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## SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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**Dedicated to the preservation, protection, and promotion of  
Civil War sites in Williamson County, Tennessee**

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### *Dear STFB Member:*

I hope you've made your plans to be with us on this Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, for our first ever Eastern flank Tour of the Franklin Battlefield. It's going to be a very informative, memorable, and fun morning. The tour is generating a lot of interest, as the negotiations, funding, and purchase of this property have been front page news locally and across the nation.

The accompanying book signing is also being hailed as a great opportunity to meet the authors of and purchase the latest additions to the Battle of Franklin canon.

For myself, the most exciting and gratifying component of this upcoming tour is the different groups that have come together to make it happen. Historic Carnton Plantation, The Carter House, the Heritage Foundation, Franklin's Charge and its component organizations, and the City of Franklin Parks Department have all "thrown in" together to make this event a success.

A wise man once said that much can be done if no one cares who gets the credit. There is certainly nowhere that this is truer than in Franklin, Tennessee.

I do hope to see many of you on Saturday and look forward to touring with you on the Franklin Battlefield.

*Joe Smyth*

### *New & Renewing Members July 2006*

|                       |                   |
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| Thomas & Lynn Burnett | Brentwood, TN     |
| Bert Chpaman          | Edisto Island, SC |
| George Dawes          | Tomball, TX       |
| Robert C. Ewing       | Brentwood, TN     |
| Stanley & Becky Hime  | Brentwood, TN     |
| Robert L. Humphrey    | Franklin, TN      |
| Dan Jurgensen         | China Spring, TX  |
| William Lamb          | Franklin, TN      |
| John Moloski          | Harrisonville, MO |
| Don & Peggy Orth      | Gray, TN          |
| Bob & Karen Pease     | Franklin, TN      |
| Brett & Amy Tarter    | Franklin, TN      |
| Paul Timmerman        | Issaquah, WA      |
| Chris Utley & Family  | Franklin, TN      |
| Kendyl Wallis         | Sandwich, IL      |
| Joseph White Assoc    | Cos Cob, CT       |

### **REMINDER - REMINDER**

#### *Eastern Flank Battlefield Tour*

*This Saturday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM to Noon*

*Don't Miss It!!!!*

STFB is all set to do the first-ever tour of the Work-in-Progress Franklin Battlefield Park this coming Saturday. The tour is free and the general public is invited and welcome.

We have the very best local historians scheduled as

speakers: Williamson County historian Rick Warwick, the Carter House's Thomas Cartwright and David Fraley, and Historic Carnton Plantation's Eric A. Jacobson. They all have been gathering material for the last several years and will present much of it at the tour.

Book signings will begin at 9 a.m. and include local author Robert Hicks with his best selling historical novel *Widow of the South*. Rick Warwick will present *The Civil War Years Revealed Through Letters, Diaries, and Memoirs*, and Eric Jacobson will be signing his new book *For Cause & For Country: A Study of the Affair at Spring Hill and the Battle of Franklin*.

From Lewisburg Pike in Franklin, turn south onto Carnton Lane to its end. Turn left and bear left into the clubhouse parking lot where we all will meet. Please allow ample time beforehand to park, look at the expanse of the battlefield, register with STFB, and peruse the book signings.

We expect a large crowd so come early so you have time to meet our authors and speakers and to walk the expanse of the grounds. See [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org) for additional information.

### *Upcoming Events...*

August 19 - Battle of Franklin Eastern Flank Tour, from 10 a.m. - Noon. See the newsletter article for additional information.

September 10 - Civil War Bookclub at Landmark Books (114 East Main Street, Franklin; 791-6400) at 3PM. For more information email [GregLWade@yahoo.com](mailto:GregLWade@yahoo.com).

September 11 - STFB Board Meeting at the Heritage Foundation Office located in the rear of the US Post Office at Five Points in Franklin at 6:30PM.

For more information, visit the STFB website [www.franklin-stfb.org/calendar.htm](http://www.franklin-stfb.org/calendar.htm)

### **Volunteers Needed!!!!**

**Join the STFB Preservation Team  
for a hands-on experience  
taking care of a Civil War site.  
Call 615-500-6612.**

### *Did You Know??*

W. W. Loring's Division numbered some 3,500 troops effective for duty at Franklin and it was composed of three brigades, commanded by Winfield Scott Featherston, Thomas M. Scott, and John Adams. At the end of the fighting on November 30, Adams was dead, Scott was wounded, and over 25% of Loring's Division was counted as killed, wounded, or missing. Incredibly, seven of Loring's seventeen regimental and battalion commanders were also among the casualties.

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### *News in Review July 2006*

#### **White House Budget Includes Funding for Civil War Battlefield Preservation** *Hallowed Ground - Summer 2006* **Washington, D. C.**

In his Annual Budget request to Congress, President George W. Bush included \$4 million in federal matching grants for Civil War battlefield preservation.

#### **Commission recommends overlay despite sparse support** *Franklin Review Appeal* **7/12/06 - Franklin**

The addition of a historic overlay to Franklin Road homes and land was passed unanimously Monday by the city's Historic Zoning Commission. Yet public support for that overlay, which stretches from Mack Hatcher Parkway to the Harpeth River, came solely from the commission members — not from the estimated 30 people who attended the commission's monthly meeting at Franklin City Hall.

