

SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

October 2007

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

Dear STFB Member,

The fall season is always a busy time here in Franklin, and once again STFB is involved in a number of upcoming events.

Franklin's Charge has been chosen to receive a portion of the proceeds from the 2007 Parade of Homes, which runs Oct. 13-28 here in Williamson County. As part of this arrangement, the organization must provide volunteers to staff the ticket and welcome areas. STFB has supplied a number of these volunteers, helping to turn their hours of service into much needed funds to help pay off Franklin's Charge's still sizable debt on the Eastern Flank property.

In November and December, there are a number of opportunities to participate as an STFB member. On November 3, you can join us as we tour the Triune Earthworks, a true Civil War gem. On November 8, you can attend our Annual Membership Meeting. Eric Jacobson will again be our speaker, and if you attended last year, you know he is not to be missed!

On November 30, STFB will be a part of the City of Franklin's Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin Memorial. I am sure we'll need STFB volunteers to help during the week before to assemble candle votives, and on the 30th also. Look for more information in next month's newsletter for these opportunities.

Finally, on December 1 and 2, plan on stopping by our STFB booth at the annual Civil War Show in Nashville.

Or, better yet, volunteer to help staff the booth and get to meet other like-minded folks who are interested in saving the Franklin Battlefield.

I look forward to seeing you at one, several or all of these upcoming events!

Joe Smyth

New & Renewing Members September 2007

Karen Arnsdorf	Chippewa Falls, WI
Gerald Bartig	Huntsville, AL
Chad, Amy & John Comer	Gamaliel, KY
George Dawes	Tomball, TX
Dennis Faught	Columbia, MO
Travis Faust	Germantown, WI
Sam Huffman	Brentwood, TN
Tom & Jackie Jenden	Nelson, NE
Kevin G Mason	APO, AE NY
Kevin Dean & Hayley Miller	Austin, TX
Carol Signett	Ferndale, WA
Jenece Waid	Spring Hill, TN
Greg Yackel	West St Paul, MN



Ferguson Hall Spring Hill, Tennessee

Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc., Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held at the historic home of Martin Cheairs, the 1863 headquarters of Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn, Confederate cavalry commander. Here, he was murdered by a jealous husband.

**STFB Annual Meeting
Ferguson Hall
5350 Main Street
Spring Hill, Tennessee
Thursday, November 8
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting & Speaker
\$30 per person - (Limited to 50)
Reservation and payment in advance only
Due by November 2, 2007 to:
STFB
P.O. Box 851
Franklin TN 37065-0851
For questions please call 615-480-9539**

Tour of Triune Reminder

On Saturday, November 3, STFB will give an extended tour of the Federal earthworks at Triune, Tennessee. The tour will be led again this year by Tennessee Wars Commission Director of Programs Fred Prouty. This year Fred will take us to see the more extensive sections we did not visit last year.

We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Triune Methodist Church, one mile north of the Highway 96 intersection on Nolensville Road (S.R. 31/41). We will then caravan to the site for a 10:30 a.m. start. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear, a day pack with water, snacks, or

a light lunch, and be prepared for mildly strenuous hiking, although a small portion of the earthworks can be viewed without much walking.

As always, this tour is open to the public and free for STFB members. Non-members are being asked for a donation, or better yet, to join up as members. For more information, please call the STFB office at (615) 500-6612.

An Evening with Mort Kunstler

On Friday, November 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association (TCWPA) will host "An Evening with Mort Kunstler" at Wilson Hall on the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. This event is being held in conjunction with the Nashville Civil War Show.

Mort Kunstler is America's pre-eminent Civil War artist, with hundreds of best-selling paintings and prints to his credit, in addition to authoring and co-authoring numerous books on his paintings and the war. He has been the subject of a documentary, and he has served as technical advisor to several popular films. This will be Mr. Kunstler's first appearance in Nashville at the annual Civil War Show.

The evening will include a reception, a presentation by the artist, and the opportunity to purchase his newly unveiled print, "*Order Out of Chaos: Nathan Bedford Forrest at Nashville, Tenn., February 22, 1862.*" TCWPA President Steve McDaniel notes, "This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Mr. Kunstler and learn about his work and his support for battlefield preservation."

The event is open to both TCWPA members and the general public. Admission is \$50 per person, tickets are available in advance only and seating is limited. Checks are payable to "TCWPA" and can be sent to PO Box 148535, Nashville, TN 37214-8535. Proceeds from the event will help support TCWPA's "Sites on Shiloh" campaign to purchase two privately-owned historic tracts of Shiloh battlefield.

