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## ANNUAL BATTLE OF NASHVILLE MODEL SHOW A SUCCESS AT FORT NEGLEY

Artistry and ingenuity were on display Saturday, July 28 at Fort Negley at the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society Model Show. Models of all sorts, from single planes to battlefield diorama, were on display. Exhibits were open to the public from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm giving visitors ample opportunity to enjoy the displays and vote for their favorite. Model categories included American Civil War Infantry—Union or Confederate; American Civil War—Mounted or Artillery; Dioramas—Open, Any Era; Open—All other eras, Mounted, Foot, Ordnance, Armor/ Military Vehicles. The show was well attended and everyone agreed it was a good representation of the modeler's art.



"Rommel on the Hunt" by Todd Jackson



Al Gaiser and Joe Collins, Battle of Stones River

Another fascinating feature of the show was the demonstration of war gaming using the Battle of Stones River. Al Gaiser and Joe Collins provided 4 x 6 foot game board including landmarks and rivers. Players tried opposing strategies to gain victory in an extremely interesting process.



WWII Glider by Retired Lt. Col. Al Hulstrunk

The Battle of Nashville Preservation Society holds this show annually and we at Fort Negley, look forward to hosting it again. If you are interested in showing next year, get started designing your exhibit and look for event announcements at [www.bonps.org](http://www.bonps.org) and on Fort Negley's web and Facebook pages. Entering a model is free and open to all ages.

## WINTER HOURS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1

Additional summer hours on Friday mornings ended on August 31st. From September through May, Fort Negley Visitors Center will be open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Fort Negley Park is open daily from dawn until dusk.

## WELCOME BACK TRACY HARRIS!



Tracy Leading a Tour of 5th Grade Students in 2012

We are thrilled to welcome Tracy Harris back to Fort Negley as our new Education and Programs Specialist! Tracy, a graduate of Lipscomb University with a degree in History, first came to Fort Negley as a summer associate in 2010. After serving two summers, Tracy took a permanent gift shop position at the Parthenon. During that time, he came to the rescue on several occasions, lending his time and talents to guided tours, special events and the website. Tracy's return fills the void left by the retirement of Paul Smith. Tracy's creativity, enthusiasm and knowledge is invaluable to Fort Negley Park. Welcome back, Tracy!



## TENNESSEE'S CIVIL WAR PROJECTS LEADING THE WAY ON THE WEB

It is hard to believe that we will soon enter the third year of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Over the past couple of years, historic sites and committees have offered a wide variety of educational programming across the country. National battlefields have registered record breaking attendance at living history events and reenactors are enjoying full schedules. While traditional programming, such as lectures and living histories, remains as popular today as they were 50 years ago, recent technological advances, have allowed us to experience the war as never before.

Although I hope the "app store" will never completely replace the bookstore, I am amazed by the incredible resources currently available on the web. The Volunteer State, led by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, has been at the forefront of developing new avenues for collecting and sharing information. Check out these amazing resources and please share others available with us.

### Tennessee Civil War GIS Project

In 2011, Tennessee State Library and Archives launched the Tennessee Civil War GIS Project in partnership with MTSU, USGS, NPS and TN Map. The project links modern GIS technology, with modern maps, historical battle maps, aerial photography and other sources such as the *Official Records* and the *Tennessee Civil War Sourcebook*. <http://tnmap.tn.gov/civilwar/>

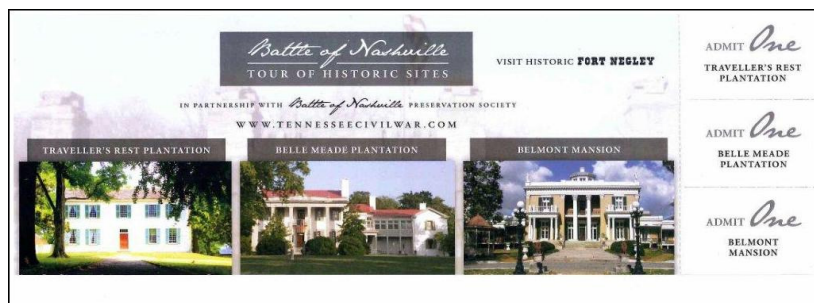
### Tennessee Civil War Sourcebook

*The Tennessee Civil War Sourcebook* features more than 7,000 searchable articles related to the civil, military and social forces experienced during the Civil War in the Volunteer State. <http://www.tn.gov/tsla/civilwarsourcebook/>

### Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee

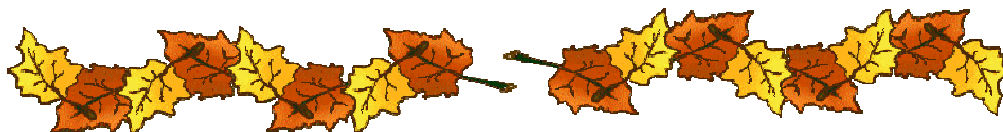
*Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee*, also an initiative of Tennessee State Library and Archives in partnership with Tennessee State Museum, features an ever-expanding online database of digitized materials including artifacts, documents and images. From now through 2015, teams of archivists and conservators tasked with digitizing cherished family memorabilia and treasures will visit communities across the state at scheduled events. As part of the program, participants receive digital copies of their items as well as preservation supplies and information. For more information And to obtain an event schedule, contact [civilwar.tsla@tn.gov](mailto:civilwar.tsla@tn.gov) or (615) 741-1883. <http://www.tn.gov/tsla/cwtn/index.htm>

## BATTLE OF NASHVILLE HISTORIC HOMES VALUE TICKET AVAILABLE NOW



The sesquicentennial of the Battle of Nashville will be upon us before we know it. In order to be able to commemorate the battle as it should be, the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society is offering “value tickets” to Nashville’s three most outstanding estates with Civil War significance: Belle Meade Plantation, Belmont Mansion, and Travelers Rest Plantation and Museum. These three historic destinations, including the homes, grounds and museums, can now be seen with a single Battle of Nashville Historic Site Tour ticket for only \$30 per person, a savings of \$6 from the regular combined price of all three. Tickets are available at participating sites. To purchase tickets online, please visit <http://tennesseecivilwar.com/>.

