

## SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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

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The STFB annual meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2016. Also keep in mind that there are several other events scheduled for the coming months, as detailed in our last newsletter with additional details in this newsletter.

There are always back-channel projects underway to identify and purchase battlefield land here in Franklin by STFB and by other preservation groups. We need you to continue to support our efforts. As you review your 2016 Planned Giving, keep STFB in mind. We are 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization and would be happy to have you help us continue our mission.

I have just returned from a trip where I had the opportunity to visit the World War II Museum in New Orleans. While there, I encountered a member of the local Civil War Roundtable who was well versed on the Battle of Franklin. As I have mentioned before, Civil War enthusiasts are everywhere and we should not pass up the opportunity of sharing "The Franklin Story." Civil War tourism is a multi-billion dollar industry that is clean and requires no additional infrastructure on our part. 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.

Dan Mora - President

#### New & Renewing Members September 2016

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STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner Thursday, November 17 - 6:00 PM

The STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held Thursday, November 17 at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin. We will gather in Otey Hall beginning at 6:00 PM with a full dinner buffet at 6:30 PM. A short business meeting will follow which will include a review of STFB 2016 activities followed by our speaker Eric Jacobson.

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person with payment in advance no later than Monday

November 14. Our seating is limited to 50 so please get your check in early to:

STFB
PO Box 851
Franklin, TN 37065
Questions? Call Sam Huffman at 615-480-9539

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

The 30<sup>th</sup> 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. The 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.

#### 2016 Year End Gift Planning

As you complete your year-end gift planning, please keep STFB on the list. STFB is a non-profit 501©(3) corporation so your contributions are fully deductible from taxable income to the full extent of the IRS code. We are all volunteers with no office or paid staff. We operate from home with a cell phone, web site, and PO Box so your entire gift will 'buy dirt'.

STFB can also accept donations of appreciated securities via our stockbroker. Your tax advisor can help you discover the advantages of such an arrangement. Contact STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman 615-480-9539 or sam@capp.org for instructions, or for any questions you may have.

And finally, remember to look into your employer's Matching Grant Program. Most companies of any size will match your tax-deductible contribution to STFB. Some employers (even if you're retired) match a portion of your gift, others match 1 for 1, and still others will make an even greater match of your donation. Many companies rely on their employees to identify worthy recipients for their corporate giving program. Contact your Benefits or Human Resources department right away. They have the forms and instructions you will need. It is easy to do and the match multiplies the financial impact of your gift.

STFB can provide copies of our IRS tax ruling letter or other information that your employer may need.

#### Blue & Gray Days November 4-5, 2016

This event draws hundreds of school children and adult spectators every year. Hosted by both The Carter House and Carnton Plantation, guests will meet Civil War re-enactors and get hands-on experience with clothes, trades, and weapons of the past. This living history experience is the perfect field trip and great for families. For additional details or to make field trip reservations, please contact Sarah Falck at (615) 794-0903 or sarah@boft.org or www.boft.org

#### Carter Hill Battlefield Park Update

The park grounds on the east side of Columbia Avenue will soon have walking trails, according to Brian Walker who is managing the project for the Franklin Parks Dept. The asphalt contractor is scheduled for early November, weather permitting. Once the trails are in, Walker will have benches and the interpretive signage installed.

On the west side of Columbia Avenue, work continues on the removal of the two houses and several outbuildings from the Lovell (flower shop) property.



The Casa House, just south of the Carter House, is being prepared for its move to South Hall in Western Williamson County

The smaller of the two houses is being moved to a farm west of Franklin, and the Flower Shop will then be removed. Much of the Lovell property has been paved for parking over the years, and that cannot be taken up until the Casa house is moved. The ground was mostly built and paved over before relic-hunting equipment was available, so a thorough search for

battle relics will be done before the ground is dressed and seeded as part of the Carter Hill Battlefield Park. When all structures are removed and the terrain restored, the land will transfer to the Franklin Parks Dept.

#### 152nd Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin Illumination Wednesday, November 30, 2016

To commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, 10,000 luminaries representing the killed, wounded and missing of the battle will be lighted at dusk followed by a short commemorative program.

The event will be held at <a href="mailto:the-carter-Hill Battlefield">the Carter House and Carnton Plantation will be open for walk-through tours 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Parking is available at the Carter House lot and at the Hill Shopping Center. All events are free to the public. To volunteer, contact Joanna Stephens at <a href="mailto:joanna@boft.org">joanna@boft.org</a> or 615-794-0903 or see <a href="mailto:www.boft.org">www.boft.org</a>

# The Battle of Franklin A Tale of a House Divided Jamison Theater in The Factory at Franklin November 3 – 13, 2016

On November 30th, 1864, more than 40,000 Union and Confederate troops converged on Franklin, Tennessee, and fought one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Said one who saw it; "It was as if the devil had full possession of the earth." The events of that battle have passed not only into history, but also into legend. Names like Tod Carter and John Bell Hood have found their ways into our poems and songs and folk tales. But what do these stories have to say to us today?

Through the power of music and drama, this original work takes us back in time to witness the tragic struggle between father and son, between master and slave, between North and South. It's a tale of a broken family and a broken nation. But in the end, the story of the Battle of Franklin is about more than mere history--it's about the conflict in all of us, and

our hope of restoration. <u>www.studiotenn.com</u>

#### News in Review October 2016

Jacobson to speak at Franklin Civil War round table in October — Williamson Herald — 9/21/16 — FRANKLIN — Eric Jacobson, CEO of the Battle of Franklin Trust, was the featured speaker at the Franklin Civil War Round Table event in October. He spoke on General George D. Wagner, U.S., the subject of his forthcoming book. Wagner is remembered for his career-ruining performance when, in the face of an overwhelming Confederate advance, he failed to issue an order to withdraw to his troops in the forward Federal line.

The Battle of Franklin Trust announces extended tours — Williamson Herald — 10/3/16 — FRANKLIN — The Battle of Franklin Trust is adding an exclusive look at the second floor of the historic home during its extended tour at The Carter House. Visitors will be given behind-the scenes look at this "unseen" area of one of Franklin's most historic sites. Extended tours of The Carter House are offered Monday – Saturday at 2 p.m.

Mayor presents proclamations — Williamson
Herald — 10/6/16 — FRANKLIN — At last week's
Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting, Moore
presented a proclamation to the Franklin Civil War
Round Table in celebration of the organization's 100th
event on Aug. 14 this year. The Franklin Civil War
Round Table, a monthly presentation at the Eastern
Flank Battlefield Park focusing on different topics
from the Civil War and the Battle of Franklin, has long
been an active supporter of battlefield preservation in
Franklin and Middle Tennessee.

### Tourism bureau sees 1.3 million visitors generating spending, jobs and household savings — Williamson Herald — 10/13/16 — FRANKLIN

— Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau President and CEO Ellie Chin presented 2015 economic impact statistics. According to Chin, 1.3 million people visited Williamson County in 2015, creating an economic impact of nearly \$411 million for travel-related spending. "That saves every household in Williamson County \$487.82 on state and local taxes and generated about 3,000 hospitality related jobs," Chin said.

#### Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc

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#### October 2016

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	"Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Franklin" ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
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