



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 1999

**NOW THRU MAY 1**  
1ST TENNESSEE EXHIBIT  
AT THE LOTZ HOUSE

**MARCH 1999**  
BATTLE OF  
THOMPSON STATION  
DRIVING TOUR

**TO BE ANNOUNCED**  
FIRST BATTLE OF  
FRANKLIN  
DRIVING TOUR

**TO BE ANNOUNCED**  
ILLUMINATION TOUR OF  
MCGAVOCK CEMETERY

**JUNE 26, 1999**  
BATTLE OF NASHVILLE  
MONUMENT  
REDEDICATION

**OCTOBER 15-17, 1999**  
SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE  
NOVEMBER 29, 1864  
DESTINY OR DISASTER?  
HOSTED BY THE CARTER  
HOUSE

**NOVEMBER 14, 1999**  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

## *From Your President*

Your Board met on Monday, February 8, 1999 to plan our 1999 events.

We will conduct a tour of the Battle of Thompson Station, new for our 1999 tour, Spring Hill and Van Dorn. The battle was fought on March 5, 1863, and we are planning to hold this tour in the month of March, date to be announced later. We will also tour sites in May or June of the first battle of Franklin to include the Carter House and Fort Granger. Bobby Hargrove of your board will be Chairperson for this tour. We will hold an Illumination Tour of the McGavock Confederate Cemetery, Kim Hoover of your board, with the help of the UDC, will chair this event.

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14, 1999 at Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Downtown Franklin.

Please mark your calendar for our annual meeting and watch your newsletter for dates of our tours.

Remember all of our Battlefield Tours are free to the membership!

*E. J. Neeley*

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## *Attention Treasure Hunters by Sam Huffman*

No matter which of the great states you call home, you just may be overlooking one of the great education opportunities that is available in your neighborhood. If you have always wanted to learn more about our Civil War history but never knew just who to call or where to start, you can quickly get set on the right path when you join and regularly attend the meetings of a Civil War Round Table.

Each CWRT usually meets monthly to discuss and study all aspects of the Civil War era - military, civilian, economics, political, social and more. Each group sets its own programs but they usually include guest lecturers, authors, historians - with time set aside for discussions and Q&A. Topics also include how and where to do source document research, book reviews, updates on research projects, and newly discovered information and artifacts.

Civil War discussion groups supposedly first adopted the CWRT designation in the late 1940's. By the CW Centennial years in the early 1960's, the Round Table moniker was widely used as the popularity of CW study gained public interest. Today, there are an estimated 200-300 CWRTs in the USA with others in the U.K., Australia and Canada.

Now that you understand the treasure of CW knowledge mined by these dedicated groups, here's a list of the three CWRTs in Middle Tennessee. It's perfectly OK to join more than one. They will be glad to have you participate. And you will meet some just pretty nice people.

### **Battle of Nashville Preservation Society & CWRT**

Attn: Wes Shofner  
PO Box 121796  
Nashville, TN 37212  
615-269-0740  
[www.bonps.org](http://www.bonps.org)

### **Duck River CWRT**

Attn: David Stieghan  
5700 Main Street  
Spring Hill, TN 37174  
931-486-9037  
Meets the 2nd Thursday at  
Columbia State in Columbia

### **Middle Tennessee CWRT**

Attn: Trent Johnson  
PO Box 111275  
Nashville, TN 37222  
615-791-7981  
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the  
month at the Brentwood Library  
in Brentwood.

## *Battle of Nashville Monument Rededication - James Summerville*

The Battle of Nashville Monument will be rededicated on Sat., June 26, 1999. Time and particulars of the program will be announced later by the Tennessee Historical Commission.

The statue is currently undergoing restoration at Granny White Pike at Battlefield Drive. The new granite base, the restored bronze statue, and the stone obelisk are now in place. Sculptor Coley Coleman expects to complete the capstone, the Angel of Peace, in mid-March. It will then be set atop the obelisk, adding 15 feet to the structure. One of the tasks remaining include the reinscription of the base.

Subcontractor McPherson and Shaw is finishing the Wall of Peace on the southeast quadrant of the site. It serves as a retaining wall for the plaza that

is part of the concept plan for the park. The wall has been made possible by a gift from the Frist Foundation.

A campaign is beginning for the remainder of the funds to build the park, designed by Hawkins Partners.

A time capsule was placed within the base of the monument on Mon., Nov. 23. It holds photographs from the original 1927 dedication; a brief history of the sculpture and related efforts to memorialize the Civil War; letters from writer John Egerton and the official Metro-Davidson County Historian John Connelly; and numerous other documents.



## *Forgotten General Story Continues* by E. J. Neeley

*Last month I closed my article on General Gordon with him serving in Congress.*

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***"His death is a calamity to his State and to the South, but we can not bring him back to life again, for he has crossed over the river to rest with Stonewall Jackson under the shades of the trees."***

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He died on August 9, 1911, his funeral cortege was a weeping Memphis city on August 12, 1911. Traffic seemed to voluntarily come to a stop as the funeral procession moved from Confederate Hall to the Second Presbyterian Church and the message delivered to a crowd of hundreds packed into the church.

It was reported he planned his own funeral requesting to be buried in his gray uniform and his comrades performing the burial service. He believed throughout his life in the righteousness of the cause of the South and he desired that his burial how he died with the same opinion.

