



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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Dedicated to the Preservation, Protection, and Promotion of
Civil War sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

President's Message

In this newsletter we share a number of ways that you can take action to commemorate the Battle of Franklin and Civil War History in Tennessee.

Learn how you can show your support for a Battle of Franklin Commemorative Stamp by signing a petition and sharing it with others. You can both commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial and contribute to Civil War site preservation in Tennessee by sending in a check for your Tennessee Civil War License plate.

Our friends at TCWPA.ORG have worked long and hard to make this plate a success and we are excited to see it almost here. Also, we have news on a fundraising campaign for the much needed restoration of markers at the McGavock Confederate Cemetery.

Finally, we invite you to join us for a work day (actually just a few hours) at the newly acquired Loring's Advance parcel. This is a great opportunity for those who want to help preserve an important part of the Franklin battlefield but don't have much available time to make a real difference as we work towards making the site more visitor- friendly.

We also have long awaited news on the 2012 Battle of Franklin reenactment planned for November 2-3. Lots of action and opportunities for you to join in!

Mike Walker – President

New & Renewing Members June 2012

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PETITION

For A

Battle of Franklin Postage Stamp

The Postal Service is commemorating the sesquicentennial of the war with two Civil War

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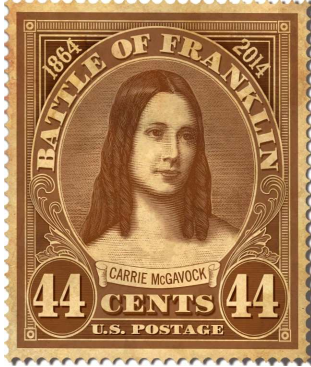
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stamp designs each year through 2015. State and city leaders believe Franklin should be one of those designs. The Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and Franklin's Charge, Inc are leading an effort to obtain the issuance of one or more U.S. Postage Stamps commemorating the 1864 Battle of Franklin. They ask your support and help to petition the Post Office Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to approve such a stamp. The Postal Service does the design of the actual stamp. This graphic is meant to show the general concept for a Battle of Franklin stamp.



STFB is directly supporting this petition drive and asks your immediate assistance. You can print copies of the PETITION at www.franklin-stfb.org We suggest that you have family and friends sign the petition as well as the members of historical groups you may visit. Also, forward copies to your email list with a request to join the effort to have a Battle of Franklin Postage Stamp.

Anyone, anywhere is welcome to sign the petition. We encourage you to return the signed PETITIONS to STFB as you gather signatures with however many signatures you have. Don't wait until you fill all your sheets. The goal is to collect 10,000 signatures for submission to the Post Office Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee. We greatly appreciate your help with this project.

Battle of Franklin 148th Anniversary Friday & Saturday – November 2-3, 2012 Confederate and Union Soldiers Wanted

This year's event will be sponsored by the Battle of Franklin Trust and will be held on the grounds of the Carnton Plantation on Friday and Saturday November 2 & 3. Camping is available on the Carter House grounds Thursday through Saturday nights. Camp set up begins Thursday noon to 4:30 PM. The camps are open to the public 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Friday and 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday

A Battle of Franklin reenactment is planned for

Saturday at 12:00 NOON on the grounds of Carnton Plantation. This is a non-cavalry event and artillery is limited – so call for details. There is NO REGISTRATION FEE but you must register -- firewood and restroom facilities are provided.

Please sign up by October 1, 2012 with Bobby Hargrove bthargrove123@aol.com phone 615-794-6179 or Robert Huff rghuff123@aol.com

Audio Tour of Franklin Historic Parks Now Available

The Franklin Parks Department and the Franklin Battlefield Commission have announced a new cell phone Audio Tour of eight Franklin City Parks. The self guided audio tour features Historic Franklin Park Sites that were impacted by the Battle of Franklin during the Civil War.

The audio tour features small signs at 11 visitor stops in the parks that provide a phone number 615-216-1597 to access the audio segment for that stop. The signs also provide some background information about the site and a QR code for access to the tour web site and audio segments by your smart phone. The audio tour is free but your normal phone usage charges still apply.

The City Parks included in the audio tour are Collins Farm, Winstead Hill, the Assault on the Cotton Gin, Rest Haven Cemetery, City Cemetery, the Park at Harlensdale Farm, Fort Granger-Ropers Knob, and Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. Some of the parks have more than one stop. Local volunteers wrote the scripts and recorded the audio segments that begin with an brief introduction of the speaker. Each stop also provides a Spanish version of the audio material.