This ticket is a great deal under any circumstance, but supporters of Fort Negley should be especially pleased with it because the fort, along with other historic sites, receives a share of every ticket sold. The BONPS is a great friend to Fort Negley as well as other important landmarks such as Shy’s Hill and Confederate Redoubt No. 1. These sites are open to the public during daylight hours free of charge.



### THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING: TRY THE FRIENDS OF FORT NEGLEY GIFT SHOP FIRST

The Friends of Fort Negley Gift Shop has a good selection of books on hand concerning the Civil War history of Nashville, Franklin and the State. Some new volumes were added over the summer and might have escaped your notice unless you have looked at the selection lately. We also stock a variety of hard to find books crucial to your home library including *The Confederacy's Last Hurrah: Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville* by Wiley Sword and *Maggie: The Civil War Journals of Maggie N. Vaulx* by Ross E. Hudgins.

The first five volumes of the Tennessee Historical Society’s *Tennessee in the Civil War* twelve volume set are now on our shelves. Each volume features the best Civil War related articles of the “Tennessee Historical Quarterly” published between 1942 and 2012. The remaining seven volumes will be published between now and 2015.

In addition to the great books we have on hand, there is a fine selection of metal models. If artillery interests you, we have several beautiful cannon of various types including Parrott Rifle, 1857 Napoleon (two sizes to choose from), Naval Cannon and the Columbiad. If you’re looking for a great gift for your history buff, take a look at the USS Cairo desk ornament. We are also stock a colorful selection of US and CS medal figurines. In addition to these great items, little Civil War students may enjoy our selection of coloring books, replica bullets and kepis. Come by and take a look. All gift shop proceeds directly benefit Fort Negley Visitors Center and Park.

### SORRY WE’RE LATE

We sincerely apologize for being late with this edition of the newsletter. Circumstances beyond our control blocked us from publishing at an earlier date. We will do better next time. We would like to thank you for your continued support of the site and ongoing efforts promote it to the general public. If you have any ideas that might help us in these efforts, please let us know. We are always looking for new ways to expand our mission of preserving this valuable part of our Civil War history.



Join us on the third Monday of each month at Fort Negley Visitors Center at 7:00 pm for an exceptional lineup of speakers and presenters.

**October 21**

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Although all programs are free and open to the public, NCWRT encourages membership. Annual dues along with proceeds from member donated book sales support programming and local preservation causes. For more information, please visit <http://nashvillecivilwarroundtable.wordpress.com/>

## Upcoming Events at Fort Negley

### **150th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address**

Saturday, November 23, 2013

Time TBA

Featuring President Abraham Lincoln  
Portrayed by Dennis Boggs

Mark Your  
Calendars!

### **Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Nashville**

Saturday, December 14, 2013

9:00 am to 4 pm

Featuring the 13th United States Colored Troops

## Upcoming Events In and Around Nashville

**Cordell Hull Building and other Tennessee Endangered Properties**, presented by David Currey, September 27, 9:00 am, Bellevue History & Genealogy Program, FiftyForward Turner Center, 8101 Hwy 100, Free. Call Bob Allen at 615-218-4580 or Megan Roller at 615-646-9622 for more information.

**This Terrible Sound: The Battle of Chickamauga**, presented by Peter Cozzens, September 28, 3:00 pm, Belle Meade Civil War Book Club, Belle Meade Plantation. For more information contact Andy Blair at 615-356-0501 x26 or [andy.blair@bellemeadeplantation.org](mailto:andy.blair@bellemeadeplantation.org).

**200 Years of History: Grassmere and the Croft House**, presented by Torey Mason, October 4, 9:00 am, Bellevue History & Genealogy Program, FiftyForward Turner Center, 8101 Hwy 100, Free. Call Bob Allen at 615-218-4580 or Megan Roller at 615-646-9622 for more information.

**General Thomas: Genealogy and Stories from Alaska**, presented by Betty Lindsay, October 11, 9:00 am, Bellevue History & Genealogy Program, FiftyForward Turner Center, 8101 Hwy 100, Free. Call Bob Allen at 615-218-4580 or Megan Roller at 615-646-9622 for more information.

**Occupation and Liberation: Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event**, October 9-12, Chattanooga Convention Center, For more information, please visit <http://www.tnvacation.com/civil-war/events/>.

**The Unionists**, presented by Dan Pomeroy, Jubilee Hall, Fisk University, October 15, 4:30 - 6:00 pm, Nashville Civil War Lecture Series, Free.

**Andrew Jackson Southerner**, presented by Dr. Mark Cheatham, October 4, 9:00 am, Bellevue History & Genealogy Program, FiftyForward Turner Center, 8101 Hwy 100, Free. Call Bob Allen at 615-218-4580 or Megan Roller at 615-646-9622 for more information.

**Tales of Terror**, Traditional Halloween stories and mysterious scavenger hunt Travellers Rest Plantation, October 25, 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Adults \$12, Children \$6. For more information, call 615-832-8197.

Interested in Joining Fort Negley's Email Events List?

Please contact Fort Negley Visitors Center at 615-862-8470 or at [fortnegley@nashville.gov](mailto:fortnegley@nashville.gov).



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