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This time of year is always busy with Battle Anniversary events, membership meetings and Holiday commitments. Page 1 has the details for the upcoming STFB Annual Meeting on Nov 15. In a break with tradition, we will present two Tennie Pinkerton Dozier preservation awards this year. We think you will agree with us that these awards are fitting and well earned. The dinner and program promises to be a rewarding evening.

Also in this issue are reports on the Battle of Franklin Descendants Reunion sponsored by the Battle of Franklin Trust, and the 2018 Franklin Grand Review hosted by the American Battlefield Trust for their special donors who were here to see the results of their work.

Page 3 summarizes the BoFT events scheduled this fall. There is a special after-hours tour and lecture "Franklin, Confederate Monuments, and Our War" by Eric Jacobson. The Illumination is set for Nov 30. You can enroll and/or volunteer at www.boft.org

Consider joining the March to the Carter House, Blue or Gray (pg 2). Or wait for the marchers at the Carter House. It is very moving.

Don't forget the 1,000 table Civil War Show Dec 1-2 at the Williamson County Ag Center Exit 61A on I-65. Stop by the STFB table.

New & Renewing Members September 2018

Gerald Bartig	Huntsville, AL
James Childress	College Grove, TN
Jim & Ellen Coulter	Pittsfield, MA
Naples CWRT	Naples, FL
David Deatrick Jr	Prospect, KY
Sam & Norma Gant	Franklin, TN
Thomas Gilmore	Washington, DC
Kay & Rod Heller	Franklin, TN
Thomas Herbert	Nashville, TN
David Hundt	Franklin, TN
Dot Kelley	Knoxville, TN
Mike Kent	Monroe, GA
Curtis Older	Gastonia, NC
Cherie Overfield	College Station, TX
Bob & Marcia Spahr	Franklin, TN
Land Trust for Tenn	Nashville, TN
Gary Waddey	Nashville, TN
The Watchdog	Warren, MI
Greg Yackel	West St Paul, MN

STFB Annual Meeting & Dinner Nov 15 Make Reservations Now

The STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner is set for Thursday, November 15 at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin. We will gather in Otey Hall 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 2018 activities followed by our guest speaker Tina Cahalan Jones whose topic is "The Untold Stories of Williamson County's US Colored Troop Veterans."

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person with

payment in advance no later than Monday, November 11. Our seating is limited to 50 so please get your check in early to:

STFB
PO Box 851
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Questions? Call Sam Huffman at 615-480-9539

2018 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 entire contribution is 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. 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 greatly multiplies the financial impact of your gift.

Middle Tennessee Civil War Show At Ag Center Dec 1 – 2, 2018

The 32nd Middle Tennessee Civil War Show is set for December 1 – 2 at the Williamson County Ag Expo Center, I-65 Exit 61 in Franklin, TN. Mike Kent and Associates of Tennessee will once again host this gigantic 1,000-table show. The hours are:

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. 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. See you there.

March to the Carter House

The 154th Anniversary of the Nov. 30, Battle of Franklin is drawing near. Reenactors from both the SCV Sam Davis Camp No. 1293 and SUV Fort Donelson Camp No. 62 are preparing for the annual March to The Carter House. The March will honor the men who fought in the Battle of Franklin, both North and South, and commemorate the reuniting of the Nation.

On Nov. 25, the SCV will assemble on Winstead Hill at 2:15 p.m. to step off at 2:30PM. Likewise, the SUV contingent will assemble in Pinkerton Park for the march at 2:15 pm for the March. (once part of Fort Granger).

The reenactors from each camp can invite friends and supporters to join them in the march. They appreciate "civilians" marching with them too.

2018 Franklin Grand Review Oct 12-14

The American Battlefield Trust (formerly the Civil War Trust) was in Franklin last weekend to host a special recognition event for their Brigade Color Bearers. The Saturday schedule offered three tour options to visit the battlefields at Franklin, Spring Hill or Stones River. A fourth option offered history lectures at the host Marriott Hotel and maybe a visit to downtown Franklin. Several attendees mentioned that they were staying over in Franklin for a mini-vacation.

The ABT has had a donor level Color Bearer structure for many years. Regimental Color Bearers donate \$1,000 per year – Brigade Color Bearers donate \$2,500 or more per year. The Franklin Grand Review was an invitation-only event for Brigade Color Bearer level and above. This group of ABT donors provide the financial horsepower to fund battlefield preservation.

