



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

November 2015

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

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This November newsletter is mostly devoted to the upcoming Civil War commemorative and educational events scheduled for the Battle Anniversary. Your Thanksgiving Day visitors would love to have you host them at some of these gatherings.... or go yourself.

The Franklin Civil War Show is set for Saturday & Sunday, December 5-6 at the Williamson County Ag Center. STFB will again have a display at our usual location. We invite all of you to stop by and say hello. We are always happy to visit with our members and catch you up on the news.

As always, we continue our efforts at preservation by identifying battlefield properties to be saved. To that end, we ask that you keep STFB in your year-end giving plans. STFB is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization and your gifts are deductible to the full extent of the tax code.

And, thanks to all who came to our annual meeting and heard about the "Third Battle of Franklin" from our guest speaker Brian Allison. Everyone learned something new from his excellent presentation.

Visit our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Battle.1864>
and see if you are in some of the photos of past Franklin events that we have posted. Support our webpage and follow us on Facebook.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members October 2015

Paul & Nancy Anderson	Franklin, TN
Bob Beck	Franklin, TN
The Civil War News	Tunbridge, VT
Betty Corbitt Callis	Hendersonville, TN
Historic Carnton Plantation	Franklin, TN
Jim & Ellen Coulter	Pittsfield, MA
Brandy Valley CWRT	Paoli, PA
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Rob Dean	Franklin, TN
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Sara Edwards	Huntsville, AL
Wide Awake Films	Kansas City, MO
Rod & Kay Heller	Franklin TN
John Henderson	Franklin, TN
Thomas Herbert	Nashville, TN
Sam Huffman	Brentwood, TN
Melinda & Rick Kellams	Arrington, TN
Maxine Laura	Franklin, TN
Bill Nolan	Niles, OH
Palmetto Soldiers Relief	Sumter, SC
Howard & Kathy Reich	Newport Beach, CA
Carol Signett	Ferndale, WA
Cullen Smith	Franklin, TN
Jim & Pat Swan	North Las Vegas, NV
Paul Timmerman	Snoqualmie, WA
Mark Zimmerman	Nashville, TN

2015 Middle Tennessee Civil War Show at Ag Center December 5 - 6

The Middle Tennessee Civil War Show will be held on December 5th – 6th, in Franklin, Tennessee, at the Williamson County **Ag Expo Center, I-65, Exit 61**. It is hosted by Mike Kent and Associates of Tennessee. The hours are Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

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to 3:00 p.m. General admission is \$10.00 with children under 12, free. Join us at the STFB Table.

Save the Franklin Battlefield Annual Meeting & Dinner November 19

The 2015 STFB Annual Meeting was held November 19 at Otey Hall, Paul's Episcopal Church, in Franklin. Among the guests were Franklin preservationists, Rod and Kay Heller and Julian and Jayne Bibb. Also as guests, were Trail Life Troop leader, D.J. Smith and his sons, Matthan and Kealan, representing Troop members who helped in clearing undergrowth from the Loring's Advance property.

Following a delicious dinner, Sam Huffman, using electronic slides, briefly reviewed STFB 2015 activities and had battlefield maps that showed the vulnerability of the Confederate troops on the Lorings' Advance property during the Battle of Franklin.

In the election of STFB Board members, Robert Huff, Chip Huffman, and Mike Walker were elected to the 2016-2018 term.

Historian Brian Allison spoke on "Action at Franklin during the Retreat from Nashville." He told the stories of the Confederate and the Federal troops in the desperate Retreat from Nashville. They clashed at the Battle of the Barricades on Granny White Pike in Brentwood, engaged in various fights in the vicinity of, and through, Franklin, and struggled at the Battle of West Harpeth, south of town.



STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman presents the 2015 Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award to Julian Bibb (right)

The evening closed with the awarding of the prestigious STFB *Tennie Pinkerton Dozier* Preservation

Award to Julian Bibb of Stites & Harbison PLLC. Julian has served for many years as the pro bono legal service for dozens of Franklin preservation projects. He also has served on the Boards of many of those same groups. He often has had to jump the hoops and thread the needles required by state and Federal agencies plus arrange complex financing contracts. The plaque reads "for his steadfast dedication to historic Preservation in Franklin, and for his unequalled ability to always coalesce workable agreement among varied constituencies".

For Your Thanksgiving Visitors

Morning Battlefield Tour Friday, Nov. 27 — 8 - 9:30 a.m. Historian and Battle of Franklin Trust CEO Eric A. Jacobson will lead a morning battlefield tour beginning at The Carter House. The cost is \$25 and each attendee will get 25 percent off their purchase of Battle of Franklin related books. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please contact Meagan Wuest at (615) 794-0903 or Meagan@boft.org for more information or to make a reservation.

