



# 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

Public opposition continues to gain strength against building Retail High Rise and Condos/Apartments in a ring around Fort Negley at Nashville in the City owned Fort Negley Park. Admittedly, it is an uphill fight since the political establishment appears to have already made up their collective minds to sell off part of Nashville's rich history.

But with everyone pitching in, we CAN Save Our Fort! If you haven't already done so, please add your vote to: [Save an Urban Park, Greenspace & History in Nashville, TN](#). You can follow developing Fort Negley events at the [Friends of Fort Negley](#) web site.

In news that is included elsewhere in this Newsletter, Progress continues to be made at the Carter Hill Battlefield Park including Archeology Studies, Replica Cannons, and clearing of houses that once blocked the November 30th, 1864 view of the Carter house.

And we are hoping that as many of you as possible will join us for our Annual Meeting next month, Thursday, November 16th. It is always a great evening of fellowship with like minded preservationists. A great meal, a review of the past year's accomplishments in Franklin, and a great speaker, Rick Warwick. Details are in this Newsletter.

Chip Huffman – President

## New & Renewing Members September 2017

Karen Arnsdorf	Chippewa Falls, WI
Charles & Nancy Brantley	Grenville, TX
James Childress	College Grove, TN
Jim & Ellen Coulter	Pittsfield, MA
Naples CWRT	Naples, FL
Col Bob Dennison	Austin, TX
Thomas Gilmore	Washington, DC
Thomas Herbert	Nashville, TN
Dave & Diane Hundt	Franklin, TN
James Joslin	Atlanta, TX
Mike Kent	Monroe, GA
Mary Ann Peckham	Reliance, TN
Stephanie Phelan	Ocala, FL
Neal Pulley	Columbia, TN
Alice Richardson	Central Point, OR
Howard Reich	Newport Beach, GA
Don Sawyer	Rochester, NY
Timothy Traver	Clay Center, OH
Land Trust for Tenn	Nashville, TN
Franklin Chapter 14 UDC	Franklin, TN
The Watchdog	Warren, MI

## STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner Thursday, November 16 - 6:00 PM

The STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held Thursday, November 16 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 2017 activities followed by our guest speaker Rick Warwick, Williamson County Historian. Rick will speak on **"Women's Role in Franklin Battlefield Preservation"**. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00

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Questions? Call Sam Huffman at 615-480-9539

## 2017 Middle Tennessee Civil War Show At Ag Center December 2 - 3

The 31st Middle Tennessee Civil War Show is set for December 2 - 3 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.

**--UPDATE --**

### Carter Hill Battlefield Park

Franklin Parks Department and the Battle of Franklin Trust are continuing the improvements at CHBP. The Eley house south of Cleburne Street at the SE corner of the park was removed in early October and will soon be landscaped.



**Workmen clean up the debris of the Eley house on Cleburne Street just SE of the Carter Hill Battlefield Park. The Neal house and Pizza Hut to the west (reader's right) have been removed in earlier years.**

A cedar rail fence has been added to the old Franklin High gym site that is now part of the Carter House State Historic Site. The cedar fencing is the 'visual trademark' for all of Franklin's battlefield Parks.



**The Franklin battlefield trademark cedar fence goes up on the open battlefield just north of the Carter House (visible in the left background).**

Three display ordnance rifles have been installed at the trench line just east of Columbia Pike. One more rifle will be installed to complete the display that represents the 1<sup>st</sup> Kentucky Battery that was on this very spot.



**Three ordnance rifles depicting the 1st Kentucky Battery stand guard on the main trench line. Fund raising continues to purchase a fourth rifle to complete the display.**

A display Napoleon is scheduled to be installed at the Cotton Gin foundation yet this fall, and funds are being sought to add a second Napoleon ASAP. The dedication of the cannons will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.

### **“Battle of Franklin” at Franklin Theatre Sunday Nov 5, 3:30 PM**

The Emmy Award-winning film **“The Battle of Franklin”** will be shown at the Franklin Theatre on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3:30 p.m. The program will include a brief introduction, music by Nashville native Richie

Owens and The Farm Bureau, the 74-minute documentary. The event will conclude with a brief panel discussion after the movie, discussing preservation, the film and the history of the battle.

Tickets for the event are on sale for \$15 and can be purchased through the [Franklin Theatre](#) website or by calling 615-538-2076. A third of the tickets sales will go toward preservation efforts at the Franklin battlefield.

## 2017 Year End Gift Planning

As you complete your year-end gift planning, please keep STFB on the list. STFB is a non-profit 501(c)(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](mailto:sam@capp.org) for instructions, or for any questions you may have.

And finally, remember to look into your employer's Matching Grant Program. Many companies rely on their employees to identify worthy recipients for their corporate giving 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. 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.

## News In Review October 2017

**Emerging Franklin Park Benefits from archeology, state funding — Hallowed Ground — Fall 2017 — FRANKLIN** — Thanks to preservation efforts by the Civil War Trust and local activists, including the Battle of Franklin Trust and Save the Franklin Battlefield Foundation (sic), historians are able to understand the fighting around the Carter House like never before. Two properties

have been returned to local ownership and cleared of modern houses. The area was also subjected to a thorough archaeological investigation. In early May, State legislators passed legislation that included \$3.1 million toward building a 4,000-square-foot visitors center at the Carter House and period landscaping.

**Ready to Boom — The Civil War Courier — October 2017 — FRANKLIN** — Franklin's Charge has secured authentic replicas of four artillery pieces that will be displayed at Carter Hill Battlefield Park. The three 3-inch Ordinance rifles and a 12-pounder Napoleon will be displayed in the position it occupied during the Battle of Franklin, Nov. 30, 1864. The dedication of the cannons will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.

**Franklin golf course strips Confederate general from name — Williamson-The Tennessean — 9/15/17 — Franklin** — The Crossing Golf Course, previously known as Forrest Crossing Golf Course, made the change at the direction of its owner, American Golf Corporation of El Segundo, California.

**10,000 Confederate bullets donated to Franklin's Lotz House — Williamson-The Tennessean — 9/15/17 — Franklin** — Now, inside the Lotz House, Historian Tomas Cartwright will display 10,000 Minié balls from a Franklin battlefield. A couple of years ago, relic hunter, Williamson Hunter found the Minié Ball cache north of Franklin near the Harpeth River.

**Growth, housing, education and civil war statues mark Franklin aldermen debate — Williamson Herald — 9/20/17 — FRANKLIN** — Candidates for Franklin aldermen in all four wards debated on issues facing the city of Franklin ranging from growth to housing, traffic, education and even discussion regarding Franklin's confederate historical markers, a question, which drew a gasp from the audience. "I am not interested in rewriting history," Alderman Burger said. She explained that the unnamed statue, Chip, displayed on Public Square is meant to honor the dead. Alderman McLendon said, "Franklin confederate historical parts need to remain in context." "The statue on square is a fabric of, a part of our history ... widows and those who survived erected the statue," Alderman Skinner said. "The whole city is history, a part of the battlefield. We need to take time to be sensitive and put it in context," Candidate Wanczak said. "The Franklin statue is exactly where it belongs ... the soldier is not named. It has nothing to do with slavery, ... but simply grief," Alderman Martin said.

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	Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)		
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