In his opening comments at the Saturday evening Dinner Banquet, ABT President Jim Lighthizer underscored just how important this special group was to the successes so far in Franklin. He reported that there are 1,263 Color Bearer members at ABT and collectively they donate 46% of member donations. The Brigade and above Color Bearers make up only .85 of 1% of ABT membership, but they provide 33% of member donations. The Franklin Grand Review provided a report to these attendees on the results generated by their steadfast stewardship. To join the ranks and become a Color Bearer, visit:

www.battlefields.org

Battle of Franklin Descendants Reunion Oct 5-6-7

Event coordinator Joanna Stephens reports that 106 descendants from 23 states attended the 2018 Battle of Franklin Descendants Reunion. The descendant traveling the greatest distance came from the UK, she thought. The group was an equal mix of Blue and Gray descendants. Joanna says they had a great (and exhausting) time the entire past weekend. "The descendants were delightful with the event and we enjoyed hearing their stories and sharing with them what we are doing here in Franklin," she added.

"We did have a large number of first time attendees this year," Stephens noted. "We didn't get any specific quotes from them," she recalled, "but have since received a few post-event emails. Here is what one of them said: 'Thank you all - I was so impressed that you had done research on each attendee's ancestor. And thank you to everyone for a truly wonderful and memorable weekend.'" Our guess is that descendant will come back for the next Franklin Descendants Reunion.

Battle of Franklin Trust Events

Evening Tour: "Franklin, Confederate Monuments and Our War"

Offered twice: Monday, October 29 & Monday, November 5 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 for all ages and must be purchased in advance. Contact/Tickets: Meagan Roberts meagan@boft.org or 615-905-0693

Blue & Gray Days

Thursday through Saturday – November 8-10
Blue & Gray Days draws hundreds of school children and adult spectators every year. Click here for more information! Volunteers needed.

Contact: Sarah Falck, Education Coordinator
sarah@boft.org or (615) 905-0692

154th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin – Illumination

Friday, November 30

To commemorate the Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, 10,000 luminaries, representing the casualties of the battle, will be lit at dusk. This event is free to the public. Volunteers needed.

Contact: Savannah Weaver, Event Coordinator
savannah@boft.org or (615) 905-0687

For **details on these BoFT events**, to enroll and to

volunteer, see: www.boft.org/events

News in Review October 2018

Franklin votes to support African-American historic markers near Confederate monument — Williamson-The Tennessean — 9/25/18 — Franklin

The Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted unanimously to approve the use of public land for the African-American historic markers project, which is funded by nonprofit, The Fuller Story. The City's resolution of approval states that the markers will be "in and around the city square." The markers will be placed on land the City owns and controls.

Franklin Confederate statue: See how the square has evolved since 1799 — Williamson-The Tennessean — 9/30/18 — Franklin

The Franklin Square has taken many forms since Franklin was founded in 1799. As the city was founded, Abram Maury donated an acre of land in the middle of town to provide space for the county's first courthouse. In 1800, that log courthouse was built, A neoclassical-style courthouse eventually replaced the log one and occupied the square until 1858. For nearly 31 years after that the square remained vacant. Decades after the Battle of Franklin the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy erected a monument in honor of the soldiers who died. The Union cannons were added in 1909. The square evolved more in the late 1980s, leveling the street and adding landscaping
Lotz House unexplained phenomena draws Travel Channel's 'Haunted Live' — Williamson Herald — 10/5/18 — Franklin — The Travel Channel production team has been gearing up for a Friday evening taping at the Historic Lotz House in Franklin to film a show, highlighting the spookier aspects of the historic property. The folklore of ghosts making their presence known, where one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War took place, is what drew a camera crew to the Lotz House property for the taping of the show "Haunted Live," part of a series which will air live on the Travel Channel.

October Civil War Round Table to feature lost Gettysburg address — Williamson Herald — 10/8/18 — Franklin

At the October Franklin Civil War Round Table, historian David Dixon spoke on the lost Gettysburg address of Charles Anderson. During the Civil War, Anderson, who was a colonel of Ohio's 93rd Infantry, gave a speech at Gettysburg after Everett and Lincoln at the local Presbyterian Church. His 45-minute speech was well received but forgotten compared to Everett's two-hour oratory and Lincoln's historic comments.

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	Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)		
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