



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

Preservation is one of those causes that is continually ongoing. We see preservation as a "journey and not a destination." To many it may seem that progress in preservation is slow. Well that is right, it is a meticulous process and sometimes an expensive venture. Rest assured that STFB continues to look out for opportunities on a daily basis. We will work hard to make the best choices in our preservation efforts.

In an effort to spend your membership money wisely, we again ask that if you are not already receiving our newsletter digitally that you consider changing your option to digitally delivery vice the paper version that we prepare and mail monthly. It will save STFB some valuable dollars that could be dedicate to preservation vice mail costs. Let us know of your change of option.

We have numerous Roundtable organization that are faithful followers and members of STFB. We would like to let you know that we appreciate all the support that you provide us as an organization, as we appreciate all of our individual and family memberships.

We feel that we are working toward a great cause and we could not do that without your continued support. If you have any suggestions on what we could do better please do not hesitate to let us know via our web page and on Facebook.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members January 2015

Charles & Nancy Brantley	Greenville, TX
William Christen	Warren, MI
Karen Stein Daniel	Albuquerque, NM
Don & Sarah Duncan	Murray, KY
Louis Ganser	Murfreesboro, TN
Matthew Hooks	Leechburg, PA
Hal Litchford	Olando, FL
Samuel Lynch	Franklin,, TN
Dan Mora	Franklin, TN
Scott & Kathy Speedy	Franklin, TN
Boardman & Lillian Stewart	Franklin, TN
Ernest Wade	Loganville, GA
Mike Walker	Franklin, TN

Brandywine Valley CWRT Helps Save The Franklin Battlefield

We recently received a letter from Robert Paul Sprague of Paoli, Pennsylvania. He is the Preservation Committee Chair of the Brandywine Valley CWRT and he wrote to inform us that their CWRT in West Chester, PA was donating \$200 to the preservation of the Franklin Battlefield. He noted that they wanted to help with " the preservation, protection, and promotion of Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee". Two of the Roundtable members, Tom and Beryl Shive, separately wrote to say they were matching the CWRT gift with their check for \$200. A big STFB thank-you goes to the Brandywine Valley CWRT, and to Tom and Beryl.

If memory serves, this is not the first time the Brandywine Valley CWRT has helped Franklin,

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and we know that some of their members have visited Franklin as well. In spring 2014, the CWRT had selected Franklin as their Preservation project and some time before that, our campaigner-out-east, Dick Simpson, had forwarded his honorarium for presenting his “**The Forgotten Battle of Franklin**” program to the CWRT. Their financial help is very important to us, **plus** it is so reassuring for us to know there are people out there beyond the horizon who care about the Franklin battlefield and want to help us save it. Thank you, thank you.

Listen UP !! Go Get Your Civil War License Plate

Mary Ann Peckham at the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association asked us to remind you that each Civil War license plate they sell will bring in \$16+ per year for Civil War preservation in Tennessee.



Plate numbers in the 2000 range have been seen on the road

Just renewed your plate, you say? Not a problem. Just take your current tag with you to your county office for exchange. You will pay your normal one-year registration (\$50 or so in most counties) plus the \$35 specialty fee. Then you will get a refund for the unused months on your current tag - and your new Civil War plate will be good for a full year. See there, it's simple. Just go do it.

And, STFB still has a few dozen of the ‘**Go Get Yours**’ business-card size magnetic eyecatchers to call attention to your new plate - send us a note and a SASE and we will send you a mag-tag while they last. That way you will help us sell a Civil War plate to the guy behind you at the light. Having plates on the road is our very best advertising medium. Help us out.

Franklin Charge Enlists Crowdrise Funding Campaign For the Lovell Purchase

Kelly Gilfillan is asking all of us to join her social media campaign to help raise funds for the Lovell purchase. This will save an important piece of the battlefield where thousands of men were killed or injured 150 years ago. Please watch the video below and promote it to your friends on your social media pages. www.crowdrise.com/franklinchargeinc

Lotz House Announces Battleground Tour of Atlanta Campaign The 151st Anniversary of the Siege and Fall of Atlanta March 25-29

(Franklin, Tenn.)—February 4, 2015 --- The Lotz House Civil War museum has teamed up with historians Greg Biggs and Robert Jenkins for an exclusive battleground tour of the Atlanta Campaign on Wednesday, March 25 through Sunday, March 29, 2015.

In making the announcement, Lotz House Executive Director J.T. Thompson said, “Last year’s Atlanta tour with Greg Biggs was so successful we wanted to bring it back again to focus on the sites connected to the siege and capture of Atlanta in 1864. Last year sold out and we had participants from as far away as California, Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Alabama and North Carolina. It’s a truly unique experience for Civil War enthusiasts.”

