



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

Plans continue for activities during 2014, the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Franklin. April will be a busy month with Park Day at the Eastern Flank Park and Arbor Day at Pinkerton Park, both scheduled for Saturday, April 5. Arbor Day will feature tree climbing and a zip line for the kids. STFB will have a booth there as usual. The following weekend is the Civil War Reenactment at Triune, April 12 and 13, STFB will have a booth there as well.

Work continues on the creation of a Civil War park on Cleburne Street as the houses purchased by the Civil War Trust have been moved as an initial step toward assembling a park. Further demolition is scheduled in the near future with hopes of having the area cleared and seeded by the battle anniversary.

STFB is supporting the shared initiative of acquiring gun carriages for the four guns on the town square. Look for further information in this newsletter about how you can help in this effort. The new gun carriages for our four authentic 6-pounders will announce to all visitors that Franklin is a Civil War history destination.

The Annual Civil War Trust Conference in late May in Nashville this year will have tours to Franklin. We are glad to have them visit and we thank them for helping us.

Please continue to follow us via our newsletter, web page and on Facebook.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members February 2014

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Cannons On The Square Campaign

Volunteers from several Franklin preservation groups have formed a Committee with the mission to purchase carriages to mount the four guns on the Franklin Square. These four original Civil War cannon tubes are now mounted on concrete pedestals.

These city-owned cannons are original bronze Federal Model 1841 6-Pounder Field Guns, cast in Massachusetts between 1847 and 1861. Two were cast in Springfield by N. P. Ames Founder in 1847; one in Chicopee by Ames Company in 1853; and one in Boston by Cyrus Alger & Company in 1861.



Current appearance



Planned appearance

The Committee has studied various options and determined that the cost to procure and install four new National Park-quality reproduction No. 1 Field Carriages is approximately \$60,000. The committee will apply for funding from State and regional preservation groups and other organizations for grant money. *Note:* The guns **will not** be painted black.

Even so, the Committee will need to raise a substantial portion of the \$60,000 from private donors. Save The Franklin Battlefield Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and has offered to receive and hold the donated funds as the project progresses. All donations to this project are tax-deductible.

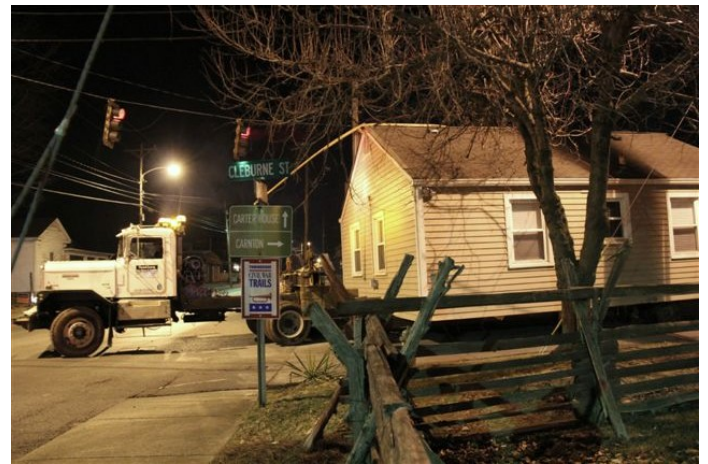
Your generous contribution will ensure these historic guns are protected and mounted appropriately. When our visitors first see the Square, they will immediately recognize that Franklin has Civil War history and sights to see. We need your help to do that.

Send your contributions by 30 May 2014 to:

STFB: CANNONS ON THE SQUARE CAMPAIGN
P.O. BOX 851
FRANKLIN, TN 37065-0851

If you or your group can make a substantial gift or have questions, call Sam Whitson (615-852-1076) or Sam Huffman (615-480-9539) to make arrangements. For more information and a **printable flyer** on the project, see www.franklin-stfb.org

Cleburne Street Update



The Neal House at 108 Cleburne Ave has been moved

On March 6, the final preparations were made for moving the Neal House recently purchased by the Civil War Trust. Late that night, the crew pulled the house slowly onto Cleburne Street and re-checked the rigging before starting the trip to the home's new location. This house was just east of the city Assault on the Cotton Gin Park (Pizza Hut).

The general plan is to clear and seed the lot and probably to extend the cedar rail fencing (right foreground) to incorporate the new lot into the existing City Park. The 109 house directly across Cleburne is currently being prepared to be moved later this month.