The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association TCWPA is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, protecting, and interpreting Tennessee's Civil War battlefields for the benefit of present and future generations. For more information visit the TCWPA website at www.tcwpa.org.

Civil War Show & Sale

The 21st annual Civil War and Sale will be held on December 1-2 at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. This is the largest Civil War show in the U.S., with five huge halls and over 1,000 tables. STFB will be in attendance with our information and sutlery booth and display. We'd love to have your help in staffing it. The show is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Please call the STFB office at (615) 500-6612 to volunteer.

Eyewitnesses at the Battle of Perryville

David Logsdon has just released the sixth in a series of Civil War books compiled from eyewitness accounts of the battle's participants. The earlier books chronicle the battles at Ft. Donelson, Franklin, Nashville, Stones River, and Shiloh. *Eyewitnesses at the Battle of Perryville* tells the story of the Oct. 8, 1862 battle, in central Kentucky, through excerpts from letters, diaries, memoirs, etc. written by civilians and soldiers on both sides.

Perryville was the largest Civil War battle in Kentucky and was important because it kept Kentucky from leaving the Union to join the Confederacy. The all-day fighting was fierce as confused commanders on both sides often misdirected their forces and failed to press advantages. The battle was mostly a stalemate, but Braxton Bragg felt compelled to move his Confederate troops south for the next huge battle at Murfreesboro. Much of Logsdon's material for the book came from prominent local researchers, and from the Perryville Battlefield archives. If you enjoyed the earlier Logsdon books on Franklin and Nashville, you need to order this book from STFB \$12 plus \$3.95 S&H.

News in Review

Maury commissioner takes steps to preserve GM land
The Tennessean - 9/19/07

Thirty acres of Civil War battlefield land are destroyed every day, Maury County Commissioner Ty Cobb said, citing the Civil War Preservation Trust. It's motivated Cobb to seek support from county commissioners to buy 86 acres from General Motors. In his mind, about 30 acres of that land could be used for a new school and

to preserve the rest as Civil War battlefield. A consultant was in Maury County last week looking at ways to tie together battlefields and other historic sites for a Civil War heritage trail as part of the war's sesquicentennial. That could include "Jackson's Shortcut," a roadway Andrew Jackson used in 1814 on his way to the Battle of New Orleans.

Historical artifacts to be unveiled at County Archives

The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." - 9/28/07

A new collection of Civil War relics and other military and historical artifacts has been added to the Williamson County Archives and Museum. The new Battle Ground Academy Museum — a sectioned-off display within the larger museum — will be officially unveiled with fanfare on Sunday, September 30.

Plans start early for Battle of Franklin anniversary

Franklin Review Appeal - 10/3/07

The 2007 ceremony will take place at the eastern flank of the Battle of Franklin Park off Carnton Lane. With the Nov. 30 commemoration falling on a Friday, there is also an opportunity to chain up the activities to create a long weekend centered on Civil War history.

Civil War Calendar: Nov. 30

Nathan Bedford Forrest Seminar

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Seminar: "Nathan Bedford Forrest and Napoleonic Cavalry Tactics" with a tour of Thompson's Station battlefield. Michael Bradley: "Forrest's Escort Lonnie Maness - An Untutored Genius." The day includes commemorations of the Battle of Franklin and supper at Rippavilla.

Book Review

I'll Sting If I Can: The Life and Prison Letters of Major N. F. Cheairs, C.S.A
by Nathaniel Cheairs Hughes
The Civil War Courier - October 2007

Nathaniel F. Cheairs, 1818 -1914, whose Rippavilla farm played a role in the Spring Hill Affair, left us his "Personal Experiences in the War Between the States" as well as letters from two incarcerations in Yankee prisons and several interviews later in life — all utilized by Hughes in this book about his ancestor.

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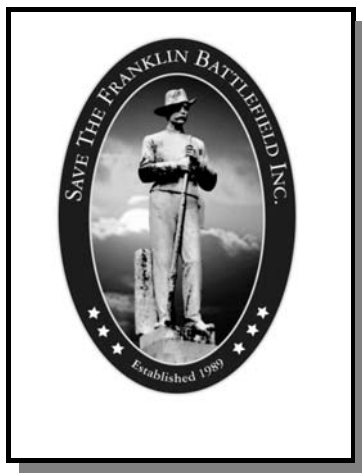
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