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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:

What a wonderful success our Eastern Flank tour was last month. Almost 200 people attended, making it one of our largest events ever. Thanks go out to our members who attended from out of town and out of state. They are personally driving home the idea of heritage tourism to the local community. You can read more about the tour elsewhere in this newsletter.

November is always a busy month for Save The Franklin Battlefield, and this year will be no exception. We are making plans for our annual meeting in that month. Eric Jacobson, author of *For Cause & For Country* and STFB's own newsletter editor, will be speaking. Watch next month's newsletter for an announcement of the date and time.

On November 30, STFB will be joining a group of individuals and local organizations to hold a Battle of Franklin Anniversary Memorial on the town square. Planning is underway for this event, and you can learn more about it herein.

I can't thank you, the STFB membership, for your membership and your gifts of time, talents, and money that make our mission together possible. I look forward to seeing many of you again in November - if not before.

*Joe Smyth*

## New & Renewing Members August 2006

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bobby & Connie Allen          | Cadiz, KY            |
| Ernie & Nell Bacon            | Franklin, TN         |
| John M. Bigham                | Columbia, SC         |
| Dave Bond                     | Beavercreek, OH      |
| Dorothy I. Carter             | Nolensville, TN      |
| Justin Cates                  | Brentwood, TN        |
| Byron Davis, Jr. & Family     | Lebanon, TN          |
| Sara Edwards                  | Huntsville, AL       |
| Dennis Faught                 | Columbia, MO         |
| Herbert Harper                | Franklin, TN         |
| Tom Herbert                   | Nashville, TN        |
| Tom & Jackie Jensen           | Nelson, NE           |
| Michael Johnson               | Franklin, TN         |
| Drs. Dahk & Jan Knox          | Mosheim, TN          |
| Danny, Dylan, & Austin Marlin | Columbia, TN         |
| John Moloski                  | Harrisonville, MO    |
| Mr. & Mrs. William D. Morgan  | Franklin, TN         |
| Gloria Ramsaur                | St Simons Island, GA |
| Mr. & Mrs. David Shaw         | Columbus, OH         |
| Samuel Smith, MD              | Brentwood, TN        |
| The Sorensen Family           | Franklin, TN         |
| Jerry & Ruth Swedeen          | Franklin, TN         |
| Margie & Mark Thessin         | Franklin, TN         |
| John Thomsen                  | Franklin, TN         |
| Jenece Waid                   | Spring Hill, TN      |
| Rick Warwick                  | Franklin, TN         |

## **Battle of Franklin Anniversary Memorial**

On November 30, Save The Franklin Battlefield will join together with a group of individuals and local organizations to hold a Battle of Franklin Anniversary Memorial in Franklin's city square. Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Robin Hood is working with The Heritage Foundation, Historic Carnton Plantation, The Carter House, the City of Franklin, the Boy Scouts, among others, to plan and execute this event.

The downtown square will be closed to traffic on the afternoon of the battle anniversary and filled with 10,000 memorial candles. After some opening comments, period military brass bands, both Federal and Confederate, will perform War era songs popular with their armies. The event will conclude with church bells tolling out from all of Franklin's downtown churches.

This will be the largest event in many years to memorialize the brave soldiers, both Northern and Southern, who fought for what they believed in, and in many cases paid the ultimate price. Please mark your calendars to attend this certain to be meaningful and historic event.

### **Thank You Buckeyes**

The Ohio Department of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic made a recent gift of \$453 to STFB for the purchase of battlefield land in Franklin. Treasurer Jean Hilton notified us of the donation. President Emma Ashley of Pomeroy, OH noted in her transmittal letter that Past-President Margaret Cokonougher of Bainbridge, OH nominated the Franklin battlefield last year as the group's preservation project. We greatly appreciate the efforts of these good Buckeye friends, and thank them for their kind words for all the preservation efforts here in Franklin.

### **Upcoming Events...**

October 8 - Civil War Bookclub at Landmark Books (114 East Main Street, Franklin; 791-6400) at 3 p.m. For more information email [GregL.Wade@yahoo.com](mailto:GregL.Wade@yahoo.com).

October 9 - 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.

**Volunteers Needed!!!!**

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

### **Watch for the announcement of the STFB Annual Membership Meeting...**

...to be held at historic White Hall in Spring Hill. The beautiful antebellum home was Gen. Earl Van Dorn's first Spring Hill headquarters and the site of his rendezvous with the vivacious Jessie Peters. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest visited the home on several occasions. This will be a dinner meeting and reservations will be necessary.

### **More Eastern Flank Visitors**

Christi Banks of Brentwood saw the newspaper announcement of the August 19 Eastern Flank Tour. She immediately thought that would be a great local attraction for her parents and their friends to see during their visit Labor Day weekend. She emailed Sam Huffman to see when the tour was scheduled again, and he arranged a special battlefield tour just for Christi and friends.

After meeting on Franklin Square, the group made a tour of Winstead Hill, Carter House area, cotton gin site, Carnton, the Cemetery, Eastern Flank battlefield, Collins Farm and Fort Granger in just a touch over 2 hours. We didn't have time to do the Carter House and Carnton tours, so they will still have much to see during their next visit to Franklin.

