



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

President's Message

Over the past months, we have shared with you some exciting news about our efforts to save two open parcels of the Franklin Battlefield, both located just south of the Federal trench line. On November 30, 1864 these sites were witness to incredible courage and sacrifice as our fellow countrymen faced each other in brutal combat.

These sites deserve to be saved. I can tell you that at this moment, the STFB board is heavily engaged, working to make sure these parcels will soon be permanently preserved parcels of the Franklin Battlefield to be shared and studied by future generations rather than being lost as more subdivisions and developments. Of course, I know that it is only with your continued support that we together will be successful. Again, I thank you for being a part of this historic effort.

In the coming weeks, I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events you will read about in this Newsletter. As always, I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas for moving forward with the important work of preserving our heritage battlefields.

Lastly, if you have not had the opportunity to see the 10,000 candle Illumination at the Confederate Cemetery, you need to come to Franklin Saturday Nov 20 to be part of the project and witness this spectacular ceremony.

Mike Walker - President

New & Renewing Members October 2010

Robert B Boyda	Highland Heights, OH
Chad Comer	Gamaliel, KY
Jim & Ellen Coulter	Pittsfield, MA
North Worchester CWRT	Athol, MA
Thomas Dodson	McDonough, GA
David & Diane Hundt	Franklin, TN
Chris Kolakowski	Perryville, KY
The Civil War News	Tunbridge, VT
Mike Morrow	Athens, AL
Mary Ann Peckham	Reliance, TN
Palmeto Soldiers Relief	Sumter, SC
Jeff Rector	Columbia, TN
Glenn Rieuf Jr	Franklin, TN
Kathleen L Sauseda	Franklin, TN
John P Shoptaw	Mena, AR
Pam & Herschell Smith III	Celebration, FL
Larry Wack	Thompsons Station, TN
Dr Van West	Murfreesboro, TN
Ken & Brenda Williams	Nolensville, TN
Greg Yackel	West St Paul, MN

STFB Annual Meeting & Dinner Thursday, December 2, 2010

It's time to make your reservation for the 2010 Dinner & Annual Meeting of Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc. The event will be held Thursday, December 2, 2010 at Historic St Pauls Episcopal Church in Franklin – 510 West Main Street.

We plan to gather in Otey Hall at 6:00 PM with a full dinner buffet at 6:30 PM. A short business meeting will begin right after dinner followed by our speaker, Thomas Flagel. Mr Flagel is a history instructor at Columbia State Community College in Franklin and will speak on *"The vitality of historic preservation"*.

The business meeting will include a review of STFB 2010 activities and the status of the project to acquire two battlefield parcels near Collins Farm. New Board Members will be elected to replace the outgoing class.

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person with payment in advance no later than Monday November 25th. Our seating is limited to 50 so please get your check in early to:

STFB
PO Box 851
Franklin, TN 37065

If you have questions, call Sam Huffman at 615-480-9539 See you there.

Battle of Franklin Illumination Saturday, November 20 Volunteers Needed and Welcome



In conjunction with Blue & Gray Days, the City of Franklin Battlefield Commission is again sponsoring the Battle of Franklin Illumination near the Confederate Cemetery. This is the fifth year the Illumination has been staged for the visiting public, and the second time in the large 4-acre open field south of the Cemetery. The display calls public attention to the memory and sacrifice of nearly 10,000 American soldiers, North and South, who became casualties during the five-hour Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. The idea is to light a luminary for every one of those 10,000 soldiers.

Volunteers need to be on-site at **1:00 PM Saturday**, Nov 20 to place and light the 10,000 luminaries. We need 100 volunteers to join in the project. If you are not registered, you are still welcome to come be a part of this important community project.

Volunteers are also needed at **9:00 AM Friday** Nov 19th to paint the dot grid for the display. A volunteer surveying crew will outline the grid beforehand so that

40-50 volunteers using paint-cans-on-a-stick can quickly make the 10,000 dots.

This dot grid is crucial to creating the spectacular rank-and-file appearance of the Illumination field. The dots also greatly hasten the accurate placement of the luminaries.

Family groups, school groups, and Boy/Girl Scout groups are encouraged to take part. Some schools allow service credit for student participants

After set-up and lighting are completed at dusk, a commemorative ceremony will be held in the Cemetery, including period band music and speakers. The Illumination display field will remain intact for a period of reflection and photographs.

