



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

Special Edition 140th Event Preview

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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 “140th Anniversary Battle of Franklin Reenactment” newsletter issue. I hope we will see many of you attending this event. Please stop by our STFB tent at the entrance and say “hello.” We love putting faces on our many supporters both local and long-distance.

For those of you who have already called or emailed your offer to help us with spectator parking or at our information table, I cannot thank you enough—you are the heart of what we are! For those of you who want to help, or are considering it, it is not too late! Your donation of time and efforts will be crucial to fulfilling our obligations and making this event a financial success for STFB.

I must thank, in advance, the many people who have worked for an entire year to make this event happen. Rick Hoover, STFB member extraordinaire and “man on the ground” liaison to *The Civil War Courier*, has toiled unceasingly. The North/South Alliance and their dedicated host of reenactors have supplied many man-hours, and our own STFB board of directors has worked longer and harder than any other volunteer group I’ve ever had contact with.

We expect a glorious weekend with fine weather, and look forward to seeing many of you at what will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Joe Smyth

Volunteers are Still Needed

If you are a member of Save the Franklin Battlefield or have a friend that might be interested in helping, please do not put off calling any longer. We are still seeking volunteers to assist us in Spectator Parking and to man two displays that will be set up in the activity area at the 140th Franklin Reenactment in the vicinity of Rippavilla in Spring Hill.

The event will take place Friday-Sunday, October 1-3. Volunteers for spectator parking are needed during the hours of 8 AM to 6 PM. Work schedules will be developed that will allow you to take time off to enjoy the event. It also means that you get in free!

If you are interested in helping us, please call Dan Mora at 615-599-4415 or e-mail at danmora@bellsouth.net. A general meeting will be held prior to the event to assign responsibilities.

140th Franklin Program of Events

The 140th Franklin Reenactment scheduled for 1-3 October is proving to be an excellent venue for information, education and your viewing pleasure. Plan to come early and spend the day, as there will be plenty to see.

The period “Sutler” (Vendor) Area will be comprised of 75 sutlers from throughout the United States. The sutlers will be offering period clothing, equipment, food, leather, dry goods, etc. There will also be a few period vendors who will provide modern food and drink. Other static displays will be available in the Sutler area. One will be a full-scale working replica of the “Hunley” submarine, owned by Ted Turner, and another will be a Confederate Iron Clad.

There will be varied presentations of programs throughout the three-day event. Two large activity tents will house presentations and book signings by several authors who have penned works on area Civil War battles and Civil War Generals. There will be presentations by area preservation organizations and historians. Artist David Wright will autograph his special commemorative Franklin 140th print on Friday 1:00 to 2:00 pm, Saturday, 1:00 to 2:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 to 12:00 pm. It is anticipated that there will be two or three Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients present on Friday afternoon to sign a book recently published (see related story) that details accounts of the lives of all the living Medal of Honor recipients.

Visitors will also have an opportunity to listen to the music of the “Joyful Harps” or the “8th Georgia Regimental Band” throughout the event. You can see a ladies’ tea, watch a fashion show and even attend “The Grand Ball” at 8 pm Saturday October 2nd. Camps of both the Union and Confederate forces will be open to the public during specified time so that you can view camp life and see the soldiers as they prepare to go to battle.

Of course the main events will be the battle reenactments. On Friday afternoon at 4 pm, you can see the Battle of Columbia. On Saturday at 4 pm, the Battle of Franklin, the centerpiece battle, will be staged. This battle will continue into the evening as it did November 30, 1864. On Sunday at 1 pm, you will see the Battle of Nashville recreated.

There will be something of interest for everyone. The battlefield has been prepared, as close as modern constraints will allow, with trenches, breastworks, and replicas of the Carter House and the Carter Cotton Gin, which have been built especially for this event. Over one mile of trench works have been dug. Please mark your calendars for this history-making event that may be a one of a kind for this region of the United States. For additional information, visit the STFB web site at www.franklin-stfb.org.

Medal Of Honor Ceremony

From November 21st until December 26th of 1864, during the bloody Tennessee Campaign, a total of 36 Federal Soldiers and Sailors earned our nation's highest military award: the Congressional Medal of Honor. At 3:00 p.m., on Friday, October 1st, 2004, nearly one hundred and forty years after the campaign ended, these brave men will again be remembered in Tent #2 at the upcoming Battle of Franklin reenactment. David Fraley, of both the Save The Franklin Battlefield and The Carter House Museum, will be speaking on the 36 individual Medal of Honor recipients from the 1864 Tennessee Campaign, and, at this point, we are also hoping to be honored with the presence of a few actual 20th Century Medal of Honor recipients as well. Plans are currently underway to hold a book signing of *Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call to Duty*, by Peter Collier, (\$40.00 plus tax) after the lecture. Mr. Collier will be unable to attend, but again, we're hoping that several actual Medal of Honor recipients will be on hand to sign these books for you.

