



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

## Dear STFB member—

Welcome to our special “Forty for Franklin: Preservation March 2003” issue. As you may know, this is Save The Franklin Battlefield’s major fundraising event for the year. You can read the details on it throughout this newsletter. Through the preservation zeal of STFB Vice President David Fraley and the committed efforts of a number of like-minded reenactors, the event is now in its third year.

If you only donate once a year to STFB, or if you have been meaning to, but haven’t found the occasion, now is the time! Your gift is completely tax-deductible and every bit of the money goes towards paying off the bank note on Collins’ Farm...3-plus acres of core battlefield at Franklin that will *never* be developed. We read about the defeats in Franklin—the County Library and the planned development along Columbia Pike, but here is a victory that points the way to a future Franklin Battlefield.

Victories do not come cheap, however, especially for small non-profit groups such as Save The Franklin Battlefield. We need your help, and we thank you for the help you have given in the past. Please consider sponsoring one or more of our marchers with your most generous donation.

Our marching reenactors, with their blood, sweat, blisters, and tears, call us to remember the brave men, both North and South, who gave their own blood, sweat, blisters, and tears here on a late-fall afternoon in 1864, and the very reason for Saving The Franklin Battlefield.

Very sincerely yours,

Joe Smyth  
President

## FORTY FOR FRANKLIN - 2003: Reenactors to March for Battlefield Preservation at Franklin, Tennessee

On November 7th & 8th, 2003, twenty-one Confederate and Federal reenactors will be marching “Forty for Franklin” to help Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc. The twenty-one uniformed reenactors will be marching 40 miles over two days to raise funds to help retire the debt on the Collins’ Farm in Franklin.

Collins’ Farm is an important 3.22 acres of core battlefield Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc. (STFB) purchased in June 2001 to preserve as open battlefield land. This land is on the extreme Confederate right/Federal left of the Franklin battlefield and was the ground General W. W. Loring’s Division passed over as they climbed the railroad embankment and got entangled in the osage orange *abatis* in front of the Federal trenches. It was this ground of which Lieutenant William H. Berryhill of the 43rd Mississippi lamented, “I cannot see how any human being could live two moments in such a place.”

The main part of the Collins Farm house is most probably the original wartime structure and was used as a hospital for many Confederate wounded who were brought to the house for treatment. The dug well south of the house is no longer used but it is mentioned in wartime letters as providing water for the wounded. Several Confederate dead were buried in the garden east of the house until they were removed to the McGavock Confederate Cemetery in the spring of 1866.

Each of the twenty-one reenactors will represent one of the Union and Confederate states that had regiments engaged at the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. The Confederate states represented are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. The Federal states represented are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

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The twenty-one uniformed reenactors' march will march 40 miles over two days departing from McCains, just south of Columbia in Maury County, on Friday and arrive at Collins Farm, 40 miles later, on Saturday afternoon. They will camp at Rippavilla Plantation on Friday night. This year, observers and supporters can join the reenactors for a designated segment of the march in Columbia, Spring Hill, and Franklin. The Franklin public segment will cover the two miles from Winstead Hill Park to Collins Farm on Lewisburg Pike. The public march segments for Columbia and Spring Hill will be announced later.

STFB is encouraging groups and the general public to sponsor the reenactor representing the state of their choice on a "per mile" basis. The donations are completely tax-deductible and can be sent to: STFB, PO Box 851, Franklin, TN 37065-0851 please note which states you are supporting in the memo line of your check or visit our website at [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org). This year's march will mark the third consecutive year that the Save The Franklin Battlefield has sponsored such an event, with previous years' marches raising \$12,700 and 16,300.

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## 140th Anniversary Battle of Franklin Reenactment

One hundred-forty years after the Battle of Franklin, men clad in butternut and in blue will once again march across the hills and fields a few miles from Franklin, and the roar of cannon and the sharp crack of rifle fire will echo over the countryside. These men will commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin with a massive reenactment of the Battle. On the two days before the Battle of Franklin event, the battles of Thompson's Station and of Spring Hill will be reenacted to provide three excitement-filled days of Civil War action. During October 1-3, 2004, more than 10,000 reenactors from both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line will stage the events, which are expected to draw an audience from all over Tennessee and from many surrounding states. The Battle of Franklin, the Spring Hill and the Thompson's Station reenactments will be sponsored by the Civil War Courier and Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc.

## From The Mouth of A Marcher...

Fellow members, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Forty for Franklin" March is upon us! This year we will have a minimum of 21 reenactors who will trudge shoulder to shoulder northward a total of 40 long miles up Tennessee Highway 31. As in the previous two years, our mission is to solicit mile-by-mile pledges to help pay off Collins' Farm, the portion of the Franklin Battlefield that Save The Franklin Battlefield reclaimed two years ago. Will you please help us in this endeavor? My marchers and I will do the hardest part, if you will please sponsor one or more of us on a per-mile basis.