Around 6:00 PM the volunteers will extinguish the candles, gather the luminaries they set out, disassemble them, and pack the candle blocks in preparation for next year's event. The paper bags will be collected for recycling. We will finish before 7:30 PM

For event information, and to register as a volunteer for either/both days, call Amanda Hall at 615-550-6737 or email Amanda.Hall@FranklinTN.gov

Email links for volunteer sign-up, and links to the City's Illumination page can also be found at www.BOFILLUMINATION.ORG

Visit Blue & Gray Days November 19-21, 2010

The Battle of Franklin Trust is again sponsoring Blue & Gray Days at Carnton Plantation November 19-21. The event is a festival celebrating the arts, crafts, and people of the Civil War era. Hundreds of school children are scheduled at the event on Friday November 19 with school field trips. Re-enactors and historic artisans will do public demonstrations of the chores and activities of daily life during the Civil War era.

For a detailed schedule of events, hours of operation, and ticket prices, see www.battleoffranklintrust.org or call the Carnton Plantation office at 615-794-0903

Dick Simpson Campaigns For Franklin In New Jersey

Our old friend Dick Simpson has opened his fall campaign over east to tell the world about the Battle of Franklin and the preservation efforts now underway. He recently presented his lecture *“The Forgotten Battle of Franklin”* to the Cape May County CWRT in Cape May Court House, New Jersey. The group’s President Andy Lolli arranged for a \$100 donation to be made through Dick to the battlefield preservation efforts here in Franklin.

Dick visited Franklin for the first time in May 2003. As an already experienced speaker on the CWRT circuit, he quickly developed a Franklin lecture knowing it would be new material for many groups east of the Alleghenies. He also recently revisited Franklin to update his slide set and get the latest preservation news.

Our big STFB ‘thank you’ goes to Dick for his steadfast commitment to being a part of Franklin’s preservation efforts.

Civil War Show December 4-5 at Williamson County Ag Center

The Mike Kent Civil War Show has moved from the Tennessee State Fairgrounds in Nashville to the **Williamson County Ag center in historic Franklin** at Peytonsville Road Exit 61 on I-65. Hours Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 9-3

The new location holds over 1,000 tables under one roof with 15 acres of free parking. There are several top line hotels and restaurants in the neighborhood and all are near interstate I-65. STFB will have our regular booth at the show and we invite all members and prospective members to stop by and say hello and get the latest news. Contact MLKShows@yahoo.com or 770-630-7296

News In Review November 2010.

NPS Awards \$3 Million To Preserve 5 Battlefields—*Civil War News*, November 2010 —
WASHINGTON, DC — The national Park Service recently awarded more than \$3 million in grants for easements and land acquisition at five endangered Civil War battlefields. The grants were from Land and Water

Conservation Fund (LWCF) monies administered by the Park Service’s American Battlefield Protection Program. The matching fund grant awards are: Spring Hill Battlefield, TN., \$1.9 million; Franklin Battlefield, TN., \$492,000; Cold Harbor Battlefield, VA, \$203,000; and Richmond Battlefield, KY, \$29,500.

Civil War event a big to-do — *The Tennessean* — 11/7/10 — Nashville — this kickoff for the 150th Commemoration of the Civil War is the precursor to five years of focus on the Civil War in Tennessee. At the Bicentennial Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, you’ll find encampments, interpreters, flag presentations, music, battle reenactments and firearms demonstrations, plus the opening of the new “Tennessee Struggle for the Heartland 1861-1865” exhibit. The Tennessee State Museum will show off one of the largest Civil War collections in the nation, plus photographs and artifacts that are not usually on display. In War Memorial Auditorium starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, you can hear Civil War experts, including Carroll Van West, Carol Bucy, Tim Johnson, Sam Davis Elliot and author Robert Hicks.

Land Trust of Tennessee to receive Preservation Honor Award from National Trust for Historic Preservation — *Williamson Herald e-news* — 10/18/10 — FRANKLIN — The National Trust for Historic Preservation presented its Preservation Honor Award to The Land Trust for Tennessee, with several Williamson County residents also being recognized for their work with the organization. The award was presented to Jean Nelson, president of The Land Trust of Tennessee, at the National Preservation Awards ceremony in Austin, Texas, on Friday, Oct. 29. Co-recipients were Williamson County residents W. Ridley Wills, board member of The Land Trust and historian and former board member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; Irene Wills, conservation easement donor of an historic landscape; and Julian Bibb, well-recognized preservationist and former board member of The Land Trust for Tennessee.

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