



# 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

On November 2, the Franklin Theatre screened the Franklin Premier of "The Battle of Franklin: Five Hours in the Valley of Death" to a packed house. The film's director and producer Robert Lee Hodge, of Hodge Films, said that it is the first time the film has ever been shown in Franklin on the big screen. Hodge asked STFB to help promote the showing, and in return pledged a third of the box office proceeds for STFB land acquisition projects.



**Rob Hodge presents \$1,434 check to STFB  
Treasurer Sam Huffman to "buy dirt"**

Much of the Emmy Award winning DVD was filmed at the 2004 140<sup>th</sup> Reenactment in Spring Hill, sponsored by Lakeway Publishers and STFB. An estimated 9,000 reenactors, 900 animals, and 100 guns gave a convincing appearance of a real Civil War battle. Hodge and his film crews captured this vista and sweep of colliding armies that serve as stock footage in several battle films. Carnton & Carter House both sell the DVD.

Finally, as the year comes to a close, please consider Save the Franklin Battlefield for your charitable giving. All gifts will 'buy dirt'. Visit us at the Civil War Show

## New & Renewing Members October 2014

Paul & Nancy Anderson	Franklin, TN
Betty Corbitt Callis	Hendersonville, TN
Jim & Ellen Coulter	Pittsfield, MA
North Worchester CWRT	Athol, MA
San Joaquin Valley CWRT	Fresno, CA
Rob Dean	Franklin, TN
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Wide Awake Films	Kansas City, MO
Sam & Norma Gant	Franklin, TN
Chip Huffman	Brentwood, TN
Tom & Jackie Jensen	Nelson, NE
Dorothy Kelly	Knoxville, TN
Ray Kevorkian	Swampscott, MA
Betty Binkley Lovelace	Germantown, TN
Melissa McGrath	Huntsville, AL
Kevin Miller & Family	Elgin, TX
Civil War News	Tunbridge, VT
Bill Nolan	Niles, OH
Historic Carnton Plantation	Franklin, TN
Palmetto Soldiers Relief	Sumter, SC
Peter Schofield	Cleveland, OH
Herschel & Pam Smith III	Celebration, FL
Janice Spillman	Brentwood, TN
Steve Varner	Franklin, TN
Dr Van West	Murfreesboro, TN
Kimberly Willis	Dickson, TN

## Civil War Show

**Saturday-Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Mike Kent Civil War Show is set for the Williamson County Ag Expo Center at I-65 Exit 61 Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 9am -3pm. **The I-65 bridge has been repaired and you can now easily reach the Ag Expo Center from**

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**north or south on I-65.** STFB will be at our usual location at the west end of the main floor. Be sure to stop by for all the latest news.

## **Franklin 150th March to The Carter House**

On the 150th 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, 2014, 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 in Pinkerton Park at the Fort Granger sign to be led by men in blue carrying the U.S. flag for their march to the Carter House. Those interested are welcome to watch the march or join in the march to the Carter House.

## **Cannon Carriages Installed & Dedicated**

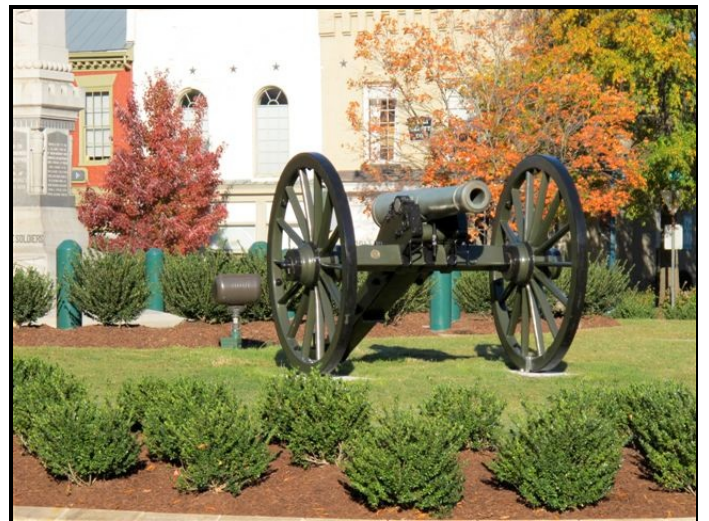
There was great excitement on Franklin's Public Square October 29 when two of the new reproduction Civil War cannon carriages were delivered by Steen Cannon Works of Ashland, KY. They will mount our authentic Civil War 6-pounder cannons that were previously on concrete pedestals. The Cannons on the Square Committee principals and several City officials watched as the carriages were offloaded and wheeled into place.



