



# 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

### 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 BEGINNING ON THIS PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS!

### DECEMBER 4-5, 1999

CARTER HOUSE CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES. TICKETS ARE \$15 IN ADVANCE, \$18 AT THE DOOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 79.1-1861.

### DECEMBER 13, 1999

STFB MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 6:30 IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY LIBRARY.

### DECEMBER 26, 1999 - JANUARY 2, 2000

RANGER WALKS— DEC. 26—31  
ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATIONS—  
JANUARY 1 & 2

BOOK SIGNING BY DR. MICHAEL BRADLEY TULLAHOMA, *THE FORGOTTEN CAMPAIGN*. FOR MORE INFO CALL 615-893-9501.

## *My last message to you as your president . . .*

I wish to thank your board that I have served with for the last 3-1/2 years. I feel we have grown.

My personal thanks to Mrs. Kim Hoover for we have gotten a newsletter into your hands once a month. Communication is an important part of an organization.

All of your board has helped each time we have a Battlefield Tour. A special thank you to Mr. Bobby Hargrove who has so often been a part of our Battlefield Tours, often going the extra mile to appear in uniform and his Fort Granger tour was one of our best.

~~Thank you to Mr. Sam Huffman for the long hours he has spent on our finances making sure our books always remained in balance. Thank you to Sam, Joe Smyth, David Fraley, Ronny Mangrum and Sam Gant for their work on our 1999 & 2000 calendars. Mr. Peter Schofield was a very important part of our 1999 calendar. We really did not want to see Peter move out of state. He is greatly missed!~~

Mr. Herbert Harper has been the best adviser a preservation Board could have—my thanks to him.

Mrs. Lynne Pope—Thank you for the time you have worked at our office with Sam Huffman. Always I realize this was time away from your family. Thank you "Miss Lynne!"

Thank you to the Lotz House Museum who has donated office space to Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc.

And on a very personal note, thank you Doyle, who knows to look on the calendar to check if I will be home or is there a tour or a board meeting. Family members are often not thanked enough for sharing their lives with organizations.

I am pleased to hand the leadership of this organization over to Joe Smyth knowing there is a strong foundation to build on—And remember, our voice is being heard—Keep talking!

*E. J. Neeley*

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## STFB V...\_ MAIL



For those old enough to remember WW II, V...\_ MAIL (V for Victory) was a way everyone could help the war effort by reducing the weight and bulk of postal mail going to troops overseas. Written on a specific VMAIL form, the letter was microfilmed before shipment and then photocopied at its destination before it was delivered to its intended recipient.

STFB VMAIL is a bit different, but it is a way for all STFB members to help local preservation efforts by working as a STFB VOLUNTEER. Anytime a STFB event requires a lending hand, we will VMAIL all our members so they will be aware of the need. The needed help might be for newsletter folding and stuffing, staffing a calendar booth at Kroger, or being a "ghost" re-enactor at our annual cemetery tour.

The VMAILs will even go to our out-of-town members because, believe it or not, some of them plan their visits to Franklin so they can be a part of the STFB events.

If you haven't received STFB VMAIL messages yet, that's only because we don't have your current email address on file. Just send an e-note to Joe Smyth at [smyth@vol.net](mailto:smyth@vol.net) and we'll add you to the STFB VMAIL list.

## Volunteers Needed at Ropers Knob

And speaking of volunteers...\_ the north-east corner of the 1863 Federal encampment and fortifications just north of Franklin was built on Ropers Knob, the highest hill rising from the Franklin basin floor. A large Federal blockhouse with heavy artillery plus a signal tower were constructed atop these commanding heights.

A few years ago, the State of Tennessee purchased the top of Ropers Knob and the Heritage Foundation bought much of the flanking acreage with the intent to one day have a passive park there. Volunteer Jim Mahurin is coordinating the park project for the Heritage Foundation. Surveyors have designed an "easy slope" trail beginning at the end of Rev-elle Court that goes all the way to the top of Ropers Knob. Now it is just a matter of finding the volunteers to make this vision become reality.

The planned pathway starts toward the saddle just west of Ropers Knob, turns east rising steadily along the south face of the hill, then curls left around the east and north faces as it rises gently to the summit. Part of the trail has been completed, but Jim needs more volunteers to clear debris from the two-foot wide pathway and to cut back foliage overhang.

An adopted section of the trail would be an excellent Satur-

project for civic groups and for Boy Scout Troops working on Merit Badges. Whether you are one or many, can help one Saturday or many Saturdays, contact Jim at 615-790-0083 and he'll find a way that YOU can help open this Civil War treasure to the public.

## LOBBY COPY STFB 2000 Calendars

For this year's 2000 calendar campaign, we are trying a new marketing approach that, so far, is working very well. We have donated a STFB 2000 calendar to several businesses in middle Tennessee that have a public waiting area where visitors can see the STFB 2000 calendar.

The calendar is simply left with all the magazines and other reading in the waiting area. A sticker on the front cover identifies it as a 'LOBBY COPY' and instructs the reader to see the mail ordering information on the back cover of the calendar. We placed 10 - 15 copies last week and are already receiving mail orders.

Do you have a public waiting area at work where reading material is commonly provided for visitors? Will your Middle Tennessee doctor, dentist, orthodontist etc allow you to leave a calendar in their waiting area? Are you willing to help us by looking into it right away?

