



# 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

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The first STFB Board Meeting for 2014 was a busy session for us as we worked on our plans for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration activities. It is going to be a busy and exciting year for everyone here in Franklin.

One of the first events this year is the Civil War Reenactment at Triune April 11-13. Not long after that, the Civil War Trust (CWT) Annual Conference will be held in Nashville May 28-June 1. It is because the Civil War Trust came to Tennessee in 2002, that battlefield preservation in Franklin and Williamson County got a huge boost. They led the way.

Franklin will be teeming with activity all year long as there will be a Sesquicentennial Exhibit, the Descendants Reunion, Blue Gray Days, a Reenactment and an commemorative Illumination to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. Look for additional information on these activities within this newsletter.

Follow these activities via our future newsletters, STFB webpage and Facebook page. And the Official 150<sup>th</sup> web site at [www.franklin150.com](http://www.franklin150.com) will be updated frequently with all of the 150<sup>th</sup> events for all groups. Visit that site often.

This year more than ever, we look forward to your continued support as we take part in many of these activities.

Dan Mora – President

## New & Renewing Members December 2013

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| James B Atkinson, M.D.     | Brentwood, TN    |
| Jim Creecy                 | Nashville, TN    |
| Orange County CWRT         | Garden Grove, CA |
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| Dave & Carolyn Rousculp    | Marietta, GA     |
| Stan & Suzanne St Pierre   | Franklin, TN     |
| Valley Corps Conf Vol      | Durand, IL       |
| Ridley Wills               | Nashville, TN    |
| Billy Lou Wright           | Nolensville, TN  |

## Tennessee Civil War License Plate Is On The Road & Selling Well

Mary Ann Peckham, Executive Director of the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association, recently informed us that the new civil war license plate became available last October 1. Since then, license plate number 2007 was seen on the road in late December. That is great news.

TCWPA was required to have 1,000 pre-paid plates on order before production would begin. They did that. In the three months since the October 1 issue date, it appears that the original 1,000 count has now doubled.



Remember, for each 1,000 plates issued, TCWPA will receive roughly \$16,500 per year to fund preservation projects across Tennessee. This license plate project will empower TCWPA to vastly expand its preservation efforts.

So, you need to go get your Civil War plate right away. You will pay your normal one year registration fee plus the \$35 specialty plate fee.

There is no need to wait. Take your current plate with you to the County clerk's office to exchange it for the Civil War plate. You will receive credit for any unused months left on your current plate. See there, it's simple. Explain this to all your friends.

The more plates on the road, the greater the number of Tennesseans who will see it and buy it. So get your plate and help us advertise it to the people in the car behind you. Yes, plate #2007 was very nice – but it would really be spectacular if we could get plate 9999 on the road by December 2014.

### **Civil War Trust Conference In Nashville "Twilight In The Western Theater" May 28-June 1, 2014**

The Annual Civil War Trust Conference will be held Wednesday May 28 through Sunday June 1 in Nashville, Tennessee. For registration and the Schedule of Events see [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org) There is an early-bird discount for registering by January 31.

Bus tours offered will include Forrest through Middle Tennessee, Fort Donelson Campaign, Battle of Nashville, Battle of Parker's Crossroads, Battle of Spring Hill/Franklin, Tullahoma Campaign. Tour guides will also point out the recent preservation

successes by the CWT and local preservation groups. The CWT confirms these historians will participate: Garry Adelman, Thomas Cartwright, Jim Hoobler, Eric Jacobson, Greg Biggs, Rep. Steve McDaniel, Sam Smith, Brian Wills, Derek Frisby and Jim Lewis.

### **"At All Hazards, General Patrick Cleburne at Ringold Gap" Limited Edition Print To Be Auctioned**



At the Franklin Civil War Show last month, Robert Clayborn very generously donated a limited edition print to STFB for use in our fundraising efforts. Mr Clayborn had commissioned the painting by Artist David Geister and produced 25 prints. We have listed "**At All Hazards, General Patrick Cleburne at Ringold Gap, Georgia, November 27, 1863**" on Ebay at the STFB E-store. You can also find the painting on Ebay by searching the painting title.

The #22 print is 19X26 and is not framed. It will be shipped flat by commercial carrier. This is a great opportunity to own a unique and well-done piece of Cleburne art. Good luck.

### **Triune Reenactment at Kings' Chapel in Arrington, TN April 11-13, 2014**

Alan Corry informs us that the Triune Reenactment is scheduled for the same location as last year – without the rain of course. There is no registration fee for reenactors who pre-register. Late registrations will have a fee. Firewood, straw for bedding, hay for horses and of course – water will be provided. The Saturday special event for reenactors is still being planned. Could be a meal or even a dance.