Park Day -- Arbor Day Saturday, April 5

Park Day – 8:30 AM to Noon – Eastern Flank Battlefield Park 1368 Eastern Flank Circle, Franklin TN 37064 (meet at the circle in front of Carnton)

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, history buffs, community leaders and preservationists will team up with the Civil War Trust, History™ and Take Pride in America at more than 98 historic sites across the country to participate in the 18th annual Park Day.

The City of Franklin Parks will host Park Day at Eastern Flank Battlefield Park in preparation for the sesquicentennial programs to be held November. Volunteer teams will build trails and clear vegetation/brush and other jobs. Refreshments will be provided free of charge. For more information about

Park Day at Eastern Flank, please contact Deanna Scheffel at 615 794-2103 x 6971 or by e-mail at deanna.scheffel@franklintn.gov.

All participants will need to fill out a waiver and all minors under 15 will need to be accompanied by a parent. Please bring sunscreen, gloves, rakes, shovels, loppers, eye protection and bug spray. No chainsaws are needed.

Arbor Day – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM – Pinkerton Park Please join The Franklin Tree Commission and the City of Franklin Parks Department for tons of fun in the trees with opportunities of Climbing, Zip lining, kids' activities, food, information and free tree saplings at Pinkerton Park in Franklin from 10am-2pm.

Master tree climbing instructor Tim Kovar, from Tree Climbing Planet will guide individuals into the crown of a tree for a **public tree climb** with several stations, all certified equipment will be provided during this annual family friendly event. Participants will ascend into the tree using the same rope-and-saddle method that canopy researchers use. "Getting up into a tree – being surrounded by the branches – is just a great way to explore nature," said Tim Kovar. "Not only is it just plain fun, it connects us with the natural world in a way that not many people are exposed to."

Davey Tree Expert Company & Adventure Works will also be **offering Zip-Lining with all equipment provided**. Zipping is a thrilling adventure with a bird's eye view! Zippers sail through the air on steel cables, secured in a safety harness and attached to a zip pulley system.

The tree climb and Zip Line is free and open to the public. Participants must be at least six years old and be wearing closed-toe shoes. For more information please call the Event Hotline at 550-6947 or email questions at parksinfo@franklintn.gov

STFB will have a booth at Arbor Day and provide guides at Fort Granger to greet visitors and talk about the fort's construction and actions during the Battle of Franklin. They will also describe the improvements that Franklin Parks Department is making to create a new Fort Granger entrance from Eddy Lane. The new entrance will be ready sometime this summer.

Battle of Triune Civil War Reenactment Saturday-Sunday April 12 & 13, 2014

Don't miss this year's Battle of Triune Civil War Reenactment. The gates will open at 11 AM on Saturday and Sunday so visitors will have time to visit the Living History Civilian and Military Camps.

Not only will our guest be able to mingle with the living historians, there will also be a series of lectures that will feature special guest such as General(s) Grant, Thomas and Cleburne. Also Margie Thessin, author of "Lizzy's War", will give a talk on what life was like for children during the Civil War. There will be a small arms demonstration and, with parental permission and after a brief safety talk, **teenagers (15 and older) will be allowed to fire a black-powder rifle or revolver** as way to encourage interest in Civil War reenacting.

On Saturday at 2 PM a portion of the Battle of Triune will be reenacted. These events happened on Dec. 27, 1862 just days before the Battle of Murfreesboro. On Sunday at 2 PM we will reenact the confederate raids on the Federal occupied Triune area. A series of raids took place from April through August 1863. In retaliation of the southern resistance in the area, Federal troops burned many homes and churches during that time.

The cost for attending the reenactment is only \$5 per person (children 6 and under are free). To attend one of the lectures, there is a requested \$2 donation to help cover some of the additional cost. A full itinerary will be published on the web-site by April 1, 2014. <https://sites.google.com/site/battleoftriune/>. Save the Franklin Battlefield will have a booth set-up to promote Civil War preservation in our area.

News In Review March 2014

Franklin officials seek grant for radar to scan historic gravesites — The Tennessean-Williamson A.M. — 2/27/14 — FRANKLIN — Franklin officials want a federal preservation grant to help pay for \$32,000 needed to use ground-penetrating radar to scan the open areas of the Rest Haven and City Cemetery, create digital maps and a digital database of the people buried in the two centuries' old grave sites. Franklin officials say the grant money — which would pay for 60 percent of the cemetery study work — would help them showcase the cemeteries to visitors and tell more of Franklin's story.

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