



# 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

### OCTOBER 23, 1999

MT. OLIVET CEMETERY TOUR  
TOURS BEGIN AT 4:30-8:30 PM  
ADMISSION \$7 ADULTS  
\$3 CHILDREN  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
780-3598

### NOVEMBER 14, 1999

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
HISTORIC FRANKLIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2 - 4 PM

### NOVEMBER 26, 1999

ILLUMINATION TOUR OF THE  
MCGAVOCK CEMETERY. TOURS  
BEGIN AT 5:00 PM AND CONTINUE  
UNTIL 8PM

### NOVEMBER 27, 1999

FIRST ANNUAL PATRICK  
CLEBURNE SOCIETY 6:30 PM AT  
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.  
PROCEEDS GO TO STFB (SEE  
ARTICLE ON PAGE 2)

### NOVEMBER 27, 1999

135TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS  
PLANNED! SEE ARTICLE BEGIN-  
NING ON THIS PAGE FOR MORE DE-  
TAILS!

### DECEMBER 4, 1999

THE SOCIETY FOR THE  
PRESERVATION OF SOUTHERN  
SOCIAL CUSTOMS IS SPONSORING  
A DANCE AT THE MEMORIAL BLDG  
IN COLUMBIA. IF YOU ORDER  
TICKETS BEFORE NOVEMBER 20,  
THE COST IS \$15/COUPLE.  
PERIOD DRESS IS ENCOURAGED  
BUT NOT REQUIRED. TO ORDER  
TICKETS CALL SUSAN SHAFFER AT  
931-987-2626.

## From Your President

It was decided by your Board to change the date of our Illumination Tour of the McGavock Confederate Cemetery because of the Patrick Cleburne Society First Annual Dinner (see page 2).

The tour has been scheduled for Friday evening, November 26, 1999 5 - 8:30 pm.

You will find information in this newsletter about other events taking place that weekend in commemoration of the 135th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin.

*E. J. Neelery*

## Historic Battlefield Sites Announce Activities for Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin

November 30 marks the 135th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. Commemorating this poignant occasion, Franklin's Civil War sites in conjunction with area Civil War preservationists and historians have coordinated a weekend-long memorial.

The weekend begins with the Candlelight tour of the McGavock Confederate Cemetery. Tours begin at 5:00 and run until 8:00. Tickets are to be purchased at the gate. The cost is \$5/adults, \$2/children 12 and under.

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## *STFB Taking Orders For 2000 Calendar*

You can now use the enclosed form to order your copies of The Civil War in Williamson County and Middle Tennessee Day by Day 2000 Millennial Calendar. The calendar will also be sold at all of the Franklin and Williamson County Bicentennial events planned for this fall beginning in October, the STFB web site, and by mail.

Almost everyone who saw the 1999 STFB calendar commented on the high print quality and the professional appearance of the piece. With 12 new pictures, additional daily entries, and new side-bar text, the 2000 STFB Calendar is just as spectacular.

### *STFB Members Needed As Volunteers*

STFB invites you to help staff the Saturday calendar booths at local groceries this fall.

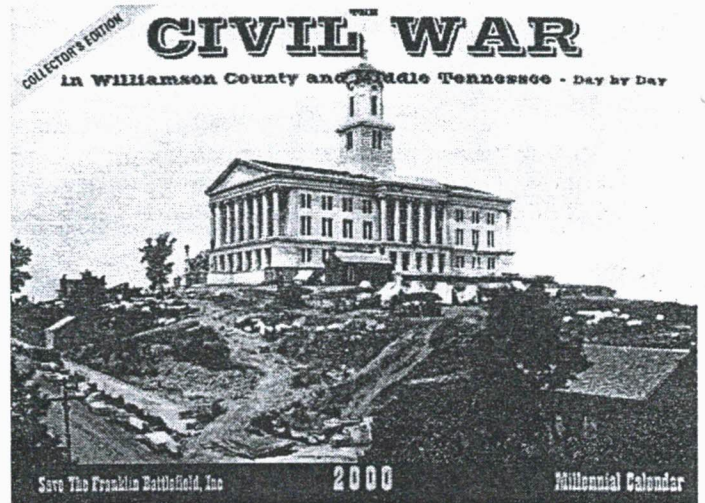
Also, due to a shortage of helpers last year, we missed many community autumn festivals away from the Franklin area. If you can schedule and staff a calendar booth at your middle Tennessee home-town festival, you will help establish repeat calendar sales there for years to come.

To get on the volunteer list, contact Sam Huffman 615-370-3842 or samhuff@ibm.net

### *SPECIAL Member Offer On 'Retreat' Book Still On*

You still have time to get your copies of The Retreat From Pulaski To Nashville, Tenn at the special member price of \$13. STFB reprinted the book in 1996 with an new Index added plus a forward graciously contributed by Wiley Sword, author of Embrace an Angry Wind. The special member price ends December 31, 1999.

This is an eyewitness account of that 1864 autumn campaign, with emphasis on the Battle of Franklin, written by Federal engineering officer Levi T Scofield - no relation to the Federal commander at Franklin, John M Schofield.



Front cover of the new  
STFB 2000 Millennial Calendar.

Do you know what would happen if each of the 300 plus member of STFB with in one week of receiving this newsletter preordered and paid for four 2000 STFB Calendars?

