



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

September 2013

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

## President's Message

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Anniversary events are being held all around our area as significant dates for Civil War Battles near. Franklin is no exception. This year will be the 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. Look for more info inside on Blue Gray Days in Franklin to commemorate this event.

Interest in rezoning property on the Battlefield is still ongoing by developers. Please stay aware of this and support our efforts to oppose the rezoning of property on the Battlefield. Your board continues to seek out properties that can be reasonably acquired in order to continue to grow our Battlefield Parks.

Speaking of which, STFB is planning a tour of the most pristine acquisition of our battlefield. See the article below for the time and date and be sure to tell all of your friends to come with you to see and learn about this property.

It is nearing the time for our Annual Meeting and dinner that are open to all of our members and visitors. You should soon receive a mailed invitation to the dinner.

Thanks for your continued support to STFB and be sure to visit our Facebook page (Save the Franklin Battlefield) so that you can stay current on upcoming events.

Best Regards

Dan Mora – President

## New & Renewing Members August 2013

Ed Bears	Arlington, VA
Angela Calhoun	Franklin, TN
The Carter House	Franklin, TN
Jim & Ellen Coulter	Pittsfield, MA
Brandywine Valley CWRT	West Chester, PA
Cape May County CWRT	Del Haven, NJ
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Howard & Kathy Reich	Thousand Oaks, CA
Alice Richardson	Central Point, OR
Pam & Herschel Smith III	Celebration, FL
19 <sup>th</sup> Virginia Vol Inf	Monroe Twp, NJ

## STFB Annual Meeting & Dinner Thursday, November 14, 2013

The Annual Membership Meeting of Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc. will be held Thursday, November 14, 2013 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Otey Hall, in Franklin.

We plan to gather at 6:00 p.m. with a full dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m. A short business meeting will begin immediately after dinner, followed by our speaker, Brian Allison, a Nashville native and

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graduate of Austin Peay State University who has served on the staff of the historic Carnton Plantation and most recently as curator of Traveler's Rest. Brian will speak on, "Quarles' Brigade at the Battles of Franklin and Nashville." In the Battle of Franklin, Quarles' Brigade, as part of Walthall's Division, advanced across the Loring's Advance property before engaging the Federal trench line.

The business meeting will include the election of Board Members and a review of STFB activities. The meeting also will include the presentation of STFB's *Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award* to a local resident who has provided invaluable service to battlefield preservation.

The dinner is \$25.00 per person with payment in advance no later than Friday, November 8. Our seating is limited to 40 so please get your check in early to:

STFB  
PO Box 851  
Franklin, TN 37065

Call Sam Huffman at 615-480-9539 with questions.

## Public Tour of Lorings Advance Saturday, Oct 12 – 10:00 AM

STFB members and the general public are invited to a special tour the 5-acre battlefield parcel of Lorings Advance. This important part of the Franklin Battlefield is being protected with funds from the Civil War Trust, the National Parks system, and STFB. Few Civil War enthusiasts have seen this open ground in the middle of Franklin because it has been landlocked for years and has no public access as of yet.



**The 5-acre Lorings Advance battlefield parcel is important to telling the Battle of Franklin story and to connecting preserved portions of the battlefield**

The Lorings Advance property is open to the public only when we schedule a special tour like this. We are

certain that those who have closely followed the many preservation efforts here in Franklin will be thrilled to finally view the important terrain of this open 5 acres, and will quickly see how it can add to our collective understanding of the Battle of Franklin.

Eric Jacobson, Executive Director of the Battle of Franklin Trust, will lead the tour. He has authored "*For Cause and Country: A study of the Affair At Spring Hill & the Battle of Franklin*" and "*Baptism of Fire – The 44<sup>th</sup> Missouri, 175<sup>th</sup> Ohio, and 183<sup>rd</sup> Ohio at the Battle of Franklin*" among other books. With his extensive research of the eastern flank battlefield, he will tell of the determined and heroic soldiers, mostly of Loring's and Walthall's divisions, who crossed this ground under punishing fire to reach the Federal trench line. Maps will be provided.