**Streets Dept workers carefully winch the carriages onto the street at Franklin Square**



**Workers position a carriage on its ground-level 3-point foundation and lower a cannon tube into place**



**Introducing – Franklin's Public Square – spectacular!!**

Everyone watching the installation agreed that the Square now clearly announces to our visitors that they have arrived at a major Civil War Tourism destination.



**The Franklin Veterans Day Parade passes in review around the Square**

A dedication ceremony was held on November 11 at the conclusion of the Veterans Day parade. Participants included Mayor Ken Moore; Fred Prouty, of the Tennessee Wars Commission; and Williamson County Historian Virginia Bowman. In addition, the Franklin High School Band's Wind Ensemble; members of Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc.; members Sons of Union Veterans; members of Sons of Confederate Veterans; and the Tennessee Color Guard Sons of the American Revolution, all took part in the event.



**The Cannons on the Square Committee (standing) Sam Gant, Sam Huffman, Alderman Mike Skinner, Pam Lewis absent Sam Whitson. (Seated) Williamson County Historian Virginia Bowman and Alderman Clyde Barnhill.**

Virginia Bowman and the local UDC Chapter #14 have long advocated for the appearance of the Square, and have appeared many times over the years before City Boards with their concerns. She was very glad to see the carriage project underway and was more than eager to help financially.

Assisted by Clyde Barnhill, Virginia used a saber to cut the Blue & Gray ribbon on the cannon that is trained toward City Hall. At the end of the ceremony, Committee Chairman Sam Whitson announced, "that beginning today, that particular gun is now named *Virginia*".

## News In Review November 2014

**Franklin, Tenn. – Forgotten Battlefield — Civil War News November 2014 — FRANKLIN —** From what was once considered a "Lost Battlefield," the Battle of Franklin Trust, Franklin's Charge, The Heritage Foundation, Save The Franklin Battlefield,

and the City of Franklin, with the continued support of the Civil War Trust (CWT), have continued their preservation activities with significant acquisitions along the eastern part of the city and the northern corridor to ground zero for the BOF and core battlefield. The combined efforts of the preservation community and the city have led to national recognition of Franklin as a success story, one of the most significant preservation efforts nationally. It even led the CWT to hold its 2014 national convention in Nashville to showcase success in the mid-state area with special emphasis on Franklin.

**Franklin aldermen will probably approve Civil War Trust Agreement — The Tennessean — 10/26/14 — FRANKLIN —** An agreement is before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to have the city to serve as a pass-through sponsor for the Civil War Trust to acquire the 2.6-acre parcel that flanks the Carter House Museum along Columbia Avenue. Supporters hope to get \$1.3 million from Federal sources and then match that money with funds from private sources. The Federal funds would be transferred through the city and then be used to purchase the property.

**Franklin to light 10,000 luminaries — Williamson Herald 10/28/14 — FRANKLIN —** The field where thousands perished 150 years ago will light up with 10,000 luminaries to honor the lives lost in the Battle of Franklin. The luminaries at The Carter House will stand in a chaotic design to signify the casualties, while luminaries at Carnton will represent an orderly pattern. Eric Jacobson, Battle of Franklin Chief Executive Officer, and Mayor Ken Moore will speak, then attendees can see a program at Carnton Plantation featuring historian Carroll Van West and Heritage Foundation president Julian Bibb.

**Visitors deliver record year for tourism — The Tennessean — 11/5/14 — FRANKLIN —** Visitors spent \$382.24 million within the county in 2013, an increase of 6.71 percent from 2012, according to a new Tennessee Department of Tourist Development economic impact report released in October. Of the state's 95 counties, Williamson ranked 6<sup>th</sup> for visitor spending last year. An increase in visitors not only means dollar signs, but new jobs as well. Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau President and CEO Ellie Westman Chin told the Tennessean that tourism spending last year created 2,920 jobs throughout the county.

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QTY	Item	Price	Total
	Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)		
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