Please make plans to attend this memorable event, and to personally thank these American Heroes for their service to this great nation!

School Days: 140th Anniversary Battle of Franklin

School Days is an opportunity to educate and involve school children from Middle Tennessee in a hands-on study for the War Between the States. Guides will greet each group of students at their arrival and, finally, deliver them to Sutler's row. In between, they will visit demonstration stations where the groups will witness a variety of Civil War exhibits.

The Rippavilla Plantation Tour will include a vignette featuring the main characters portrayed in "If You Were a Whole Man...", after which the students will be treated to an exploration of the Corn Maze. Next, they will go to the Activity Tent where they will hear about the Civil War in Middle Tennessee. Then they will visit the replica CSS Hunley and get a hands-on experience of the working of a CSA submarine. The Horse-drawn Artillery Camp will provide the students with an up-close demonstration of different artillery pieces and their uses. They also will see demonstrations of Infantry, Cavalry, and Engineering units, as well as a Civilian Encampment. Along the way, the students will meet Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee, Patrick Cleburne, Nathan Bedford Forrest, and Union President Abraham Lincoln. They will witness a strategy conference among Federal Generals George H. Thomas, John M. Schofield, George D. Wagner and Col. Emerson Opdycke.

The goal of the School Days experience is to entertain and educate, hopefully to impress upon these young minds the importance of history, heritage, and the preservation of both.

News In Review

Hard-charging preservation effort raises \$925,000 – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 8/24/04 – FRANKLIN – Vince Gill and Amy Grant launched Franklin's Charge Friday night in a tented event at Carnton that drew not only the who's who of local preservation but others, as well, including Doug Broader of the Civil War Preservation trust, State Historian Walter Durham and Carroll Van West, director of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University. Some \$925,000 in pledges have been raised, with more promised said Robert Hicks, co-chair of the Coalition for the Preservation of Historic Open Space. And perhaps more importantly, preservationists' solidarity was evident.

Questions and answers about golf course future – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 8/27/04 – FRANKLIN – Development remains a possibility for the Country Club of Franklin property, since the Hellers have said they only plan to hold the land for another 15 months. Either preservationists, and possibly public officials, will raise \$5 million to reimburse them for the purchase, or the land probably would be sold to another buyer, possibly a developer. Codes Director Gary Luffman said, "About 58% of that land is in the floodplain. The rest of it could be developed."

How these politicians are changing your city – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 8/31/04 – FRANKLIN – The change in the city has involved preserving open space with and emphasis on Civil War history, a nudge toward slowing growth, and an emphasis on aesthetics. City leaders have agreed to spend \$8 million on a historic horse fare, and they're flirting with buying up more historic property across the city, although they haven't really established a clear plan for those acquisitions.

Mayor shows congressman Franklin's battlefield – *The Review Appeal* – 9/3/04 – FRANKLIN – Mayor Tom Miller led U.S. Rep. Lincoln Davis of the 4th Congressional District on a tour of properties which should be studied by the National Park Service toward creation of a national battlefield park. "Legislation needs to be introduced for a feasibility study to be done by the Department of the Interior," Miller said. Most of the sites are in the 4th Congressional District, and Rep. Davis said that he would be glad to be a sponsor the legislation and that he was "sure" U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn would wish to have a part in it.

Details thin as city nears preservation purchase – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 9/9/04 – FRANKLIN – Who would own the Country Club of Franklin if the city helped pay for it? Who would run it? And where is the money coming from? Those are just some of the questions swarming about the city's participation in purchase of the Country Club of Franklin. Last March, the board authorized up to a \$10 million bond issuance for open space. In July, it agreed to spend \$8 million of that on Harlinsdale Farm, and upped the hotel/motel tax to pay for it. That leaves \$2 million available for open space, though bonds haven't been sold yet.