#### **City makes push for Civil War park** *Franklin Review Appeal* **7/19/06 - Franklin**

Franklin Mayor Tom Miller, who has supported the creation of the city's Eastern Flank battlefield park, is asking city staff to pursue launching the three-year feasibility study by the National Park Service ahead of other projects. Miller said city officials have been told that the study might start next year. But he aims to see it begin in 2006.

**Years of golf may mask country club's historic value**  
*Franklin Review Appeal*  
7/19/06 - Franklin

Carroll Van West, director of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University, completed the sturdy of the 110-acre site adjacent to Carnton Plantation and did not find any visual historic artifacts, according to Lisa Clayton, city parks director. More study would require more excavation on the site, which might coincide with the re-creation of the original roadbed on the property, Clayton said.

**GM gives up historic Rippavilla**  
*The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M."*  
7/21/06 - Spring Hill

On Monday, Maury County commissioners voted to accept General Motors' agreement to turn over control of the 1855 mansion and 47 additional acres to Rippavilla, Inc., a 501©(3) nonprofit corporation. The automaker would also give Rippavilla, Inc., \$100,000 a year for the next 10 years for upkeep on the property and mansion. Executive Director Pam Perdue said, "The donation agreement specifically cites that the land must be used for the purpose of historic preservation and since Spring Hill is developing so quickly, this is a milestone as far as historic preservation is concerned."

**Land sale is done deal even if hospital isn't** - *The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M."*  
7/25/06 - Spring Hill

In one of the largest land sales in Maury County history, Peter and Rita Jenkins sold 91.58 acres of their Kedron Road farmland to HCA Inc.'s Tristar Health System. Closing Price was \$11.475 million.

(Editor's note: The hospital will be built on the Battle of Spring Hill site, which includes the former home of Jessie McKissack Peters and her husband, Dr. George B. Peters, who murdered Confederate General Earl Van Dorn.)

**Civil War soldiers' letters recount horrors of Battle of Franklin**  
*Heritage Foundation*  
July 2006 - Franklin

Heritage Foundation historian Rick Warwick recently published the first in a series of three books on the Battle

of Franklin. The first, *Williamson County: The Civil War Years Revealed Through Letters, Diaries and Memoirs*, recently published by the Heritage Foundation, provides a descriptive account of the eastern flank of the battlefield on the controversial golf course property near Carnton.

**Plans for old Pizza Hut site in the works**  
*Franklin Review Appeal*  
8/2/06 - Franklin

It may not look like much now, but the city of Franklin has historic plans for the parcel of dried-up grass where the old Pizza Hut once stood. Plans have been tossed around regarding the lot's future, but Pam Lewis, city alderman and member of the Battlefield Preservation Task Force, said whatever plan is selected will be "very simple and very respectful." It will definitely include a historical marker of some sort to commemorate what happened there and information about the battle. She added that more concrete plans should emerge on the Pizza Hut lot in about a month.

**Franklin leaders hesitate on land preservation program**  
*The Tennessean, Williamson A.M.*  
8/11/06 - Franklin

On Tuesday, Franklin's Board of Mayor and Aldermen defeated an ordinance that would have allowed developers of a proposed subdivision on Spencer Creek Road to increase that project's density by taking development rights from a 22.6-acre parcel on Franklin Road, near Harlinsdale Farm. The Franklin Road property would then have lost its allowance under current zoning for residential development, preserving the land in its current agricultural form.

(Editor's note: The Franklin Road property is the site of action on December 17, 1864, during the Confederate retreat following the Battle of Nashville.)

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Lt. Samuel Canby commanded a battery of four 12-pounder Napoleons and Capt. Alexander Marshall a battery of six 3-inch rifled guns at Franklin. Their artillery inflicted severe damage upon the Confederate troops, both during the Southern advance and in the midst of the heavy fighting along the Union breastworks. During the November 30 battle these guns fired over 1,100 rounds of solid shot, spherical case, fused shell, percussion shell, case shot, and canister.

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

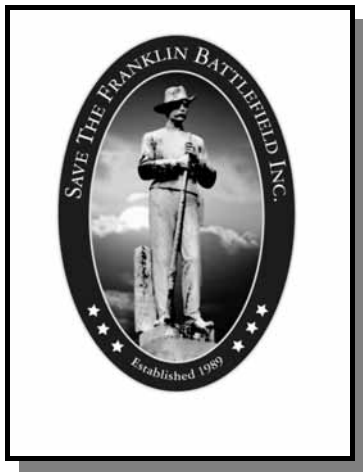
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|     | Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)                 |               |       |
|     | Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)   |               |       |
|     | 1999 & 2000 Day By Day Civil War Calendar Set  | \$5.00        |       |
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|     | <b>NEW!!</b> ~ Battle of Franklin Map ~ laminated & in full color                              | \$6.00        |       |
|     | <b>NEW!!</b> ~ "Battle of Franklin – Five Hours in the Valley of Death" DVD                    | \$25.00       |       |
|     | 'Eyewitness to the Battle of Franklin' ~ David Logsdon, paperback                              | \$12.00       |       |
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|     | <b>SHIPPING &amp; HANDLING</b> (items only) ~ under 10.00                                      | <b>\$1.00</b> |       |
|     | \$10 to 24.99  | <b>\$2.95</b> |       |
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