Once again back in the Square, the group headed for the West Main Street shops and a place for lunch. All agreed that Franklin was a beautiful town with a rich history, and that they surely will visit again. Christi and her visitors made a generous gift to STFB for the collective preservation efforts here in Franklin.

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Missouri troops suffered terrible losses at Franklin. The Confederate Missouri Brigade suffered over 60% casualties and the 44<sup>th</sup> Missouri, a green Union regiment that had never fought in a battle before, lost more men than any other Federal regiment on November 30.

## News in Review September 2006

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### **Hellers purchase home near Carnton** *Williamson Herald 8/16/06*

Kay and Rod Heller, who just a few years ago purchased the Country Club of Franklin and then sold it to the city of Franklin and a coalition of preservationists for development as a battlefield park, recently purchased Windemere on Carnton Lane from Martha and Davis Carr, according to Robert Hicks of Franklin's Charge. "The secure battlefield went yesterday from being 160 to 200 acres," Hicks said.

### **Name search narrows for scaled-down park** *The Tennessean, Williamson A.M. 8/17/06*

Almost a year after the city's purchase, the bare ground is now on its way to becoming a battlefield park in time for the 142<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the battle. At Tuesday's monthly Public Enterprise Advisory Committee meeting, aldermen approved plans that include a marker, a cannonball stack, a historically accurate split-rail fence and naming the small plot of ground "The Cotton Gin Assault."

### **History planner says aim is not to freeze Franklin in time** *The Tennessean, Williamson A.M. 8/21/06*

For the past three years, Shanon Peterson Wasielewski has made a career out of saving special places in Franklin. This 31-year-old history buff is Franklin's preservation planner, charged with the task of preserving Franklin's past and integrating it with the constant changes and developments that spring up in a time of booming growth.

### **Public gets first peek at battlefield park project** *The Tennessean, Williamson A.M. 8/22/06*

The first public tour of the city's 110-acre proposed battlefield park site was an eye-opener for visitors and may be an early victory for the project's local political supporters, particularly Mayor Tom Miller. On Saturday, Miller and more than 100 people from Williamson County and as far away as Columbus, Ohio, crammed into the former Country Club of Franklin clubhouse before spending the morning walking across the property on tours led by local historians.

### **City nears building restrictions along road** *The Tennessean, Williamson A.M. 8/27/06*

Homes and land along Franklin Road should be protected under a historic zoning overlay, planning commissioners recommended despite opposition from residents and neighbors who would be affected. The portion of Franklin Road that would be affected includes nine properties now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is part of the Antebellum Trail. (Editor's note: the Franklin Road property is the site of December 17, 1864, retreat from Nashville action.)

### **Battlefield tour was just the beginning** *Franklin Review Appeal 9/6/06*

History buffs envision other activities they'd like to see on site: Pam Lewis - First and foremost, I hope it would be a park the citizens will use and enjoy; Angela Calhoun - I think anything that would be related to interpreting or providing information on what happened there would be a good thing to do; Thomas Cartwright - It would be nice to have comprehensive tours, tours of four to eight hours, whole-day things and use the clubhouse-maybe give them lunch; Rick Warwick - I think in time there could be Civil War roundtable-type meetings, where you could bring in speakers from around the country to talk about the Civil War and bring their expertise to the table to share with the local folks who seem to be hungry for historical information about the Civil War and the Battle of Franklin and its importance in national history.

### **Super Target, Kohl's among those wanting to build in Spring Hill** *The Tennessean, Williamson A.M. 9/7/06*

Spring Hill planning commissioners got their first look at plans for a 465,000-square-foot development anchored by a Super Target. The shopping center, dubbed The Crossing of Spring Hill, boasts 33 units of retail space, including a Kohl's, and nine outparcels at the corner of Main Street and Saturn Parkway.

### **As town invests in history, spotlight is on accuracy** *The Tennessean, Williamson A.M. 9/10/06*

As Franklin's \$5 million Civil War battlefield project is pushing the city's history into the limelight, local historian say they're making a stronger push than ever to get things right when it comes to the past. The project that has drawn the most attention is the Country Club of Franklin project. Rick Warwick, who serves on the Tennessee Historical Commission, believes the Eastern Flank project has the support of historians who have said it is historically important. The critics of the purchase haven't proved their case with scholarship.

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

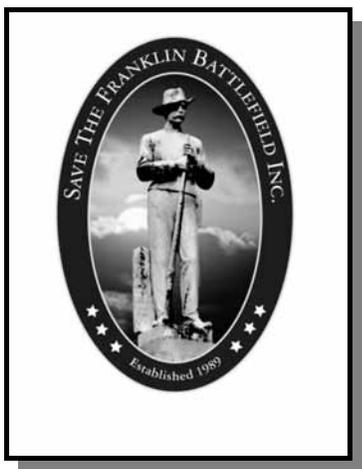
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|     | 'Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville' ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover                    | \$20.00       |       |
|     | Commemorative Belt Buckle  | \$10.00       |       |
|     | <b>NEW!!</b> ~ Battle of Franklin Map ~ laminated & in full color                                      | \$6.00        |       |
|     | <b>NEW!!</b> ~ "Battle of Franklin – Five Hours in the Valley of Death" DVD                            | \$25.00       |       |
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