140th Anniversary Battle Reenactment of *Franklin*

October 1-2-3, 2004

Battles of Spring Hill – Franklin – Nashville
**National premier reenactment for 2004
on original battlefield at Spring Hill, TN**

Buy tickets at the following locations:

**Franklin: The Carter House, Carnton Plantation,
Heritage Foundation, W'mson County Tourism-City Hall,
McPhail Tourism Office-Main Street**

Rippavilla: Maury County Tourism

Columbia: Mid-Tenn Visitors Bureau

Buy online at www.franklin-stfb.org or by mail at

STFB, P.O. Box 851, Franklin, TN 37065

**Ticket sales to benefit battlefield preservation
through**

Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc.

**Advance Ticket Prices: 1 Day \$10, 2 Days \$13, 3
Days \$15**

(+\$1 postage and handling charge per order)

Pre-Event 140th Ticket Sales

You can buy discounted tickets to the 140th Battle of Franklin re-enactment if you buy them early. One, two, and three passes are available for:

	Today	at Gate
1-Day Pass	10	15
2-Day Pass	13	17
3-Day Pass	15	19

Tickets can be purchased at the STFB web site and at these locations:

www.franklin-stfb.org

Carter House	791-1861
Carnton Plantation	794-0903
Williamson County Tourism - City Hall	794-1225
Tourism Office - Main Street	591-8514
Maury County Tourism - Rippavilla	931-486-9037
Mid Tenn Visitors Bureau - Columbia Square	931-381-7176
Heritage Foundation at Five Points - Franklin	591-8500

Or send a note and a check plus \$1 S&H to:

STFB

PO Box 851

Franklin, TN 37065

To date we have sold about \$1,000 in advance tickets and the volume is picking up. We must get your mail order by September 22 for us to have processing and mail time to get your tickets to you.

Souvenir 140th Program Ads

STFB has sold \$6,800 worth of advertising space to local sponsors for the 140th Battle of Franklin souvenir program. These ads are in addition to the advertising space that the Civil War Courier has sold to nationwide business sponsors. The souvenir program will have a schedule of all events for September 29 thru October 3 and much local history of the battles at Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville. Be sure to get your souvenir program at the 140th, and we ask that you support the program sponsors who generously supported our 140th event.

**The Ramada Inn of Franklin
is offering all a special \$49.98 rate for
the upcoming 140th Battle of Franklin
Anniversary weekend. The hotel is very
convenient to Interstate 65.
For more information, or to make a res-
ervation, please call 615-791-4004 or
visit their website at www.ramadafranklin.com.**

Special Thanks...

Special thanks go to Dusty Chapman of the Authentic Campaigner Preservation Project, who wrote to tell us of a \$95 donation raised by Civil War living historians through the www.authentic-campaigner.com web site. Dusty asks that the gift be used toward purchasing lands important to interpreting the Civil War years in Franklin. Dusty says also that the project is ongoing and he hopes to have future donations for this same purpose.

Longtime STFB member Betty Stephens of Pryor, OK wrote to say she won't be at the 140th Reenactment but was sending a land purchase donation of the amount she would have spent for tickets as though she were here. But the good news is that she will be in Franklin for the Carter House Descendants' Reunion on October 15, 16, & 17, and will visit with us then.

Thank you Dusty and Betty. Over the years, dozens of Civil War Roundtables, individuals, and historical groups from across America have organized fundraising projects on their own initiative to assist, and become a real part of, our preservation efforts here in Franklin and Williamson County. Their gifts always come with sincere notes of appreciation for the efforts of the local volunteers who work tirelessly for the preservation of our endangered Civil War assets. Just so you'll know, the notes are just as valuable to us as the donations.

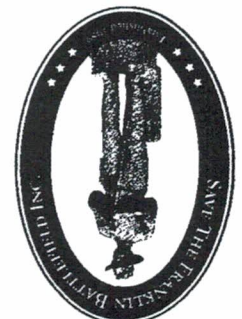
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 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

QTY	ITEM	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
	Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)		
	Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)		
	1999 & 2000 Day By Day Civil War Calendar Set	\$5.00	
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
	Commemorative Belt Buckle ~ Commemorative Paperweight (circle one)	\$10.00	
	Battle of Franklin Self-Guided Driving Tour Map	\$3.00	
	Save The Franklin Battlefield Bumpersticker	\$1.50	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Franklin" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Shiloh" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Ft. Donalson" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Stones River" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	Nathan Bedford Forrest ~ Jody Thompson, signed by the artist	\$30.00	
	Patrick Cleburne ~ Jody Thompson, signed by the artist	\$30.00	
	ORDER SUBTOTAL		
	SHIPPING & HANDLING (items only) ~ under 10.00	\$0.75	
	\$10 to 24.99	\$2.95	
	\$25 and up	\$4.50	
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