

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

Our annual meeting was held November 17, 2016. We had a very good turn out and listened to Eric Jacobson provide and excellent presentation. There are several other events scheduled for the coming months, as detailed in our last newsletter with additional details in this newsletter. With the holidays upon us, please remember that you can help STFB while you shop on Amazon.

I would also like to remind you that you could continue to support our efforts as the end of the year also brings a review of "Planned Giving." STFB, a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization would be happy to be worthy of your consideration so that we can continue our mission.

The Carter Hill Park continues to take on a park appearance, as walking paths are now in place, fencing has been erected and the trench line is highlighted. The Lovell property that was acquired earlier this year is also undergoing major face lifting as the homes on the property are being moved or dismantled. There will soon be and enlarged preservation footprint in the center of downtown that a mere 15 years ago no one could have imagined.

Please continue to promote our battlefield. See additional news in this newsletter. Please continues to follow us on Facebook and on our webpage, and as always we appreciate your continued support.

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Amazon-enabled friends to aid battlefield preservation.

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STFB Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner

Save the Franklin Battlefield (STFB) held its annual membership meeting on November 17th at Otey Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Our speaker for the evening was Eric Jacobson, CEO, Battle of Franklin Trust. Mr. Jacobson is a historian and author who has published several books on the Civil War in Franklin and Williamson County. Mr. Jacobson spoke on the importance of the Eastern Flank battle and the ferocious fire endured by advancing Confederate troops during the November 30, 1864 battle in Franklin.



Trail Life Scouts Thomas Hastings (1) and Jesus Sanchez were guests at the Annual Dinner & Meeting. (Rear l-r) STFB President Dan Mora, Treasurer Sam Huffman, and BoFT CEO Eric Jacobson

Several members of the Franklin preservation community were present for the evening to show their ongoing support for preservation efforts in Franklin and Williamson County. Also present for the evening were State Representative Elect Sam Whitson, who has been and ardent supporter of preservation efforts in Franklin. The Staley Family Trust sponsored two students to be part of our audience for the evening. They were Jesus Sanchez and Thomas Hastings. Both students are members of the Trail Life Scouts who have, along with their troop mates and Leaders, assisted in several clean up days at Lorings Advance.

We were happy to have them and their family members with us.

A highlight of the evening, after the program presentation, was the awarding of the Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award. The award is given to an individual who has made a significant contribution to preservation in the Franklin area. The 2016 recipient was Eric Jacobson, who has worked tirelessly since coming to Franklin in 2005 to ensure that the Franklin story is shared throughout the country through his writings and his direction of multiple organizations that daily tell the story of that faithful day, November 30, 1864. We congratulate Eric and thank him for his dedication to the preservation effort in Franklin and Williamson County, and we count ourselves lucky to have him.



Battle of Franklin Trust CEO Eric Jacobson is presented the Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award by STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman.

Carter Hill Battlefield Park Update

Progress is being made to remove the two Lovell houses from the Carter Garden area just south of the Carter House.



Workmen begin the move of the Casa House section-bysection to its new location on Southall Rd

The Casa House has been prepared and sectioned by the mover crew and is now being transported to its new location near Leipers Fork.

The contracts have been let for the flower shop closest to the Carter House to be dismantled and removed. That work is planned to complete by December 31. East of Columbia Avenue, the asphalt walkways near the cotton gin site were completed in early November and Parks Dept staff is dressing the walkway shoulders and surrounding grounds. Parks Manager, Brian Walker, asked us to remind you that the paths are for pedestrians only, and not vehicles as has mistakenly happened recently.

152nd Battle Anniversary Events

Lotz House Events:

Cellar Tour - Nov 26 10:00 AM

Robert Blythe will lead a cellar tour on Nov. 26.

Battlefield Walking Tour – Nov 26 & Nov 30 10:00AM to noon

Tour leaders Thomas Y. Cartwright and Jamie Gillum at 10 a.m. on Nov. 26. The second tour, held on the anniversary date of the Battle of Franklin, will be led solely by Cartwright

At 1111 Columbia Avenue - All tours are \$30 and reservations are required at Jtt@lotzhouse.com or 615-790-7190

Lotz House Blood Drive – Nov 30 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Make appointment at RedCrossBlood.org

Battle of Franklin Trust Events:

Commemorative Illumination - Nov 30 – 4:00PM

Free Carter House and Carnton Plantation walkthrough tours – Nov 30 - 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Parking is available at the Carter House lot and at the

Hill Shopping Center

2016 Middle Tennessee Civil War Show At Ag Center December 3 - 4

The 30th Middle Tennessee Civil War Show is set for December 3 - 4 at the Williamson County Ag Expo Center, I-65 Exit 61 in Franklin, TN. Mike Kent and Associates of Tennessee will once again host the show.

Hours are: Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 9:00 am. to 3:00 p.m.

General admission is \$10.00 with children under 12 free. Come visit us at the STFB table on the lower level at the west end of the arena.

News In Review November 2016

Historic Franklin Masonic Hall to host lecture series on race and reconciliation — Williamson Herald — 11/14/16 — FRANKLIN — The Historic Franklin Masonic Hall in Franklin hosted a lecture series, Race and Reconciliation: A Conversation for Consideration. Three local historians and community activists discussed the issues surrounding race and reconciliation from the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement. Along with Rachael Finch, Preservation Consultant for the Historic Franklin Masonic Hall and Principal of Engage Preservation Consulting, guest speakers included Ms. Pearl Bransford, Alderman At Large for the City of Franklin and Community Activist, and Ms. Tina Calahan Jones, lawyer, historian and blogger, specializing in the research on former slaves, who joined the United States Colored Troops from Williamson County, Tennessee.

A 'rabbit hole of research' — The Tennessean — 11/16/16 — FRANKLIN — Christina Jones, co-chair of the Historic Committee for the local African-American Heritage Society, has been researching and trying to chronicle where Williamson County slaves went during the Civil War and which of them served for the Confederacy and for the Union. Jones publishes her research updates on her blog at usctwillcotn.blogspot

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