Stop #1 is an overview of the Battle of Franklin that provides a context for the other tour stops. Each stop also provides driving instructions to next stop on the tour. A printable tour brochure is available at www.franklintn.gov/parks The tour brochure and phone number are available 24/7. Check it out.

Work Day Planned For Lorings Advance

The STFB Board is planning a work day to clean up brush piles on the Lorings Advance property that STFB and Civil War Trust purchased last November. The half dozen or so brush piles of dead limbs and

undergrowth came with the property and prevent the mowing of sizeable areas of the open field. This 5-acre parcel witnessed Loring's and Walthall's forces come under heavy musket and artillery fire as they closed on the eastern half of Federal trench line.

The actual work date hasn't been set yet but will be in the next few weeks. Watch the STFB web site and STFB emails for the date announcement. We plan to gather on a Saturday morning at 9:00 AM and should finish within two hours. We will need volunteers to cut up and load the brush onto pickups and trailers, and to dispose of it. Watch for details.

Civil War, Model & Toy Soldier Show July 28th at Travellers Rest

The Battle of Nashville Preservation Society (BONPS) is sponsoring this event for kids of all ages at Travellers Rest Plantation 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday, July 28. Travellers Rest is located at 636 Farrell Parkway, Nashville TN 37220. The model categories are:

American Civil War Infantry – Blue and Gray
American Civil War – Mounted or Artillery
Dioramas – Open and Any Era
Toy Soldier Collection- Any Era
Open – All Other Eras and categories

Judging and awards will begin at 1:00 PM. There is a \$5 admission fee for ages 15 and older and an exhibitors \$10 fee for ages 15 and older. Admission and Exhibitors fees are waived for kids under 15. BONPS President Phillip Duer says this show is a wonderful way to attract younger kids to our Civil War history, and is one of several continuing BONPS projects to present Civil War history to kids in an interesting way.

For more information and Exhibitor Registration, see www.bonps.org

\$50,000 Fundraiser Announced for McGavock Confederate Cemetery

The McGavock Confederate Cemetery, the largest private Confederate cemetery in the nation, is the resting place for some 1,500 Confederate soldiers who died at the Battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864. The ravages of time and the great number of visitors to the cemetery have taken their toll on the grave markers and monuments.

In order to repair these stones and restore the appearance of the cemetery, the McGavock Confederate Cemetery Corporation and Franklin Chapter # 14, United Daughters of the Confederacy have launched a \$50,000 fund-raising campaign. For further information and how to donate to this important project, contact Nancy Bassett nancyb@biblical-museum.org

News In Review July 2012

Confederate cemetery story has a new chapter — Battle of Franklin Trust *Battlefield Dispatch* — June 2012 — FRANKLIN — Jean Kendall, great-great granddaughter of Polk Cuppet, one of the men who helped with the reburial of the Confederate dead in 1866, has been conducting research on the family for several years. On a recent visit to Franklin, she and other family members shared with the Trust staff copies of Polk's diary kept during the reinterment and letters to Polk from John McGavock and others in Franklin.

Trune: Preacher brings Civil War to life — *The Tennessean* – Franklin Review Appeal — 6/20/12 — FRANKLIN — The Rev. Alan Cory, a historian and storyteller, presented an account of the Battle of Franklin to members of the Triune Neighborhood Watch and Community Club. Later this month and then on the fourth Sunday in the months ahead, you can find Cory in Triune at King's Chapel, circa 1804, conducting a reenactment of turn-of-the century preaching. Services are at 11:00 a.m.

New conservation zone expands battlefield — *The Tennessean* — 7/1/12 — FRANKLIN — Rod Heller, a Washington, D.C., attorney and a descendent of the McGavock family, and his wife Kay have donated a conservation easement on their historic home known as Windermere to the Land Trust for Tennessee, a state land conservation group. The easement will legally prevent the Windermere property from ever being developed, even if the land is sold. The donation is a boon for both state green space preservationists and local historians, who see the property's value to the city's overall story and as a possible draw for tourists. The Hellers' 40-acre donation brings the total to around 200 acres that is now preserved near historic Carnton Plantation, including the former country club golf course. It is now the city's Eastern Flank of the Battle of Franklin Park.

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QTY	Item	Price	Total
	Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)		
	Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)		
	“Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville” ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
	“Heading Back Home” DVD the story of Franklin’s Unknown Soldier Burial	\$25.00	
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