This commemorative tour, which is limited to only 52 people, will kick off with an early afternoon reception on Wednesday, March 25 at the Lotz House in Franklin, Tennessee before boarding the Cavalier Tours motorcoach for the direct run to Marietta. Hotel accommodations are at the Hampton Inn in Marietta.

From Johnston’s River Line through Jonesboro, this tour will cover several key battles including Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, Ezra Church, Utoy Creek and Jonesboro. There will be several stops at each of the fields. Other side stops include Shoupade Park and other portions of the River Line; the Chattahoochee River Crossings and Roswell, GA, an industrial center; the site of Johnston's headquarters where he was relieved of command; the site of the Potter House and

Atlanta defenses and the site of Atlanta's surrender.

The group will also see a few museums on this trip with direct Civil War and Atlanta connections including the Marietta Museum; the Atlanta History Center, the Road to Tara Museum (which has only one of two remaining Sherman Neck-ties - the melted and bent rails typical of this campaign) along with some "Gone With The Wind" sites including the museum in Marietta and the Margaret Mitchell House.

Also included is a visit to the Atlanta Cyclorama as part of the Battle of Atlanta tour. On the way back on Sunday, March 29, the tour will tie the Atlanta campaign to Hood's Tennessee Campaign with a stop at the Allatoona Pass battlefield in north Georgia. This October 1864 battle was the first fight of the Tennessee Campaign. The tour will conclude in Franklin.

Atlanta historians are on tap to speak in the evening. Scheduled to appear are Steve Davis, noted Atlanta Campaign author and historian and Charlie Crawford, president of the Georgia Battlefield Association. Another evening historian is planned.

Greg Biggs has been a student of military history for more than 45 years with many interests from ancient Greece to today's wars. He is president of the Clarksville, TN Civil War Roundtable and an officer of the Nashville and Bowling Green, KY CWRTs. He has studied the Atlanta Campaign for more than 30 years and lived in Atlanta for several of those years. He gave his first Atlanta tour in 1993 and also does tours of several other western campaigns. Greg was one of the guides for the first portion of the Lotz House Atlanta tour in March 2014.

Robert Jenkins is an attorney from Dalton, GA whose office is next door to what was once General Joe Johnston's headquarters. His first book on the Battle of Peachtree Creek is the definitive study of that battle and his knowledge of that field is unsurpassed. His latest book, *To the Gates of Atlanta: From Kennesaw Mountain to Peach Tree Creek, 1-19 July 1864*, is due out any day. For those that took the tour in March 2014, Robert was a co-guide for the Dalton phase.

The tour package includes luxury motorcoach transportation by Cavalier Tours, four nights

accommodations, baggage handling, four breakfasts and two lunches. It also includes admission to the Atlanta History Center, Margaret Mitchell House, Marietta Museum, Gone with the Wind Museum, Atlanta Cyclorama, Oakland Cemetery and Road to Tara Museum.

The tour package for an individual is \$685 or double (2 people) is \$555 per person. Triple occupancy is \$510 per person.

For more information and to sign up for the tour, contact J.T. Thompson at the Lotz House in Franklin by calling 615-790-7190 or email jtt@lotzhouse.com. Tour proceeds will benefit the Lotz House Foundation a non-profit 501(c)3 establishment. For more information visit www.lotzhouse.com.

News In Review February 2015

Franklin native uncovers African-Americans' war stories — The Tennessean — 1/19/15 — FRANKLIN — Thomas Murdic, a former Williamson County commissioner and Franklin civic leader, recognizes that he Civil War and Reconstruction are the sources of deeply painful memories, even 150 years later. The Battle of Franklin, he finds, had over the decades either been largely excised from Civil War histories, or it was recast as a victory for the Confederacy. Murdic said correction of that image was a matter of sticking to facts, The proposed [battlefield park](#), as well as a slate of museums at key historical sites are "... more than anything else, an opportunity for the story to be told and for the story to be told right." , The African American Heritage Society has opened a key viewpoint into history with the [McLemore House Museum](#),

Williamson County gems catch tourists' attention — The Tennessean — 2/8/15 — FRANKLIN — Of the 1,000 hotel rooms in Williamson County, the average occupancy rate in 2014 was 74.9 percent. And with attractions such as downtown Franklin and Leiper's Fork drawing visitors, the Williamson County Convention & Visitors Bureau expects that number to grow in 2015. In 2014 Franklin drew record-breaking crowds for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. The event kicked off in November and included a re-enactment as well as an illumination ceremony. On average, its historic house museums such as the Carter House in Franklin attract between 80,000 to 85,000 people per year.

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