The floral tribute was imposing, arriving from all parts of the country. He was buried in Elmwood Cemetery.

It was said Gordon never neglected any duty. Senator Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee spoke, "He never knew fear, either in battle or in peace. He never knew how to be false to his principles or to his people. His death is a calamity to his State and to the South, but we can not bring him back to life again, for he has crossed over the river to rest with Stonewall Jackson under the shades of the trees." Taylor had "loved him for his courage, for his honor, and for his loyalty to his people."

He concluded with his wish for "Peace to his ashes."

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### *Next Board Meeting Monday, March 8*



The next monthly STFB board meeting will be held on March 8 at the Williamson County Library meeting room at 6:30 pm. Board meetings are open to all members, prospective members and everyone interested in protecting and preserving the Civil War Sites in Williamson County. We hope to see you there!

# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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Mail To: Save The Franklin Battlefield~P.O. Box 851~Franklin, TN 37065-0851

**Membership is annual, donations are tax deductible.**

Quantity	Description Annual Membership (Choose One)	Price Each	Total
	1999 STFB Day by Day Bicentennial Calendar <i>Special STFB Member Price</i>	\$8.00	
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" Book Reprint	\$20.00	
	1989 Commemorative Belt Buckle	\$10.00	
	1989 Commemorative Paperweight	\$10.00	
	1997 Self-Guided Driving Tour Map	\$3.00	
	Save The Franklin Battlefield Bumpersticker	\$1.50	
		<b>Order Sub-Total</b>	
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	-Individual	\$12.00	
	-Family	\$15.00	
	-Corporate	\$25.00	
		<b>Order Total</b>	

# The CIVIL WAR in Williamson County, TN Day-by-Day 1999 Calendar

Dear Supporter of **Save The Franklin Battlefield**,

Because of calendar purchases by folks like you, our 1999 STFB Calendar project has progressed very well. This was our first attempt at an educational and fund-raising project of this scope, and our sales have already reached the break-even point with the printing costs - again, thanks to your support.

We now predict that STFB, and our vendors, will continue to sell the STFB 1999 Calendar well into 1999 as an educational souvenir and memento to our visitors - albeit at a discounted price. And STFB will also use calendars as educational handouts for Battlefield Tours, membership premiums, promotional items, etc. BUT, we still will have a plentiful supply. And if anyone gets a good deal on these extras, we want it to be you.

So, before we eventually offer the calendar at a somewhat reduced price to the general and visiting public, we want to make an even better offer to our friends who supported us from the outset. Some of you even ordered and paid for calendars before they were available. That was a big assist to getting the project underway financially. So if you need more calendars as gifts, or for your organization, we want you to have the preferential pricing below.

Also, some businesses and organizations have purchased STFB Calendars as gifts to suppliers, clients and employees. For them (and for you), we have a special box price for 125 unwrapped calendars - they come from the print shop that way. We will deliver them to you, or pay the shipping costs in excess of \$2.95.

AGAIN, THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT !!

## Preferred Supporter Order Form

Item Qty	(Originally sold for \$12 each)		Extended Price
_____ @ \$6.00 each	STFB 1999 Calendars - individually shrink wrapped		_____
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_____ \$350.00 for Box of 125	STFB 1999 Calendars - NOT shrink wrapped		_____

Shipping & Handling \$ 2.95

Pay to/Mail to:

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PO Box 851  
Franklin, TN 37065-0851

Order Total \_\_\_\_\_

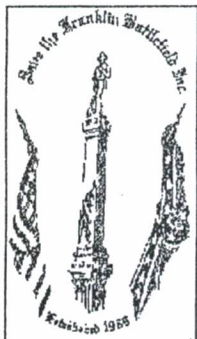
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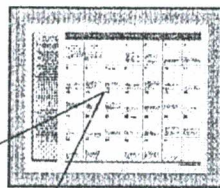


The **CIVIL WAR in Williamson County, Tennessee, Day by Day 1999 Bicentennial Calendar** is a special project of Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc., in celebration of the Bicentennial of Williamson County and the City of Franklin, 1799 - 1999.

The calendar will make a splendid gift, not only for those who are Civil War enthusiasts, but as a beautiful commemorative calendar for every home in Williamson County.

## Commemorative

A local historical site or theme is featured each calendar month in a large photograph, modern or archival, with descriptive side bar notes. These include beautiful photographs of the Carter House, Carnton Plantation, the Lotz House, and the McGavock Confederate Cemetery, as well as archival photographs of the 1899 Dedication of the Confederate Soldier Monument, the Harrison House, and the Carter Gin House.



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1863 First Battle of Franklin,  
General Van Dorn's cavalry  
tests Federal strength  
1863 CS guerillas capture a  
passenger train at Antioch  
Station

## Day by Day Text

The daily entries for each month chronicle the events in Williamson and surrounding counties during the War years. From the spring of 1863 onward, there were noteworthy engagements at Brentwood, Thompson's Station, Triune, Spring Hill, and several times at Franklin. There also were skirmishes at Arrington, Nolensville, and Hillsboro and numerous incidents in the countryside throughout the county. The back inside cover has a Middle Tennessee map with the place names of the day by day events.

## Order Now!

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