



# 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

### JUNE 26

THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE MONUMENT WILL BE FORMALLY REDEDICATED AT ITS NEW LOCATION ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26. A CEREMONY BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. WILL FEATURE A KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY MR. WILBUR F. CREIGHTON, JR., WHO SERVES ON THE METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION. REENACTMENTS, FLAGS, BALLOONS WILL ALSO BE PART OF THE FESTIVITIES.

FROM 2-5 P.M. THAT DAY, THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE PRESERVATION SOCIETY WILL SPONSOR A FREE PUBLIC CONCERT AT THE MONUMENT.

### JULY 15

BATTLE OF NASHVILLE PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEETING 7PM  
SPEAKER DAVID FRALEY ON  
HOOD'S RETREAT AT THE  
SUGAR TREE CLUBHOUSE OFF  
WOODMONT BLVD  
RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 20

### SEPTEMBER 25

TOUR OF SNEED ACRES, OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OCCUPIED HOUSE IN BRENTWOOD, SNEED CEMETERY REENACTORS, AND BAR-B-Q DINNER. SPONSORED BY BRENTWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

### OCTOBER 15-17, 1999

SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE  
NOVEMBER 29, 1864  
DESTINY OR DISASTER?

HOSTED BY THE CARTER HOUSE  
AND RIPPAVILLA

### NOVEMBER 14, 1999

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### NOVEMBER 27

ILLUMINATION TOUR OF  
MCGAVOCK CEMETERY

## From Your President

Your Board is now working on your annual meeting coming in November. Would you like to serve on this Board? Would you like to work or chair a committee? Tours, special events, annual membership meeting, calendar - do any of these interest you?

Your Board needs your help! Please call and let us hear from you soon. The STFB office phone number is 591-1774.

*E. J. Neeley*

## Our Favorite Australians

*by Sam Huffman*

The last week of May saw our favorite Australians, and STFB members, return to Franklin for their second visit. Aussies John and Tracey Guimelli live in Hong Kong, Peoples Republic of China (yes, that's right) and have an ardent interest in American Civil War history. They found STFB web site two years ago, joined up, and notified us by e-mail they intended to come visit all of us in Franklin, Tennessee.

In summer 1998, they toured the eastern battlefields and then drove west to visit Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and Franklin. They only had a couple days here to visit with us and had to rush things a bit. But they vowed to return in 1999 so they could 'do' the Franklin downtown district and visit some of our local shopping malls - as well as visit the

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## *The News in Review by Kim Hoover*

*Highlights from print media articles of interest to the battlefield community*

**Dell Computer Won't Build At Stones River Battlefield - The Civil War News - June 1999** - Preservation groups and the National Park Service breathed a sigh of relief when it was announced on May 6 that Dell Computer decided against building a new plant on a 500 acre site that comprises a portion of the Stones River battlefield.

Dell's decision was only "step one" in a campaign to save the land. "Now we need to try to take the opportunity to see if there's a way to provide for its long-term protection," said Don Barger, Southeast Regional Director of the National Parks & Conservation Association (NCPA). "It's obvious that the City of Murfreesboro would like to see this area developed. We think that would be tragic." The NCPA, the Civil War Trust, Civil War Roundtable Associates, and the Tennessee Nature Conservancy joined forces to inform Dell of the property's historic significance. Dell Corporation has chosen a site in Nashville instead.

Step Two is attempting to talk Dell into helping purchase the Stones River property, or at the very least handing over their option on the land according to Barger. He wanted to get into substantive discussions with Dell before the option lapses and to see if Dell is willing to work with preservation groups to save that part of the site.

Mary Ann Peckham, Stones River Superintendent said "I'm certainly concerned that while Dell has chosen another option, the pressure to develop this site is immense." The park wants to add nearly 600 acres, doubling its present size in order to preserve key sites from development.

Barger said inclusion of the land in the battlefield park would greatly enhance the public ability to understand. "We believe that for Murfreesboro, protecting this site for its historic significance would be a long-term economic benefit for the community. There's a lot of places where you can put an assembly plant. Battlefield are where they are."

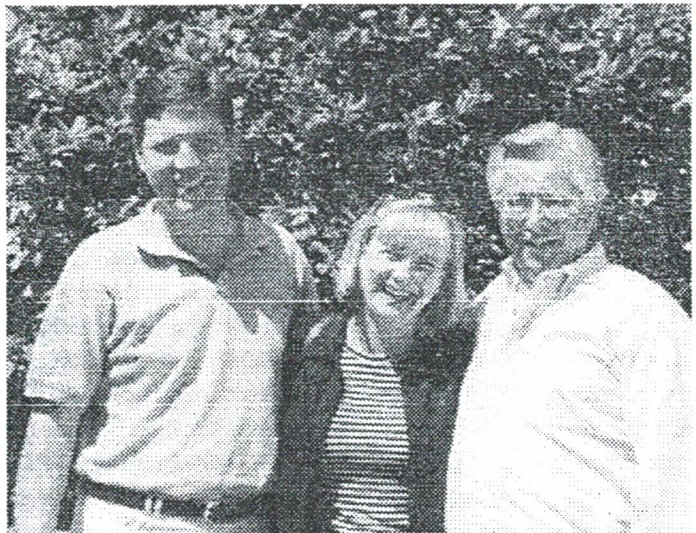
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local Civil War sites that their 1998 itinerary would not permit.