There will be a bounty for the first 10 artillery guns that pre-register (\$150 for large guns and \$75 for Mt. Howitzers - provided they participate both days

weather permitting). We will be using the same property, but the camp and battles will be in a different location on the property. FYI - according to the official records, the reenactment location is actual battlefield from the Dec 1963 Battle of Triune. There will be at least one tactical battle in a 300 acre wooded area. This battle is not open to the public. There will be at least two public battles (one on Saturday and one on Sunday).

Some groups may be asked to do a public demonstration for spectators. We plan to have lectures during the day. Speakers are by invitation only. Regimental chaplains are invited to contact me about helping with Sunday morning services. This is a local event and the battlefield command will go to the highest-ranking officer that pre-registers by the end of Feb (provided they participate in the preliminary planning meetings). This does not include impressionist since we need ranking officers with battlefield leadership experience.

Some groups may be asked to galvanize so please indicate if your group is blue or gray and if you can galvanize. There will be a Living History Event for spectators, so if your unit has a specialty such as a hospital, please let me know. The 19th AL Civilians have already committed so they will have their living history village set-up.

There will be a charge for sutlers and they will need to pre-register before April. There will not be any outside food vendors on site due to the need to meet additional county codes.

Kings' Chapel is located east of Franklin on Hwy 96 (just one mile west of the Triune/Nolensville intersection) at 4980 Meadowbrook Blvd, Arrington, Tennessee 37014. For more information, visit [www.sites.google.com/site/battleoftriune/](http://www.sites.google.com/site/battleoftriune/) or [www.facebook.com/BattleofTriune](http://www.facebook.com/BattleofTriune)  
For questions, contact Alan Corry 615-945-7500 (c)

### **News In Review January 2014**

**Thompson's Station pursuing 109 more acres of parkland — The Tennessean — 12/19/13 — THOMPSON'S STATION** — Thompson's Station is poised to potentially assemble 213 acres of public parkland next to its town center. Town officials are looking to purchase an additional 109 acres for passive green space immediately north of the 104 acres the town bought for \$1.1 million for the

same purpose in July. The town has an aggressive approach to pursuing large swaths of undeveloped green space as part of a long-term goal to ultimately amass 400 to 500 acres for a central park. (Editor's Note: A portion of the 1863 Battle of Thompson's Station was fought on this property)

### **Visitors' Bureau fires up sesquicentennial website — The Tennessean — 12/29/13 — FRANKLIN—**

With thousands of people expected to visit Williamson County to mark the historic anniversary and with many events leading up to the Nov. 30 date, the Williamson County Convention & Visitors Bureau has set up a website devoted to the sesquicentennial. The department will post sesquicentennial happenings and news at [www.franklin150.com](http://www.franklin150.com)

### **Some projects to begin, old plans will wrap up — The Tennessean—Franklin Review Appeal — 1/1/14 — FRANKLIN — 150th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin--**

Preservationists will commemorate the Nov. 30 battle on its 150th anniversary with the dedication this year of a first-ever Civil War park dedicated to the battle. For years, they have bought houses and recently acquired a Domino's Pizza restaurant and retail strip, which will be torn down to make way for the park. Archaeologists will conduct a study of the property when the restaurant is cleared away, and new signage for visitors will be installed.

**Distinguished NPS historian Woody Harrell to speak at Civil War Roundtable — Williamson Herald — 1/6/14 — FRANKLIN** — Former Shiloh National Military Park Superintendent, Woody Harrell, presented: "Shiloh, The Union Left the First Day" on Sunday, Jan. 12 at the monthly meeting of the Franklin Civil War Round Table.

### **Franklin prepares for 150th Civil War anniversary — The Tennessean — 1/16/14 — FRANKLIN — 2014 events:**

**April 5 Park Day:** Community is invited to help mulch and plant flowers at Harlensdale Farm.

**Aug. 2 Sesquicentennial Exhibit:** The 1,600-square-foot gallery of the Fleming Center at Carnton Plantation will be open to the public for eight months and will display items never exhibited before.

**Oct. 10-12 Descendants Reunion:** Descendants of soldiers who fought in the Battle of Franklin and descendants of families who lived in Franklin during the Civil War will gather.

**Nov. 13-16 The Final Shots in Tennessee:** The state signature event, as well as the Blue & Gray Days and reenactments. (Editor's Note: **Nov. 30 Illumination Ceremony and March to the Carter House**).

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| QTY | Item  | Price         | Total |
|-----|---|---------------|-------|
|     | Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)      |               |       |
|     | Donation: <b>Marker Fund</b> ~ <b>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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