

# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD INC. COMMITTEE

*Dedicated to the Protection, Preservation, and Promotion of  
Civil War sites within Williamson County  
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## WELCOME AND A BIG THANK

YOU.....to all our new members.

Many recently joined this Committee at Carnton Day. There were approximately 1500 visitors to Carnton and a large number of those visitors stopped by our Franklin Battlefield table. The visitors were very interested in our efforts and many wanted to be kept informed of our progress. The following new members have recently joined the Committee some from our Carnton efforts...

*Mike Engberg (who also won the framed print we gave away at Carnton Day), Susan Doughty, Dana Hayden, Mark Edens, Rob Dean, Howard Stephan, Karen Staggs, John & Theresa Diffendal, Carrie Holt, Joe Davenport, Jenny Randolph, Melvin Mauer, Drake Bassett, Andrew Constant, and Doug Heffington. Thomas Doerr, gave \$100 and Mike Morrow from Alabama gave \$20. David and Janet Johnson, PSC Fabricating Corp. joined us as corporate members along with Andrew Francis and Pam Lewis, whose membership is in honor of Sheriff William Harrison.....*

MEMBERS----We have the following committees that are in need of your expertise---Fund Raising and Grants-planning and conducting various fund raising activities. Create promotional items for sale and plan solicitation for donations from the public along with applying for grants--Fort Granger-To protect, preserve, and promote this major asset and related sites in cooperation with the City of Franklin and various private owners---Membership and Publicity-To

attract and retain active membership. To promote the Committee through media contact along with planning and conducting the annual general membership meeting. To communicate with the membership via the Newsletter and telephone. To develop a Speakers Bureau---Columbia Pike-Carter House-To work in cooperation with residents, tenants, business owners and government to protect, preserve, and promote what remains of the actual battlefield and Corps jump off points. Assist the Carter House in the future acquisition of property surrounding the APTA site and work towards preservation minded zoning ordinances such as street sign standards---Friends Advisory Committee-to coordinate with partnership organizations and government in a concerted effort to promote common interests involving mutually beneficial activities and events. Please call the number above and leave a message or call 794-9775 or 791-8229. *Now that you've joined us-please get actively involved-we really need your help.....*

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Rebecca Shrimpton, Consulting Historic Preservation Planner for the National Park Service in Washington, recently reported that a grant request for \$7,640 in Partnership Funding with the American Battlefield Protection Program would be awarded. The money will fund the interpretive brochure and map for the self-guided tour of Franklin's Civil War Battlefield. The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County and the Save the Franklin Battlefield Committee jointly planned the project. Many have felt the need for an informative brochure since development has completely eliminated the actual battlefield's landscape in Franklin (with the exception of the Carter House). The

Carter House and Museum presently serves as the battlefield's visitor center. The self-guided driving tour map and brochure will allow the visitor to travel the depth and breadth of what was once the scene of one of the fiercest battles in the War Between the States. Incidentally, this is the same program that awarded the City of Franklin \$9,000 for the preservation of Fort Granger last year. This is just one of 23 awards given to nine states this year. Stones River Battlefield was the only other Tennessee state recipient. This grant establishes a working relationship for up to five years. While this amount seems substantial (\$7,640), it will just barely cover the initial cost of production. Private donations are still needed so that the brochure can be distributed at tourism centers. This will provide Franklin and Williamson county with the best advantage in attracting increased tourism....

UPDATE . . . . . Ft . Granger...The Committee is actively working with MTSU geography professor Doug Heffington (a new Committee member) and his students to develop a site-interpretative brochure for use in promoting the site and educating the public. This brochure would disseminate information on Fort Granger to a wide and diverse audience, plus would serve as an educational tool for area children and MTSU students. We will have more on this very important historical preservation project in our next newsletter.....