If the answer to any of those questions is "yes" so, send an email to [samhuff@ibm.net](mailto:samhuff@ibm.net) or call Sam at 615-370-3842 and we'll get LOBBY COPY's and instructions to you right away. Or ask for a LOBBY COPY to be sent with your calendar when you order it (them).

## Annual Membership Meeting November 14, 1999

The annual membership meeting took place at Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church. The Teenie Pinkerton Dozier award was presented to Fred Prouty, Military Sites Preservation Specialist for the Tennessee Historical Commission. After receipt of his award, Mr. Prouty briefly discussed the status of Civil War site preservation in Tennessee today. He shared with us some current plans and proposals for preservation.

Mr. Thomas Cartwright did a fantastic job in his keynote address. He briefly discussed the importance of battlefield preservation because one must walk the grounds of the battlefield to gain a sense of the battle itself. He discussed some individual participants in the Battle of Franklin, both Confederate and Union. He concluded his discussion by crediting many people who have contributed to the knowledge of the Battle of Franklin and to the parts of the battlefield that have been preserved and will be preserved in the future.

The following people are your board members for 1999-2000: Suzanne Burns, Herbert Harper, Lyn Vaughn Dorris, Kim Hoover, David Fraley, Sam Huffman, Sam Gant, EJ Neeley, Bobby Hargrove, and Joe Smyth.



## *Day-by-Day Civil War Calendar for the year 2000 now available*

For the second time in as many years, the Save The Franklin Battlefield organization in Franklin has published 'The Civil War in Williamson County and Middle Tennessee Calendar' as a major public education and fund-raising project. The calendar has hundreds of daily entries that describe events throughout middle Tennessee during the war years along with monthly pictures (archival and modern) of local places of Civil War importance.

The 10" by 14" calendar is a top quality, professional piece of reference material. We think of the calendar more as a short reference work with pictures rather than just a standard calendar. We believe people will keep it for its pictures and captions long after its use as a calendar has ended.

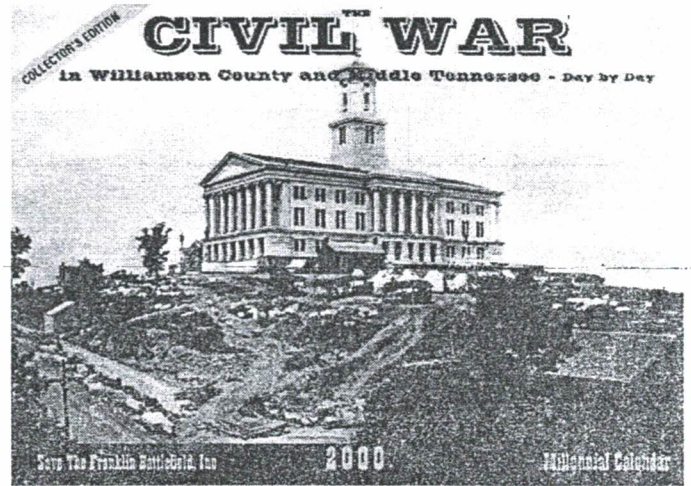
This year's 2000 calendar has all different pictures from the 1999 calendar. The group plans to revise and publish the calendar annually as an ongoing educational and fund-raising project. The proceeds from the sale of the 2000 calendar will be used to help pay down the mortgage on the Carter cotton gin property that was purchased some time ago by the Heritage Foundation. The cotton gin site was the epicenter of the Battle of Franklin November 30, 1864.

As part of the group's public education outreach, two copies of the 2000 calendar have been donated to 106 public libraries in middle Tennessee for use in their reading rooms. The public is encouraged to review and read the calendar when they next visit their local public library.

As was done last year, the calendar will be sold in several Hallmark shops in the area as well as museums, gift shops, and bookstores in the Brentwood, Franklin and Nashville

area. And weather permitting, the group will have Saturday calendar booths at several local Kroger stores in that area.

The public can place mail orders at \$13 per calendar plus \$2.95 per order for shipping and handling by writing to: STFB, PO Box 851, Franklin, TN 37065-0851. The calendar can also be ordered at our web site at [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org).



*The STFB 2000 calendar cover features an 1863 George Barnard photo of the Tennessee State Capitol Building surrounded by the tents of some of the Federal troops encamped there.*



### *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](mailto:Info@patrickcleburne.com), call 706-444-7412, or write the Patrick Cleburne Society, PO Box 130817, Birmingham, AL 35213.

Additionally, last year's 1999 calendar can still be ordered for \$4 per copy. Many do so just to have its sharp, large format, computer enhanced pictures including the Carter cotton gin (c.1875) and the 1899 Dedication of the Confederate Soldier Monument at the Franklin Town Square. At the Franklin Bicentennial celebration and at a recent Civil War Show in Smyrna, the group sold nearly as many 1999 calendars as the new 2000 calendar.

Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization of volunteers whose goal is to complement the efforts of the local governments, and of other dedicated historical groups to preserve, protect, and promote Civil War sites in Williamson County. STFB members and prospective members meet with the Board of Directors at 6:30PM on the second Monday of each month at the Williamson County Library. The public is invited to visit the monthly Board Meetings.

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

Quantity	Description 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 <i>Special STFB Member Price</i>	\$3.00	
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" Book Reprint <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>	
		<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>	

Please note that the commemorative items listed above for sale can be viewed on the STFB website at:  
www.franklin-stfb.org/saleitem.htm