BOFT 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run Saturday, Nov. 28 Registration — 7:15 a.m. Commemorative 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run on Nov. 28, 2015. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome. The route takes participants from Eastern Flank Circle adjacent to the McGavock Confederate Cemetery to downtown Franklin and back. For more information, contact Meagan Wuest at (615) 794-0903 or Meagan@boft.org

Spring Hill Battlefield Tour Sunday, Nov. 29 — 3 - 4:30 p.m. Historian and Battle of Franklin Trust CEO will lead a tour of the Spring Hill battlefield. All attendees will also receive one free house tour admission to either Carter House or Carnton. The cost is \$25. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please contact Meagan Wuest at (615) 794-0903 or Meagan@boft.org for more information or to make a reservation.

Morning Battlefield Tour Monday, Nov. 30 — 8 - 9:30 a.m. Historian and Battle of Franklin Trust CEO Eric A. Jacobson will lead a morning battlefield tour beginning from The Carter House. The cost is \$25 and each attendee will get 25 percent off their purchase of Battle of Franklin related books. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please contact Meagan Wuest at (615) 794-0903 or Meagan@boft.org for

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The 151st Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin and Annual Illumination Monday, Nov. 30 — 4:30 p.m. To commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, 10,000 luminaries, representing the casualties of the battle, will be lit at dusk in the field adjacent to Carnton Plantation. A ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. with speakers Eric A. Jacobson, Greg Wade and Robert Blythe. This event is free to the public. **Please note:** the last guided tours at The Carter House and Carnton Plantation on Nov. 30 will begin at 3:00 p.m. and the sites will close at 4:00 p.m.

Battlefield Walking Tours

Friday, Nov. 27 - Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 — 10 a.m. - noon Civil War historians, Thomas Y. Cartwright and Jamie Gillum, will conduct battlefield walking tours to commemorate the Battle of Franklin held Nov. 30, 1864. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Reservations are required by calling the Lotz House at 615-790-7190. Limited tickets each day.

Gray Line Christmas Lights Tour

Dec. 1-30 with the exception of Dec. 6, 24 and 25 — 6:30 p.m.

Gray Line of Tennessee and the Lotz House present for the seventh year, 'Twinkling Tennessee Christmas,' one of Nashville's most festive holiday traditions. Tickets are \$32 for adults, and \$15 for children ages 6-17. For reservations or more information please call 615-883-5555, 1-800-251-1864 or book online at www.GrayLineTN.com.

Groups interested in making reservations may call 615-921-4427.

First Tennessee Bank presents 'Homes for the Holidays' Candlelight Tour Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 13 — 5 - 8:30 p.m. - 'Homes for the Holidays' Candlelight Tour benefits Bridges Domestic Violence Center and historic preservation.

Decorations in the Lotz House will be representative of the time period of the 1864 Battle of Franklin, with fresh décor of pulled cotton, harvested nuts, fresh apples, magnolia leaves and holly. Advance tickets are \$30 per person or two for \$55 and include a tour of all homes and churches. Tickets at the door on Dec. 12 and 13 are \$32 per person or two for \$60. Groups of 10 or more are \$25 each. **Please note that tickets are non-refundable.**

Tickets will be available at these locations:

- Lotz House, 1111 Columbia Avenue or by visiting www.lotzhouse.com
- Bridges Domestic Violence Center by calling 615-

599-8064 or by visiting www.bridgesdvc.org

Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp, 150 4th Avenue North G-250

Rebecca's Furniture and Design, 117 3rd Avenue North

Three Star Battlefield Tour - December 12, 2015

The Battle of Sugar Creek – The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association (TCWPA) next Three-Star Battlefield Tour will be on Saturday morning, December 12th. Join Dr. Kevin Gray and Joe Fowlkes for an exciting tour of the site of the last major Civil War battle in Tennessee: The Battle of Sugar Creek, December 26, 1864. The tour will begin in Pulaski and on the way to the privately owned Sugar Creek Battlefield we'll visit at least two other Civil War sites. Watch www.tcwpa.org for additional tour details and a link to the registration form. The tour is free and open to the public. Pre-registration will be required as the number of participants is limited. Contact: info@tcwpa.org

News In Review

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This is The Future — Battlefield Dispatch — Fall 2015 — FRANKLIN — The Battle of Franklin Trust, in conjunction with Franklin's Charge, is embarking on a campaign to raise \$250,000 for stabilization and restoration of The Carter House farm office, smokehouse, relocation of the slave cabin and additional battle field interpretation and reclamation.

Masons want to open building to show public to show Civil War artifacts — The Tennessean — 10/25/15 — FRANKLIN — The masons dream of opening their 189-year-old Historic Franklin Masonic Hall to the public to show Civil War cannon balls, an 1861 officer's sword, a 150-year-old Bible, and much more. The problem: the building has two to four years to be restored until the structural integrity is considered to be beyond repair. And they need \$200,000 to begin repair.

Carter House Master Plan to anchor Franklin's history at Columbia Corridor — Williamson Herald — 11/5/15 — FRANKLIN — The Carter House Master Plan includes the construction of a 4000-foot visitors' center at about \$3.2 million and landscaping throughout the property to reflect the Carter family's green space living with an orchard and garden, as well as demolition of the old Franklin High School gym located off Columbia Avenue.

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	Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)		
	“Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville” ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
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	“Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Perryville” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
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	“Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Stones River” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
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