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

President's Message

It is that time of year again as we begin planning our annual membership meeting. Final coordination is being done for the venue as well as the speaker for this event. We conduct a brief business meeting and review the STFB activities for the year. The meeting is open to all of our membership and information on how to attend will be available soon.

Close on the heels of our annual meeting is one of the largest Civil War shows in the United States. Vendors from as far away as the northeast and western parts of the US attend this show every year. This year's dates are 5-6 December. Folks from all over the country plan vacations around these dates in order to be able to visit Franklin's Civil War sites and attractions and to remain abreast of advances being made in preservation in our area. Make your plans to come visit the STFB table to say hello.

As I mentioned last week there are always some type of activity within the preservation community and the city. One of those projects is placing markers where the Federal trench line crosses city streets. The markers will help residents and visitors visualize where the actual line was. Look for these markers in the near future.

We thank you for your continued support. Continue to follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Battle.1864>) and our web page.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members August, 2015

Mark & Mary Aulman	Woodland, CA
Edwin Bearss	Arlington, VA
Angela Calhune	Franklin, TN
The Carter House	Franklin, TN
Andy & Mike Cullison	Celina TN
Brandywine Valley CWRT	West Chester, PA
Cape May Valley CWRT	Del Haven, NJ
Firelands CWRT	Norwalk, OH
Hoosier Blue& Gray CWRT	Connersville, IN
Salt Creek CWRT	Glen Ellen, IL
Jim Danley	Germantown, TN
David Deatrick	Prospect, KY
Col & Mrs Robt Dennison	Austin, TX
Tom Dodson	McDonough, GA
Friends of Moccas Bend	Chattanooga, TN
David & Diane Hundt	Franklin, TN
Dot Kelly	Knoxville, TN
Frank Kendrick	Santa Barbara, CA
Drs Dahk & Jan Knox	Mosheim, TN
Ben Nance	Nashville, TN
Ft Negley Visitors Cntr	Nashville, TN
Jeff Mann	Pulaski, VA
R Martin McGirt	Franklin, TN
Lisa & William Morgan	Franklin, TN
Mary Ann Peckham	Reliance, TN
Ann Richardson	Central Point, OR
Patricia Small	San Antonio, TX
Jerry & Ruth Swedeen	Franklin, TN
Timothy Traver	Clay Center, OH
19 Va. Vol Inf, K Co	Monroe Twp, NJ
Greg Yackel	West St Paul, MN

Status Update on the Carter Hill Battlefield Park

The Civil War Trust and Franklins Charge closing on the two Lovell houses immediately south of the

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Carter has is not yet set. All funding and grant approvals have been made and all parties expect the paperwork mill to finish in the next month or so. When the deal does close, most of the parcels on the east side of Columbia Ave will transfer to the City Parks Dept. The Lovell properties will not be transferred to the City of Franklin until their historic houses have been moved and the land cleared.

If you are interested in moving and improving either of those two houses, you should contact the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County at 615-591-8500

**Lotz House Releases Limited Edition 2-DVD Set
The Battle of Franklin – Marching Forward – 150th
Anniversary**

A Collector's Item for Civil War Aficionados

The Lotz House has just released its latest DVD, “The Battle of Franklin Marching Forward 150th Anniversary,” a limited edition production featuring the highlights of the Battle of Franklin’s Civil War Sesquicentennial events. The DVD takes its viewers on a compelling journey through the many landmark events commemorating the five bloodiest hours of the American Civil War.

Hundreds of volunteers from many organizations worked for months to organize amazing events to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin held November 30, 1864. This limited edition two DVD set captures the many highlights of the events that were designed to remember and recognize the incredible sacrifice of the many that fought here.

You’ll witness history as you watch American icon Ed Bearss tour the Franklin battlefield and then feel the emotion of the annual illumination of 10,000 candles on the Eastern Flank. History was made November 30, 2014 by so many including those who even participated in the battlefield blood drive.

Other noted historians featured include Lotz House historian Thomas Y. Cartwright, *New York Times* best-selling author Robert Hicks, General John Bell Hood’s collateral descendant Sam Hood, Battle of Franklin Trust CEO Eric Jacobson, author and historian Thomas Flagel, author Jamie Gillum and battlefield preservationist Pam Lewis.

Lotz House Executive Director J.T. Thompson said,

“This DVD has been a labor of love as so many hours of planning these events have been captured in a way that Civil War enthusiasts can feel like they were a part of the commemoration. It’s a moving documentary of how so many Franklin organizations came together to remember the battle that took place in our community 150 years prior.”

The Lotz House partnered with KVC Productions and its Emmy award-winning staff and local artist and photographer Jody Thompson to create a defining piece with state-of-the-art graphics, period music and event footage, making this limited edition DVD a collector’s item for all Civil War aficionados. The 3-hour 2-DVD set is available in wide screen format and can be purchased for 24.99 at the Lotz House gift shop, online and area retailers.

This DVD is the 10th DVD/CD Project released and produced by the Lotz House during the Sesquicentennial. The other projects include “The Valley of Death Franklin,” November 30, 1864 a battlefield DVD,” Thomas Cartwright’s Battle of Franklin Guide,” a 2 CD set that includes a battle narrative and Driving Tour, “Forgotten Treasures of a Forgotten Battle,” The Lotz House Cellar and the Battle of Franklin DVD, “Sam Watkins Co. Aytch,” “Recollections of private Confederate Soldier” 2-CD set, “Sleep. The Sleep of the Brave,” “The McGavock Confederate Cemetery,” DVD, “Twenty-five Hours to Tragedy,” the Battle of Spring Hill and Operations on November 29, 1864, precursor to the Battle of Franklin, DVD, “Nashville The Dance of Death” a battlefield guide, DVD, “The Lotz House, The Thompson Collection of antiques and decorative and fine arts” DVD and “Ed Bearss on the Franklin Battlefield” DVD.

The Lotz House, which has been on the National Historic Register since 1976, is located in the heart of downtown historic Franklin, Tennessee at “epicenter” of the Battle of Franklin which was a pivotal battle in the Civil War on November 30, 1864.

The house is open Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. or by appointment. Admission charged. The Lotz House is located at 1111 Columbia Avenue. For more information, call 615-790-7190 or visit the website is www.lotzhouse.com.

Reminder – A few seats remain open
Lotz House Announces

Battleground Tour of the Atlanta Campaign Part 2

*The 151st Anniversary of the Siege and Fall of Atlanta
October 21-25*

(Franklin, Tenn.)—August 10, 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 Part 2 on Wednesday, Oct. 21 through Sunday, Oct. 25, 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, Oct. 21 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, Oct. 25, 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. He has spent many years studying the Atlanta Campaign and was a major contributor to saving several sites in and around Dalton, Georgia. 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.

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