



## THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Hello Members and Supporters,

We just completed our busiest year in the history of the organization. The sesquicentennial events proved to be a dramatic success and the time period from November 16 through December 16th took a tremendous amount of time, effort and energy from our directors.

We dedicated the Minnesota Monument at Shy's Hill on November 16th and on December 13th we hosted over 400 people at Shy's Hill and over 200 people at Redoubt #4 and the city wide sesquicentennial program. On December 16th, we hosted events at a downtown breakfast, then at the downtown Econ club at lunch then at Shy's Hill at 4:30, then Richland County Club Battle of the Barricade at 5:00 p.m. before moving to Travellers Rest to introduce Ed Bearss as the speaker and guest of honor. Each and every event was attended well beyond our expectations and I am really proud of our organization and Board of Directors for their efforts in showcasing our organization and accomplishments.

As usually and as always, there still remains a lot of work to be done. I hope that you will renew your dues for 2015. We operate solely on dues, donations and book sales. We accomplish more with less than anyone in town.

We always need your support, contributions and help and we are always grateful for that. A special thanks to our donors at the Generals Level whose substantial financial contributions continue to protect our sites: Bill Hawkins, Clark Tidwell, Jim Adkinson and Jim Kay.

I hope you enjoy this spring newsletter.

Sincerely,

John Allyn, President

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Ken Flies speaks at the Minnesota Monument dedication.



A full house at Traveller's Rest for Ed Bearrs on December 16.



Jim Kay introduces Ed Bearrs at Travellers Rest.



Battle of the Barricade Reenactment



## **PARK DAY 2015: BONPS AND VOLUNTEERS CONSTRUCT TRAIL TO NEW MONUMENT**

The Battle of Nashville Preservation Society again hosted “Park Day” on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at Shy’s Hill.

This year’s goal was construction of a timber-and-mulch trail to the new Minnesota Monument which was placed

and dedicated just prior to the Battle of Nashville Sesquicentennial event in December, 2014.

In addition to BONPS board members, the trail was created with help from Clay Bailey of Montgomery Bell Academy and a group of MBA students: Charlie Bailey, Clay Cavallo, Davis Cavallo, Alex Stevens, Jeremy Choo, and Matt Miccioli. Also assisting were three volunteers from Hands On Nashville, including Nashville engineers Andrew Southern and Justin Twyford, and Heather Richards, who drove all the way from Shelbyville to participate.

“Park Day was successful because of the hard work and commitment to volunteer services by Clay Bailey and his MBA crew as well as the Hands On Nashville volunteers. BONPS is extremely appreciative for their participation in helping to preserve this part of the battlefield,” said John Allyn, president of BONPS.

Final work including some “professional tweaking” will be done by BONPS Board member Parke Brown and his crew from The Parke Company.

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**Please join us and our partner Travellers Rest for a great time  
on the afternoon of Sunday, April 26th!**



Please RSVP to  
615.832.8197 ext. 10

TICKETS: \$40  
\$45 DAY OF

**SUNDAY**  
*the 26th of*  
**April**  
1:00PM - 5:00PM

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### MONUMENT "WITNESS TREE" PEN - \$35.00

The huge "Basket Oak" tree which stands on the southeast corner of the Battle of Nashville Monument Park was in that same spot 150 years ago and witnessed the first day of the battle. This noble witness tree has been designated a "Historic Tree" by the Tennessee Landmark and Historic Tree Registry. BONPS is making these custom pens available from the wood of the big oak, salvaged from a limb it lost during a storm. It's a special way to own a piece of the battlefield and at the same time, provide funds that BONPS can utilize to continue its efforts to preserve the battlefield. For more background and photos of the witness tree, go to <http://www.bonps.org/battle-of-nashville-monument/>



### BATTLE OF NASHVILLE HISTORIC SITES

A "value ticket" is now available to



provide a cost-saving and convenient way of visiting Nashville's three premier antebellum estates with profound Civil War significance – Belle Meade Mansion, Belmont Mansion and Travellers Rest Plantation &

Museum.

The 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. To purchase the ticket, click [Historic Site Tour Ticket](#).

There is no time limit as to when each of the historic places must be visited, making sure each ticket holder has a full opportunity to experience each of these historic sites.

The Battle of Nashville Preservation Society supports and works closely with each of these historic institutions, and a small portion of each ticket purchase is earmarked for BONPS to help us continue preserving and maintaining the battlefield sites in Nashville. The grounds secured for posterity by BONPS, including such important landmarks as Shy's Hill and Confederate Redoubt No. 1, are open to the public without charge.

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### Our Organization

We are a group dedicated to preserving Nashville Civil War history and providing valuable information to schools and to the public on the Battle of Nashville. Our website is outstanding and it contains fantastic information on Nashville history. The website gets over 12,000 hits per month and new information, events and updates are done weekly. Come see us and get involved! [www.bonps.org](http://www.bonps.org)

We welcome these new and renewing members since our last newsletter:

Michael Sanderson, Donald Sobery, Janet Majures, Ken Flies, Mike Johnson, Jim Brown, Ryan Stark, Richard Hearn, Albert Whitson,

Jim Christain, Bill and Danya Downey, Angela Trivett, Joseph Bateman, Donald Breeding, Frederick Crown, Julia DeHart, Elizabeth Wilson, Darby Marshall, Bradley Smith, Mary Moewe, Kenneth Fieth, Karen Morlan, John Resto and Christopher Coleman

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## **Tennessee's Civil War Experience**

A Final Sesquicentennial Event

Hosted by Dr. Tim Johnson

and the Lipscomb University Lifelong Learning Program

July 20-24, 2015

\$675/person

With over 500 Civil War battles and skirmishes, Tennessee witnessed more engagements than any other state except Virginia. Spend the week of July 20-24 visiting and reliving the largest Civil War battles in the state. This weeklong tour will be made up of five daytrips as we leave the Lipscomb campus each morning and return to campus in the evening. You'll spend every night in the comfort of your own bed.

RSVP to Laura Tywater 615-966-5733 or [laura.tywater@lipscomb.edu](mailto:laura.tywater@lipscomb.edu)

**Space is Limited, Reservation held with \$100 Deposit.**

Highlights include:

- Tim Johnson to lecture everyday on the bus and at each Civil War Battle site
- Fort Donelson Tour
- Shiloh Battlefield Tour
- Stones River Battlefield Tour
- Battle of Chattanooga
- Battle of Franklin
- Battle of Nashville
- 6 meals included

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