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**Mark your calendar** (*one is in this newsletter*) for October 23 and 24. The Preservation Conference will be held in Franklin on Saturday, October 23rd. On Sunday, the 24th from 2-4 pm Pam Lewis and Andy Francis have graciously opened their



home (Harrison House) for our Annual Membership Meeting. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail in about a week. We would like to encourage everyone to recruit 10 new members for our Annual Membership Meeting.....

**How Do We Rate?????**..Recently, the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, established by Congress, completed its work for the National Park Service and reported its findings. The Commission reviewed 384 sites and classified them according to their significance and condition. A previous report by the N.P.S.'s American Battlefield Protection Program listed Franklin's Battlefield as one of the top 25 Priority Civil War Battlefields.

This rating allowed us to win acceptance for the Cooperative Agreement with N.P.S. to produce our battlefield brochure and driving tour map! This advantage, however, will probably be lost when the A.B.P.P. reviews next year's requests, since they must follow the Commission's new recommendation.

Here's how we now rate...The Nov. 30, 1864 Battlefield is now listed as a *Priority IV-Fragmented Battlefield, Number 1. All classes, poor integrity-Class A having decisive influence on campaigns and a direct impact on the course of the war.* The last part recognized as Class A is good news; however, the Secretary of the Interior, and the A.B.P.P. will limit action to fifty critical need, Priority I Class A and B Battlefields. This means we will now have to count on local and state government/private partnerships rather than future federal funding as a result. *This includes the City of Franklin's future funding requests for Fort Granger.*

The two current Cooperative Agreements (our brochure funding and the City's 1992 survey and stabilization grant for Fort Granger are intact and not in danger). The

Commission recognizes that "Friends Groups" like ours are the key for all Battlefields.

Specifically, they were impressed by the heritage corridor potential of Hood's Middle Tennessee Campaign sites at Nashville, Franklin, Spring Hill and Columbia. *Spring Hill made the cut as a Priority I, Class B. Nashville was classified as Priority IV Class A, Number 2-All classes lost integrity.* The first Battle of Franklin April 12, 1863, was reviewed as a *Priority IV, Class D, having little influence on the outcome of operation, but affecting important local objectives, Number 1 site.* That site is along the east side of Lewisburg Pike, between Mack Hatcher, Henpeck Lane, and the Carter House Hill. It involved Gen. Forrest, C.S.A. and Gen. Gordon Granger, US.

*The Calendar below will be a feature of this newsletter in order to let everyone know of area historical events forthcoming. If anyone has or knows of other historical events that need to be added to this calendar please contact the editor.*

## PRELUDE TO FRANKLIN.....

by Tom Van Dyke

It is hoped that this column will take us back in time so that we can relive the events that led up to the Battle of Franklin.

September, 1863---Reports of a great Confederate victory in Georgia. This reverses the retreats of the last nine months. The Army of Tennessee, reinforced by General Longstreet's two divisions, slammed into the Army of the Cumberland near Chicamauga Creek south of Chattanooga on September 19. John Bell Hood's Texans led fierce charges until the Union right collapsed. General George Thomas's stand and General Gordon Granger's reserves stopped what was almost a total route and destruction of the Federals on the second day. By the end of the month, the Federals were holed up and heavily fortified in Chattanooga and besieged by General Bragg.

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September 19 - October 30, 1993

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAATURDAY
Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22 6 PM Autumn begins	Sept 23	Sept 24 Target date for invitations to go out	Sept 25 Yom Kippur
					Maury County-Fall Tour	
Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29	Sept 30 6 PM	Oct 1	Oct 2 Heritage Days-Sam Davis Home
Maury County...					Reenactment-Bell Buckle	
					Carter House-Medical Exhibit	
Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8 9 AM	Oct 9
Reenactment-B...						
Carter House-Medical Exhibit						
Oct 10	Oct 11 Columbus Day (Observed)	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15 6 PM	Oct 16 Old Fort Parkway-Civil War Expo
Carter House-Medical Exhibit						
Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22 6 PM	Oct 23 Franklin Battlefield Preservation Conf.
Carter House-Medical Exhibit						
Oct 24 Membership Meeting	Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30 6 PM