# Fort Negley Wig Wag

## November/December 2014

**Saturday, December 13th** is the official commemoration of the Battle of Nashville with living history events and special programs across the city. Belle Meade Plantation, Belmont Mansion, Bicentennial Mall State Park, Fort Negley, Land Trust for Tennessee's Glen Leven Farm, Redoubt No. 1, Shy's Hill, Travellers Rest will have events and special presentations planned for that Saturday. Temporary exhibits at the Tennessee State Library and Archives and the Tennessee State Museum will highlight the experieces of soldiers and civilians during occupation and the Battle of Nashville. The events of the day will culminate with a cannonade at sunset.

On **Tuesday December 16th at 4:30 pm** bells will toll throughout the city to mark the end of the Battle of Nashville. Organizations or individuals with bells are encouraged to participate.

Stay tuned to *The Tennessean*, Metro3, and Metro Historical Commission Civil War Sesquicentennial event page for more information.

**Fort Negley Sesquicentennial Programming**

Be sure to join us **December 13th - 16th** as we will open at 9 am each day and have special presentations and programs. Detailed schedule coming soon.

**13th**

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Experience Federal artillery, infantry, and signal corps demonstrations, Federal living history encampments, United States Colored Troops, demonstrations of wet plate photography by Vacant Chair Photography Studio and a variety of special presentations.

**14th**

- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Experience Federal artillery, infantry, and signal corps demonstrations, Federal living history encampments, United States Colored Troops and a variety of special presentations.

**15th**

- 2:00 - 5:00 pm African American Cultural Alliance will present *150 Years of Blood Sweat and Tears*. The 36th Annual Tribute to U.S.C.Ts in the Battle of Nashville includes presentations, films, displays, music, reenactors and geneology.
- 7:00 pm Join the Nashville Civil War Roundtable as historian Brian Allison presents *Men of War: U.S. Colored Troops in the Battle of Nashville*.

**16th**

- 1:00 - 3:00 pm Asa Gordon of the African American Civil War Museum will present *The USCT Legacy of National Redemption and Democracy*.

In early September long time volunteer and *Wig Wag* creator and editor Ron Crabtree passed away. Ron loved sharing his knowledge of history and the Civil War with visitors. He was an active member of the Nashville Civil War Roundtable and Inter-Museum Council of Nashville. His study of history never satisfied him but created a desire to learn more. He was well regarded by many and will be missed.

**We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season but we don't want you to catch cabin fever. Why not bring your guests by Fort Negley for a post meal walk? The park remains open year round during daylight hours so its a great place to stretch your legs. If you want to bring them in to explore the visitors center and catch a film please remember our holiday hours. The visitors center will be closed November 27, 28, 29, December 23, 24, 25 and January 1. And as a reminder, the visitors center is closed on Sundays and Mondays.**

Thank you to everyone that contacted us concerning the damaged flag in the park. In September our flag became caught over the top of it's 75-foot-tall pole. The issue was further complicated when our attempts to lower the flag damaged the internal mechanisms. Although It took quite some time to order and install the replacement mechanism we are happy to say that *Old Glory* is back flying proudly.

Many of you came by for the Guns of Fort Negley's two-day living history re-enactment on the last weekend of September. The weekend included a skirmish, encampments, mini train rides, a sutler tent, President Lincoln, General Grant, a tour of the fort, weapons demonstrations, a ladies tea and a weapons display. GOFN is fundraising to purchase carriages for cannon Shiloh National Military Park is interested in loaning to Metro Parks for Fort Negley.

Nashville Civil War Roundtable

FORT NEGLEY

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.

November 17th

Rob Cross, Historian, Belle Meade Plantation,

The Battle of Franklin; Five Hours Beyond Hell's Threshold

December 15th

Brian Allison, Historian,

Men of War: U.S. Colored Troops in the Battle of Nashville.

Although all programs are free and open to the public, the group encourages membership. Annual dues along with proceedi from the silent auction support programming and local presenation causes. For more information, please visit us on Facebook or find us at nashvillecivilwarroundtable.wordpress.com/.