And come back they did. John is a pilot with Cathay Airlines, a far-east partner of American Airlines, and flies regular 'long straight lines' between Hong Kong and Toronto, Canada. Tracey works as a flight attendant in the Pacific region. They are stationed in Hong Kong but maintain a residence in Australia as well. Both are American history buffs and have visited the US on many occasions.

On this trip, they allowed more time for walking through downtown Franklin, scheduled a visit to Stones River Battlefield, and on their way to their departure flight from Memphis, made time to visit Parker's Crossroads and the Shiloh National Battlefield for their very first time. They also squeezed in dinner with STFB board member and Lotz House Museum historian David Fraley and his bride, Monica and interrupted their shopping spree at Cool Springs Mall for lunch with me (STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman).

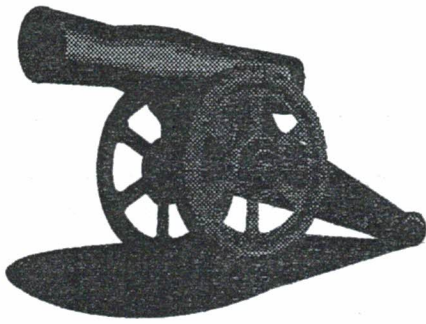
Everyone agreed it was wonderful to see John and Tracey once again, and to have them come re-visit all of us in Franklin. John



*John and Tracey Guimelli, STFB members from Hong Kong, pause during their shopping at Cool Springs Mall for lunch and photos with STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman (right)*

confided that when he quits flying, and if he had his druthers, they would move to the States and he would teach American History at some small college. Somehow I just know that very thing is going to happen one day.





## *Stones River National Battlefield Summer Schedule*

The schedule of summer events to be held at Stones River National Battlefield is now available at the visitor center. Living history presentations of Civil War artillery, infantry and cavalry are among the programs that will be offered this summer. In addition, visiting speakers will also

present programs on certain summer weekends, and candlelight tours of the National Cemetery will also be offered.

**July 24**-Motlow State Community College History Professor, Dr. Michael Bradley, will speak on "Tullahoma: The Forgotten Campaign of 1863."

**August 7, 8, 14, and 15**-Middle Tennessee State University History Professor, Dr. Bob Hunt, will give talks on "Southern Possibilities of Victory"

**September 18 and 19**-Middle Tennessee State Geography and Geology Professor, Doug Heffington, will speak on the importance of Archeology and the Civil war at 2:00 p.m.

On weekdays, from **June 1 through August 29**, National Park Service rangers will lead walks and present talks that will originate at the visitor center at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Stories taken from the letters and diaries of men who fought and died in the Civil War are presented in a tour of the Stones River National Cemetery. Park employees and volunteers play the roles of soldiers and civilians whose lives were changed by the war. The "Hallowed Ground: A Tour of the National Cemetery" program will be offered seven times this summer. The first tour will be held on Saturday, June 5, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. There is no fee for the program but reservations are required. Comfortable walking shoes and insect repellent are recommended. **Cemetery tours will also be offered on June 19, July 3 and 24, August 7 and 28, and September 4, 1999.** Reservations for each of the programs can be made by calling or signing up at the visitor center no sooner than 8:30 a.m. the Monday prior to the program.

**July 10 and 11**-The roar of a Union Artillery battery can be heard rumbling across the land, as the Battlefield presents its annual living history encampment. The demonstrations for Saturday will be performed at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1, 2, 3, and 4:00 p.m. Sunday demonstrations will be held at 11:00 a.m., 12 noon, 1, 2 and 3:00 p.m.

**August 14 and 15**-The thunder of horses will be heard when the 7th Tennessee Cavalry, CSA presents demonstrations at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 12:00 noon and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

**July 17 and 18**-The 19th United States Regular Army Infantry will present infantry demonstrations.

**August 21 and 22** -The 1st Tennessee Infantry, CSA will present programs on Infantry demonstrations at 11:00 a.m., 1, 2 and 3:00 p.m.

Stones River National Battlefield is located on the Old Nashville Highway, northwest of Murfreesboro. Additional information is available at the visitor center or by calling (615) 893-9501 (TDD).

Save The Franklin Battlefield Membership/Renewal/Order Form

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**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>	
		<b>Shipping/Handling</b> under \$10 \$0.75 \$10 - \$24.99 \$2.95 \$25 and up \$4.50	
	-Individual	\$12.00	
	-Family	\$15.00	
	-Corporate	\$25.00	
		<b>Order Total</b>	

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[www.franklin-stfb.org/saleitem.htm](http://www.franklin-stfb.org/saleitem.htm)