

# Middle Tennessee Civil War Round Table



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## JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

### OUR NEXT MEETING

**Happy New Year!** The next meeting of the Middle Tennessee CWRT will be at 7 PM on Tuesday January 19, 2010. We will meet at the Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County (225 West College Street in Murfreesboro).

We will be discussing the book, *Company Aytch* by Samuel Watkins. Watkins memoir of his Civil War experiences is one of the most quoted veteran accounts of the conflict. We will examine this work and discover what insights it still offers to a student of the Civil War.



Copies of the book are available at the Stones River National Battlefield book store. If you mention the Middle Tennessee CWRT you will get a **15% discount**.

### UPCOMING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 16, 2010

Jim Lewis – Stones River National Battlefield - *William Holland's Story*

March 16, 2010

Thomas Flagel – Columbia State Community College - *Appomattox: The Place of Lee's Surrender and a National Resurrection*

April 20, 2010

Discussion Meeting – Topic TBD

If you would like to do a program for the Middle Tennessee CWRT, or if you have a suggestion for a group discussion topic, please get in touch with Jim Lewis at [mtcwrtable@att.net](mailto:mtcwrtable@att.net) or 615-423-6830.

### 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2010 membership dues should be paid by our January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please bring your dues (\$15 for individuals - \$20 for families) to the next meeting or mail them to:

Middle Tennessee Civil War Round Table  
P.O. Box 10156  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

### CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

With the dawn of a new year and no speaker scheduled for our next meeting. The time is ripe to try and cover as much new business as possible. If you have ideas about programs, publicity, membership, or our involvement in the community, please bring them up on January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make the meeting, e-mail your new business items to Jim Lewis at [lewisjb66@att.net](mailto:lewisjb66@att.net).

### SHOW AND TELL

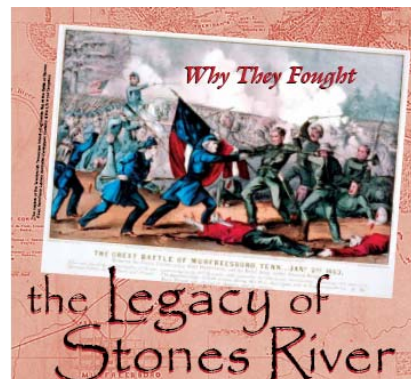
If you have a Civil War item and want to share it and its story with us, please bring it to a meeting. The January meeting will be a good time for us to continue this special tradition since we do not have a speaker who needs a certain amount of time to present a program.

### SILENT AUCTION

Jim Bosse and Jim Lewis have nearly finished cleaning out their respective libraries. We need all of our members to bring an item or two each month for our silent auctions. If we can auction off five or more items at every meeting, we can add a couple of hundred dollars to our coffers during 2010. That is enough to cover the expenses of one speaker.

### CIVIL WAR NEWS

MURFREESBORO, TN – The National Park Service and the



Tennessee Civil War National Heritage area have joined forces with other community partners to present sixth installment in *The Legacy of Stones River* symposium series on Saturday March 20, 2010.

*The Legacy of Stones River: Why They Fought* examines the individual motivations of men that led them to choose sides in 1861 and begin one of the bloodiest chapters in the American story. Through these individual stories we will learn more about the intellectual and emotional considerations that fed the drive to Civil War.

Registration costs only \$10 which includes a morning of presentations by Sam Davis Elliott, Keith Bohannon, and Kenneth Noe followed by special afternoon programs at Stones River National Battlefield.

You can download a detailed schedule and registration form at <http://www.nps.gov/stri/planyourvisit/legacycurrent.htm>.

FRANKLIN, TN - The board of directors of The Carter House and The Historic Carnton Plantation recently entered into a joint venture to manage the operation of Franklin's two key Civil War sites in an effort to better coordinate heritage tourism. The Battle of Franklin Trust is the new nonprofit whose board is comprised of five board members from each joint venture partner plus an additional director without affiliation to either.

The Carter House is located on Columbia Avenue and was the epicenter of the November 30, 1864 Battle of Franklin, described by historians as the five bloodiest hours of the Civil War because of the number of soldiers injured, killed or missing, approximately 10,000 soldiers from both Union and Confederate forces.



**Carnton**

Carnton's role in the battle came when the home served as the largest field hospital in the area of hundreds of wounded and dying Confederate soldiers. The historic house sits off Lewisburg Pike at the edge of the city's Eastern Flank Battlefield Park, approximately one mile from The Carter House.

This strategic alliance is seen as a way to greatly enhance the visitor experience by offering such things as comprehensive battlefield tours, combination tickets and seamless integration with other battlefield sites. The interpretive approaches to the sites will be preserved by the two boards that continue in their role as fiduciaries of their respective associations.

In making the announcement, The Battle of Franklin Trust Board Chairman Marianne Schroer said, "Together, The Carter House and Historic Carnton Plantation will have a more powerful significance. This venture has the potential of joining the ranks of Gettysburg, Richmond and Charleston as more local battle sites are reclaimed for public access by such groups as the City of Franklin, The Heritage Foundation and Franklin's Charge. Certainly, the opportunity to affiliate with the National Park Service and the National Heritage Area are

greatly enhanced by this joint venture. In addition, 2011 starts the monumental Sesquicentennial for the Civil War and this is a strong step in the direction of Franklin taking the lead for those efforts across the State of Tennessee."

The ambition to establish the Battle of Franklin Interpretive Center will be realized sooner with both boards working together to raise the funds. This Center is planned for the adjacent property to The Carter House which was formerly the Franklin High School gymnasium. It was announced in 2007 as an interpretive and visitor center for The Carter House, but now takes on a larger role. The Carter House Board President Ed Underwood said, "We have that gym property and this alliance can make that an even better site. That is a central location for visitors coming to Franklin who are interested in the Civil War. They can go there to purchase tickets and learn more about where to go while on their visit."

The Battle of Franklin Trust is a 501 (c) (3) management corporation acting on behalf of Franklin's battlefield sites to contribute to a greater understanding and enrich the visitor experience of the November 30, 1864 battle. It's organized for the charitable and educational purposes of preserving, restoring, maintaining and interpreting the properties, artifacts and documents related to the battle so as to preserve an important part of the nation's history. Learn more at [www.battleoffranklintrust.org](http://www.battleoffranklintrust.org) or call 615-786-1864. The e-mail address is [info@battleoffranklintrust.org](mailto:info@battleoffranklintrust.org).