



# 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

The year is nearly half gone and our preservation efforts continue forward. Someone once said our efforts are not a destination, but a journey. One that we hope will allow us to preserve as many of the Civil War sites in Williamson County as humanly possible.

If you weren't among those present for the interpretation of the Incident at Fort Granger, presented at Fort Granger on Saturday, June 8, you missed an excellent presentation of an historical event. Plans are to make this an annual event, so look for it again next year and don't miss Blue-Gray days activities scheduled for November 8-9.

There is activity in the Franklin area as regards a threat to Battle Field property. We ask that you remain cognizant of the activities by developers as they seek a zoning change of the property at Columbia Avenue and Fairgrounds Street. Please lend your support to convince the Franklin Planning Commission that you are not in favor of the rezoning of the property that was the site of the Federal Forward Line.

STFB will soon be accessible via our Facebook page in the coming days. Friend us to be among the first to know about STFB activities.

Thanks to all for your continued support.

Dan Mora – President

## New & Renewing Members May 2013

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Michael Skinner	Franklin, TN
Tenn Preservation Trust	Nashville, TN
Dr Chris Wilkerson	Herat, Afghanistan

## Register Now for Blue Gray Days November 8 and 9, 2013

Franklin's Blue-Gray days will be held at Historic Carnton Plantation on November 8 and 9, 2013. Living history days and related events to be Friday and Saturday. The annual battle re-enactment to commemorate the 149th Battle Anniversary will be on Saturday, November 9 at 1:00 pm. You can register with an email to [bthargrove123@aol.com](mailto:bthargrove123@aol.com) or [rgghuff123@aol.com](mailto:rgghuff123@aol.com) There is no registration fee. Calvary and Artillery are limited so register now for a reserved spot.

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## Rezoning Request Threatens Battlefield We Need Your Help

Developer Daniel Woods is asking the city to rezone the property that currently houses the Columbia Avenue Power Spray Car Wash at 1416 Columbia Avenue. This property is just on the Confederate side of the Federal Advanced Line that is identified by a historical marker placed by STFB and the Salt Creek CWRT of Chicago. The property is considered historically significant because the first close-contact fighting at the Battle of Franklin began here.

Woods' rezoning request asks to build 7 two-story townhouses on the .39 acres. The rezoning will increase the market value of the property and quite likely start a cascade of similar rezoning requests along Columbia Avenue – making future reclamation efforts on Columbia Avenue all that more expensive.

STFB, other local preservation groups and the Civil War Trust all feel the zoning should stay as it is and any development of this property should conform to the existing zoning. This rezoning request will be presented to the full Planning Commission on **Thursday, July 25 at 7:00 PM** at City Hall on the Square. Please **plan to be there** to show your support for battlefield preservation. If the rezoning request were approved, the issue would then go before the full Board of Mayor and Aldermen for consideration.

A [2005 Survey](#) of 400 Franklin Voters sponsored by the Civil War Trust reported that three-fourths of those surveyed wanted the City to directly support Civil War Battlefield Preservation. The Planning Commission is the City's first-tier of defense to avoid projects that create even greater threats to our battlefield.

[Blue, Gray & Green: The Economic and Tourism Benefits of Battlefield Preservation](#) is another very important recent study by the CWT that documents the beneficial impact that battlefield tourism brings to local business, employment, and tax collections.

These two reports are available at the STFB web Site: <http://www.franklin-stfb.org/preservation.htm> and provide many insights why we must continue to preserve the Franklin Battlefield.

For now, we need for you to **contact the Franklin Planning Commission** and the Franklin Planning

Department to ask they not approve this rezoning request. You should contact Mike Hathaway and then copy Catherine Powers – Planning/Sustainability Manager at [catherine.powers@franklintn.gov](mailto:catherine.powers@franklintn.gov)

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If you can possibly be there, **we really need for you to simply attend** the Planning Commission meeting July 25 at 7:00 PM. That would help us greatly.

### Group Tours Franklin Battlefield



On a beautiful spring afternoon, 34 members of the LOGS (Life Only Gets Sweeter) group of the Concord Road Church of Christ in Brentwood TN were led on a tour of the Franklin Battlefield conducted by STFB Secretary Sam Gant and Board member Mike Walker. The group visited Winstead Hill, Carter House, McGavock Confederate Cemetery, Rest Haven Cemetery, and Fort Granger. After the tour, the group dined at Dodson's. Many commented on the informative and pleasurable tour.

### Latest No Paper STFB Member Deploys to Afghanistan

We recently heard from Dr Chris Wilkerson that we

should stop mailing his paper newsletter to his former Nashville address and send it by email only.

It turns out that Chris has deployed to Camp Zafar in Herat, (Western) Afghanistan with Marine Special Operation Team (MSOT) 8221.



Chris (on left) reports that he is working with Afghan nationals and ANA soldiers rebuilding the infrastructure of this war-torn nation. They are constructing roads, streets, housing, utilities and military base improvements for long term safety and security. The program employs over 600 local workers and provides over 1,200 daily meals to Afghans who otherwise would not have food or employment. It is very important work and we all thank Chris for his service and wish him well.

The STFB Board encourages all STFB members to sign up at the STFB website to receive only the email version of the monthly newsletter. It saves printing and postage that can then be used to buy dirt.

## News In Review June 2013

**Cost of driveway for Civil War park keeps climbing — *The Tennessean-Williamson A.M.* — 5/21/13 — FRANKLIN** — After a paperwork error earlier this year meant Franklin had to fork over an additional \$60,000 on the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park project. Franklin city officials must now spend more than \$180,000 on new dirt work for use in construction of the new driveway off Lewisburg Pike. The 110-acre park, which is a former golf course, commemorates the Battle of Franklin and the city's ties to the Civil War.

**Confederate captain's unmarked grave confirmed in Spring Hill Cemetery — *The Tennessean-Williamson A.M.* — 5/26/13 — FRANKLIN** — Local Civil War historians have long known how and where Confederate Capt. Samuel L. Freeman died at the hands of his Northern captors, but what happened to his body after that has long been a mystery. That is until a few months ago, when Andrew Sherriff, a historian at Rippavilla Plantation in Spring Hill, ran across an archived Aug. 23, 1866, article from the Republican Banner explaining where Freeman's body was taken along with other unknown Civil War soldiers.

On June 1, a monument was dedicated to Freeman in Spring Hill Cemetery, where the article confirmed he was buried in 1863.

**New condo plan faces harsh criticism — *The Tennessean-Williamson A.M.* — 5/28/13 — FRANKLIN** — Facing opposition from battlefield reclamation advocates and others, the potential developer of new Columbia Avenue condominiums says he'll pursue adding a new office/retail development on his property if city officials reject his housing plans. Landscape architect Daniel Woods wants city approval to eventually build seven, two-story condominiums at 1416 Columbia Ave., which is less than half-an-acre. Today, that property is the now-closed Columbia Avenue Power Spray Car Wash. If he gets approval, Woods would build brownstone-style condos and price them at around \$200,000 each to give residents of moderate means a chance to live near downtown Franklin. But Civil War battlefield advocates criticize his plans, and contend Woods shouldn't redevelop the property because the land was the scene of some of the first casualties Nov. 30, 1864, at the Battle of Franklin.

**Green space could become large park — *The Tennessean-Williamson A.M.* — 6/14/13 — THOMPSON'S STATION** — Town officials voted to pursue the purchase of 104 acres of farmland in the heart of Thompson's Station for public green space. The property is along Thompson's Station Road West, north of the Town Hall, and comprises much of the scenic vista behind the landmark red caboos. The town hopes to finalize its purchase after the start of the new fiscal year in July, Mayor Corey Napier said. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to make a \$1.15 million offer on the property, which has been appraised at more than \$1.2 million. (Editor's Note: The property is the site of the Battle of Thompson's Station)

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	Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)		
	Donation: <b>Marker Fund</b> ~ <b>Land Purchase</b> (circle one)		
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
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