Our Annual Meeting speaker, Brian Allison, also plans to speak on Quarles' Brigade of Walthall's Division so the Loring's Advance tour gives you an opportunity to see where Quarles' attack occurred on the battlefield.

**Parking** - Please remember that we will have to cross private property to reach the Lorings Advance parcel, and we do so only with special permission beforehand. If you park on Adams Street, you can walk to the tour using the driveway at 1319 Adams.

We also have arranged permission to park at the Williamson County Insulation Company at the east end of Meadowlawn Drive and to use a gate behind 319 Meadowlawn (red house) just across the street.

## BOMA Votes for Public Hearing on Car Wash Rezoning

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, the Franklin Board of Mayor and Alderman voted 5-3 during the first reading of a rezoning ordinance to approve a public hearing that could allow a controversial development to be constructed at 1416 Columbia Avenue, the car wash site at Fairground Street. This is the apex of the Federal forward line where the Confederate assault first crashed into the entrenched enemy.

The BOMA public hearing is scheduled for October 8 at 7:00 p.m. The developer will request rezoning that will permit building up to seven units of two-story townhouses.

STFB and other groups will speak against the rezoning request and ask that any development of the car wash

property be done within the current zoning classification. Our concern is that if this property is rezoned, this will lead other Columbia Avenue property owners to make similar rezoning requests. The result would be a heavier development density that would completely change the appearance of Columbia Avenue and would make future preservation projects in that area of the battlefield all the more expensive.

We need for our local STFB members to attend the October 8 meeting to show your solidarity with the STFB effort. You should also contact your Franklin Alderman to voice your opposition to this rezoning.

### It's Here, It's Here – October 1



The much-anticipated Tennessee Civil War specialty license plate will be available at your County Clerk's office beginning October 1, 2013. Those who pre-ordered a plate should soon **receive a letter from the State Revenue Office**. **After Oct 1**, they should take their old registration and plate plus a current Emission Test Certificate to their County Clerk's Office to get their plate. Some Clerks offices will have extra regular Civil War plates for walk-in customers **who did not pre-order** and who will thus need to pay the \$35 fee. But call first and check for availability. Those who pre-ordered a **Personalized plate will receive their letters in late October**.

**No need to wait** – Once your County Clerk has the new Civil War plates in house, **you do not have to wait** until your normal renewal date to get **your** Civil War plate on **your** vehicle. You can get the new plate any time after October 1. You will pay a full-year registration and the unused portion of your current plate will be subtracted from that full-year price of your new Civil War plate. Your new Civil War plate will then be good for a full year.

The money raised by this license plate will go to the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association for preservation projects across the state. When you get your plate, you will be directly aiding battlefield

preservation efforts in Tennessee **and** you will be advertising the Civil War plate to everyone who follows your vehicle. Pick up your plate in October. It's important.

### American Icon Ed Bearss visits the Lotz House and Franklin Battlefield

The Franklin Civil War Round Table presented the Country Supper and Twilight Tour of the Battle of Franklin featuring American icon, Ed Bearss at the Lotz House Civil War House Museum. More than 150 guests were treated to this once in a lifetime evening where Ed Bearss, Purple Heart WW II Marine and Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service, served as not only the guest speaker, but led a twilight tour of the Battle of Franklin.



#### Ed Bearss describes the fighting at the Cotton Gin Park

Ed spoke briefly at the Cotton Gin Park and then led the group across Columbia Pike to the Carter House Garden area, and then to the Carter House grounds. J.T. Thompson, Exec. Dir. of the Lotz House Foundation hosted the event and shared exciting news of the discovery of a mini ball that very morning – evidence of the significance of this heavily visited and beloved property. Mr Bearss was also presented with a solid shot cannonball that was found on the battlefield.

### News in Review September 2013

**Past may haunt project— The Tennessean— Williamson A.M. — 9/6/13 — FRANKLIN —** Daniel Woods wants the .39-acre parcel of land at 1416 Columbia Ave. rezoned from commercial district to residential variety district. However, that idea hasn't drawn much traction. Local historic preservation groups are opposing the plan because the property is where some of the earliest fighting occurred in the Battle of Franklin



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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

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QTY	Item	Price	Total
	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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	"Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Perryville" ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
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