In addition, please consider coming out to cheer us on! We will commence our journey at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at McCain's Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Highway 31, roughly 5 miles south of Columbia, Tennessee. We will be stopping at the Columbia town square later that morning, and will certainly be making many other rest and/or "meet the public" stops along the route also. I will be carrying a cell phone (615-500-6612) and can be reached for specific times and places we'll be stopping, as well as for progress reports both days. On Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> we will continue our journey from Rippavilla Plantation northward to Franklin, arriving at Winstead Hill around 2:00 p.m. From this point to The Carter House (2 miles), the march will be open to the public. Please come meet us and be a part of this! This is a great cause, it's good exercise, and above all, it provides an excellent opportunity to remember what brave Americans endured for their beliefs along this very route in 1864!

Please keep us in your prayers.  
Thank you!

David Fraley

*"...The sharp, continuous, grinding rattle of the musketry combined with the cannon roar.... The fight here was bitter and stubborn."*

~Brig. General Jacob Cox  
remembering the fight at Collins' Farm



## "40 For Franklin" Reenactors March

November 7 - 8, 2003 Sponsorship Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

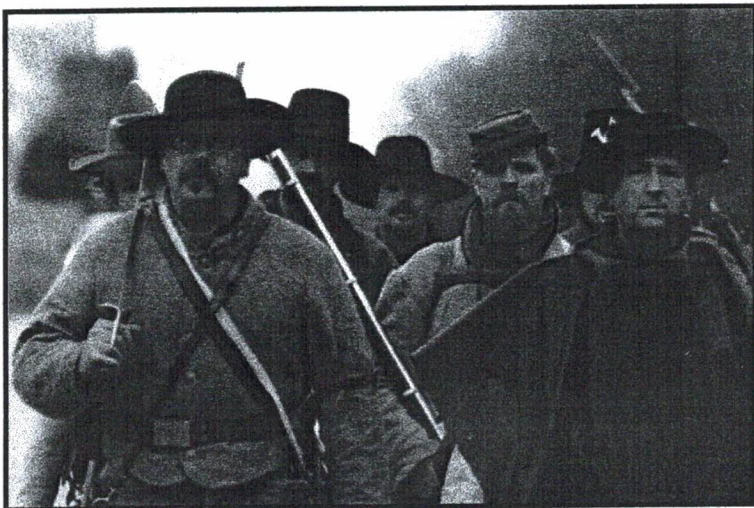
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Save The Franklin Battlefield  
PO Box 851  
Franklin, TN 37065-0851

USA (circle) IL IN IA KY MI MO OH PA TN WI

I am Sponsoring a March Reenactor at Franklin  
for 40 miles @ \_\_\_\_\_ per mile = Total \_\_\_\_\_

All Donations Are Tax Deductible  
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*Scenes from the March*

*Won't you help us  
reach our goal ??*



## Sponsorship To-Date "40 For Franklin - 2003" November 7 - 8

Below are the names of the stout souls who will make the "40 For Franklin - 2003" March on Nov 7-8. You will recognize many of the names as marchers for the 2001 & 2002 events. Some are local men, others have traveled long distances to help Save The Franklin Battlefield.

They all need your support to make their efforts worthwhile. Listed with the marchers' names are the total funds raised by state for 2003, along with the March results from prior years. In 2001, the marchers raised \$12,700 for Collins Farm, and for 2002 they increased that total to \$16,303. The marchers hope to do even better this year but need many sponsors to help them along. Please return the attached form with your per-mile sponsorship, or visit:

**[www.franklin-stfb.org/march02.htm](http://www.franklin-stfb.org/march02.htm)**

### **Confederate Marchers To-Date:**

<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Marcher</u>
505	885	515	Alabama	Shane Smith
460	445	65	Arkansas	Lee White-Leonard Adams
200	190	40	Florida	Evan Hudson
730	306	80	Georgia	Richard Russell
140	290	60	Kentucky	Jim Lawrence – Captain
215	240	0	Louisiana	Matt McGill
230	680	160	Missouri	Evan Kutzler
525	265	40	Mississippi	William Long
390	1075	120	South Carolina	William Carraway – NCO
3435	2820	1,065	Tennessee	David Fraley
450	310	160	Texas	Justin Scherrer – OC Hood
7280	7506	<b>2,305</b>	Total:	Confederate Marchers

### **Federal Marchers To-Date:**

<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Marcher</u>
1000	1060	20	Illinois	Allen McClelland
510	1361	50	Indiana	Ron Wilkins - Captain
197	185	80	Iowa	Shane Smith
145	290	70	Kentucky	Chris Cox
415	502	0	Michigan	Louis Varnell – NCO
125	660	60	Missouri	Jerry Layton
1968	2894	1,150	Ohio	Chris Lane – Bill Radcliffe
520	525	310	Pennsylvania	Mark Grant
220	640	110	Tennessee	Trent Golden
320	680	80	Wisconsin	Brian Maddox
5420	8796	<b>1,930</b>	Total:	Federal Marchers
12700	16303	<b>4,235</b>	March Total	as of October 8, 2003