At a cost of \$13 each, four calendars totaling \$52 could raise \$15,600. This would cover the printing cost and add funding to STFB's marker program.

I am putting my order form and check for \$52 in the mail today. Can I count on you to do the same?

*E. J. Neeley*



### *The Patrick Cleburne Society Presents it's First Annual Dinner*

The Patrick Cleburne Society will hold it's first annual dinner on November 27, 1999 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 510 W. Main St. at 6:30 pm. Our keynote speaker will be the author Father Ed Gleeson on "The Irish Soldier in the Army of Tennessee." Cost is \$30 members, \$40 non-members. We will also have the raffle drawing for the limited edition print "Cleburne" by artist David Wright. All proceeds from the evening go to the Save the Franklin Battlefield organization to help purchase the Carter cotton gin site on Cleburne Street, where General Cleburne fell. For more information contact Info@patrickcleburne.com, call 706-444-7412, or write the Patrick Cleburne Society, PO Box 130817, Birmingham, AL 35213. You may also contact Christine Toth at 615-599-2546.



## *Some of the Messages Sent, Received, and Answered* *November 30, 1864 by E. J. Neeley*

I quote here from a telegram sent to Major General Thomas, Nashville, Franklin, November 30, 1864.

"Your dispatch of 10:25 am is received. I am satisfied that I have heretofore run much risk in trying to hold Hood in check, while so far inferior to him in both infantry and cavalry. The slightest mistake on my part, or failure of a subordinate, during the last three days, might have proved disastrous. I don't want to get into so tight a place again. Yet I will cheerfully act in accordance with your views of expediency, if you think it important to hold Hood back as long as possible. When you get all your troops together, and the cavalry in effective condition, we can whip Hood easily, and I believe, make the campaign a decisive one. Before that, the most we can do is to husband our strength and increase it as much as possible. I fear the troops which were stationed on the river below Columbia will be lost. I will get my trains out of the way as soon as possible, and watch Hood carefully. Possibly I may be able to hold him here, but do not expect to be able to do so long."

(signed) J. M. Schofield

In Thomas telegram back to Schofield, he informs him that General Smith troops, at least one division, is "still behind." Thomas states, "We must therefore try to hold Hood where he now is . . . Do you think you can hold Hood at Franklin for three days longer?"

Schofield's replay from Franklin 3pm November 30, 1864.

"I do not believe I can. I can doubtless hold him one day, but will hazard something in doing that . . . I have no doubt Forrest will be in my rear tomorrow, or doing some greater mischief. It appears to me that I ought to take position at Brentwood at once .

After receiving this telegram Thomas tells Schofield ". . . Hold your troops in readiness to march to Brentwood." Schofield's answer again to Thomas "General - Please send A. J. Smith's division to Brentwood early tomorrow morning. Also please send to Brentwood tomorrow morning one million rounds of infantry ammunition, 2,000 rounds three inch and 1,000 rounds light twelve artillery."

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Saturday, November 27—The Carter House, Historic Carnton Plantation, and the Lotz House—will host a special guided tour of the battlefield. Trolley buses donated by the City of Franklin will leave approximately every half hour from Winstead Hill and take visitors on a 45 minute tour. Guided tours run from 8 am—5 pm. After the tour, visitors can visit all the Civil War Sites around town where military reenactors will be stationed. Admission for the bus tour, and admission to all three houses will be packaged priced at \$20/adults and seniors, \$10/children, and \$17 for groups of six or more. Also included in this package, will be a limited edition commemorative ribbon, which also served as the ticket, and an annotated map of the battle. The map may be purchased separately for \$7. Tickets for this special event may be purchased beginning

November 1 at the Carter House, Lotz House, or Carnton.

On Sunday, November 28, there will be a sunrise memorial service in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery. At 1:30pm, Franklin's SCV will conclude the weekend by marching from Winstead Hill to a rededication ceremony of the Confederate Monument on the square. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the monument.

For more information on the anniversary weekend, visit the Save the Franklin Battlefield web site at [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org) or call the Carter House at 615-791-1861 or Historic Carnton Plantation at 615-794-0903.

## Save The Franklin Battlefield Membership/Renewal/Order Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Membership is annual, donations are tax deductible.

| Quantity | Description<br>Annual Membership (Choose One)   | Price Each   | Total |
|----------|---|--|-------|
|          | 2000 STFB Day by Day in Middle Tenn. Calendar   | \$13.00  |       |
|          | 1999 STFB Day by Day Bicentennial Calendar<br><i>Special STFB Member Price</i>                      | \$3.00   |       |
|          | "Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" Book Reprint<br><i>Special STFB Member Price until 12/31/99</i> | \$13.00  |       |
|          | 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   |       |
|          | Donation for Marker Fund  |  |       |
|          |   | <b>Order Sub-Total</b>   |       |
|          |   | Shipping/Handling<br>under \$10    \$0.75<br>\$10 - \$24.99    \$2.95<br>\$25 and up    \$4.50 |       |
|          | -Individual   | \$12.00  |       |
|          | -Family   | \$15.00  |       |
|          | -Corporate  | \$25.00  |       |
|          |   | <b>Order Total</b>   |       |

Please note that the commemorative items listed above for sale can be viewed on the STFB website at: