to join the March..



**Eastern Flank Circle**

### **Eastern Flank Circle Dedication**

The much anticipated Eastern Flank Circle road is now complete. But as of the publishing deadline for this STFB newsletter, the date for the dedication ceremonies for the road through the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park has not yet been set. The road will also serve as the main entrance to Historic Carnton Plantation and follow the general roadbed of the original road to Carnton from Lewisburg Pike.

We believe the dedication will be held sometime in the first week of November. We will send an e-blast to our membership as soon as we get the word so we can assemble a good crowd for this landmark event.

Among the dignitaries expected to attend the dedication are Gov. Bill Haslam, Transportation Commissioner John Schroer, and Franklin Mayor Dr Ken Moore. All were instrumental in getting this road project included in the approved road plans for Franklin.



**Eric Jacobson**

### **Loring's Advance Tour**

On Oct. 12, Eric Jacobson presented information on the movement of Generals Loring's and Walthall's troops across Loring's Advance property with details of the sweep of Gen. Adams' men as he led them to the Union line where he was killed, his horse astride the trench line near the gin house.

### **Carnton Blue-Gray Days**

Carnton Plantation will host Blue-Gray Days on Nov. 8 and 9. Living history exhibits will depict life in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century as well as camp life for a Civil War soldier.

To commemorate the 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, a reenactment of the Battle will be held at 1 p.m, on Saturday, Nov. 9.

To register for taking part in the living history or in the battle reenactment, email [bthargrove123@aol.com](mailto:bthargrove123@aol.com) or [rg Huff123@aol.com](mailto:rg Huff123@aol.com) There is no registration fee. Calvary and Artillery are limited so register now for a reserved spot.

### **Car Wash Rezoning Request Withdrawn**

A rezoning request has been moving through the City approval process that could allow a controversial development to be constructed at 1416 Columbia Avenue, the car wash site at Fairground Street. This lot is the apex of the Federal forward line where the massive Confederate assault first crashed into the entrenched enemy.

The developer has been requesting rezoning that will permit construction of up to seven units of two-story townhouses on the .39 acres rather than two units allowed under current zoning.

The public hearing on the matter was scheduled for the BOMA meeting on October 8. Prior to that meeting, the developer withdrew the rezoning item from the BOMA agenda. We will keep you informed of future developments

## **News In Review**

**October 2013**

**This Old House — Southern Exposure Magazine — Oct/Nov 2013 — FRANKLIN** — It's the human aspects of Battle of Franklin that make its history real. The Lotz House story tells of the Lotzes being caught in the cross fire of the Battle of Franklin and in the tensions of Reconstruction. J.T. Thompson tells that story. He purchased the house and, on Oct. 30, 2008, he opened the Lotz House Museum

**The Ball that saved a jewel — Williamson Herald — 9/18/13 — FRANKLIN** — Forty years after the Heritage Ball that showed Carnton as the diamond in the rough that she was, the Heritage Ball is still supporting the mission of the Heritage Foundation: protecting and preserving the architectural, geographic and cultural heritage of Franklin and Williamson County.

**Keeping tradition alive — The Tennessean — 9/18/13 — FRANKLIN** — In 1967, losing a local historic landmark was a wake-up call to a small group of people in this town.. It was from these roots that the Heritage Foundation had its beginning to grow into the organization that, today, many give credit for fueling the tourism industry, stoking property values and economic development, as well as popularizing preservation causes.

**County holds growing share of the market in state tourism industry — Williamson Herald — 9/26/13 — FRANKLIN** — Tourism is Tennessee's second largest industry and Williamson County has gained a growing share of the market each year for the last six years. Williamson County tourism spending grew by 7.8 percent to \$358.22 million. Tennessee experienced a 5.2 percent increase in 2012 equating to \$16.157 billion in visitor expenditures. The real benefit of tourism is what it does for our citizens. If not for visitor spending and the tax revenue generated, each Williamson County household would pay \$424.16 more to make up the difference."

**Concept album to tell stories from Battle of Franklin — The Tennessean — 10/11/13 — NASHVILLE** — "The 1861 Project," a three-part concept record about the Civil War, will release its final installment, which is about the Battle of Franklin, next year. "The 1861 Project," which is being released by the Cohesion Arts label, is a collection of all new material mostly written from the perspective of fictional characters, though some real events and figures from the Civil War are captured as well.

**Graves show toll of flood — The Tennessean—Franklin Review Appeal — 8/7/13 — FRANKLIN** — Less than a year after Franklin's two oldest cemeteries won greater historic protection, state historical commission officials have said Franklin will get \$5,160 in federal money to create a preservation plan for the Franklin City Cemetery and Rest Haven Cemetery

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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	
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