Fort Donelson Camp No. 62, Sons of Union Veterans, meet at Fort Negley Visitors Center on the fourth Tuesday every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for November 25th. The business meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, visit http://www.tnsuvcw.org/.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE Fort Donelson Camp 62 CIVIL WAR

## Upcoming Events In and Around Nashville

**November 13-14**

**Tennessee Sesquicentennial Commission Conference: The Final Shots in Tennessee**

The Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission will hold their Signature Event in Franklin and will feature educational symposiums, book signings, special tours and entertainment all commemorating the 150th anniversary of the 1864 Tennessee Campaign. Registration is required. For more information, visit tncivilwar150.com

**November 14-15**

**Blue & Gray Days**

Hosted by both The Carter House and Carnton Plantation, guests will meet Civil War re-enactors and get hands-on experience with clothes, trades, and weapons of the past. This living history experience is the perfect field trip and great for families. For additional details go to their website. battlesoffranklintrust.org

**November 15, 9:30 – 11:30 am**

**The African-American Experience in the Civil War—A Symposium at Lipscomb University**

In Lipscomb University's Shamblin Theatre the symposium will feature:

● James McPherson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and retired Princeton professor, "Blueprint from Freedom: Black Men in Blue"

● Joseph Glatthaar, Stephenson Distinguished Professor of History, University of North Carolina, "Forged in Battle: The Relationship Between White Officers and Black Soldiers" ●John Baker, author and genealogy expert, "The Washingtons of Wessyngton Plantation: Stories of My Family's Journey to Freedom"

For more information go to lipscomb.edu

**November 15, 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

**A History of Fisk University in the Civil War and Reconstruction Era**

Presentation at Fisk University

For more information go to lipscomb.edu

**November 29 - 30, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, $100**

**Lotz House to Host NPS Chief Historian Emeritus Ed Bearss Franklin Battlefield Tour**

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin held November 30, 1864, the Lotz House will host National Park Service Chief Historian Emeritus Ed Bearss in Franklin for an exclusive battlefield tour. The tour will include breakfast and transportation to each tour stop: Winstead Hill, the Eastern Flank, The Carter House and Garden and Cotton Gin Park. If the weather is inclement, the tour will continue but guests will remain on the bus. Seating is limited. All proceeds benefit the Lotz House Foundation. Visit lotzhouse.com for more details

**November 30, 4:00 – 9:00 pm**

**The 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin and Annual Illumination**

To commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Franklin, 10,000 luminaries, representing the casualties of the battle, will be lit at dusk. Luminaries will be present along Columbia Pike, at Carter House, at Lotz House, and at several points on the battlefield in that area. Luminaries will also be present at Carnton adjacent to the Confederate Cemetery. Luminaries will be lit at dusk until approximately 9 pm.

4:00 Church bells will toll for five minutes downtown. A ceremony at Carter House will begin around 4:05 pm with remarks by Mayor Ken Moore and Eric Jacobson, Battle of Franklin Trust CEO.

4:45: A ceremony at Carnton. Carroll Van West, State Historian, and Julian Bibb, Heritage Foundation President and Franklin's Charge member, will speak briefly. Eric Jacobson will close with final remarks.

5:30: Carter House and Carnton will open to the public free of charge.

For more info go to battlesoffranklintrust.org

**December 6, 5:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Sugarplums & Stockings Scout Program: A Not-Quite Overnight Girl Scout Event**

Reservations required. Contact Tonya Staggs at tonya@travellersrestplantation.org or (615) 832-8197

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**December 13, 1:00-3:00 pm, free for those who register**

**What's So Special About Our Barn?**

Gary Grau, historic structure renovation specialist and author of the renovation plan for the Beaman Park barn at the Proctor Farm trailhead, will discuss the unique qualities of this piece of our agricultural heritage. A tour of the barn will follow. Call Beaman Park to register (615) 862-8580

**December 16, 5:30 pm**

**Author Sam Hood Presentation & Book Signing**

Author Sam Hood and his most recent work, John Bell Hood: The Rise, Fall, and Resurrection of a Confederate General and The Lost Papers of Confederate General John Bell Hood.

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**December 19th, 6pm-10pm, $6-$12**

**All Through the House: An 1820s Christmas at Travellers Rest**

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