



THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we approach the 150th Anniversary, we continue into the busiest 60 days of our year. Our first big event is the dedication of the Minnesota Monument on Shy's Hill on November 16th at 2:00 p.m. There will be a short program and our friends from the Minnesota Civil War Round Table will be joining us for the dedication.

The city wide program will commence early on December 13th and we want you to come by and see us on that day at Shy's Hill. We will be having tours of the site and will be serving food all day in this fundraiser for the preservation for this historic place.

I ask that you consider renewing your yearly dues. We run an extremely tight budget each year and rely totally on your donations and dues to maintain our properties and the website. For your annual dues of \$25.00, you will receive a sesquicentennial coin and 2 admissions to Travellers Rest. This is a great value.

Check out our calendar of events below and our website at www.bonps.org - thousands visit it from across the world every month.

Thank you for your service and support.

John Allyn
President



BATTLE OF NASHVILLE MINNESOTA MONUMENT DEDICATION

Sunday November 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Shy's Hill at Benton Smith Road

Sponsored by Minnesota Civil War Commemoration Task Force and Battle of Nashville Preservation Society

On Sunday, November 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. the Minnesota Civil War Commemoration Task Force and Battle of Nashville Preservation Society will host the dedication of the new Minnesota Monument- the first such monument to be installed on the Nashville Battlefield at Shy's Hill. The dedication event will highlight the Battle of Nashville and the pivotal role played by the four Minnesota Regiments on December 16, 1864. On that day these four Minnesota regiments made the decisive charge on Shy's Hill in the last major battle of the Civil War in the west. The installation of this new monument is part of Minnesota's 150th sesquicentennial Civil War ceremonies to commemorate and remember the participation of Minnesota Civil War soldiers. The installation of this historic monument was made possible through the efforts of the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society with the participation of the Land Trust for Tennessee; organizations that had been instrumental in saving many of the major attributes of the Nashville Battlefield.

The commemoration event will include presentations by Minnesota and Nashville dignitaries.

AND AT GENERAL HOOD'S HEADQUARTERS



We are the oldest historic house museum open to the public in Nashville. Our primary mission is Nashville history education as we serve over 12,000 visitors a year. Our programs and events cover early statehood through the 19th century. Our purpose is to preserve and interpret the 1799 home of Judge John Overton.

- All proceeds go to support preservation and education programs. -

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A special evening of theatre, dining, music and fellowship reflecting on the Civil War at Historic Travellers Rest Plantation

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by Monday, November 24th

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Commemorating and Celebrating the Battle of Nashville Calendar of Events

November 15th at 9:30 -11:30 a.m. – Symposium entitled “The African American Experience in the Civil War” at Lipscomb University featuring James McPherson, Joseph Glatthaar and John Baker

November 15th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Fisk University, “A History of Fisk University in the Civil War”

November 16th at 2:00 p.m. – Dedication of Minnesota Marker at Shy’s Hill

December 4 at 6:00 p.m. – Sesquicentennial Fundraiser Event – Historic Travellers Rest

December 13th; City-wide, all day – Sesquicentennial Civil War Event – Living History Events

Fort Negley * Belmont Mansion * Travellers Rest Plantation * The Land Trust for Tennessee's
Glen Leven Farm * Belle Meade Plantation * Shy's Hill * Core Battlefield Sites

December 16th at 3:30 p.m. – A ceremony dedicated to the attack and defense of Shy's Hill on Benton Smith Road

December 16th at 5:30 p.m. – Sam Hood will autograph his new book, "The Lost Papers of General John B. Hood" at Travellers Rest

December 16th at 6:30 p.m. A Toast to 150 Years – food and cocktails provided – Travellers Rest

Nashville Scene Blogger Discovers the Battlefield

"Lipscomb's Civil War Tour Suggests Something for Nashville's Future"

Posted By [Betsy Phillips](#) on Wed, Oct 22, 2014

In general, I find the Civil War to be tedious, boring, and sad. It's not my favorite historical era — give me the weirdos of Jacksonian America or the ghost-lovers of the Victorian age — but it's such a big part of Nashville's history that I try not to completely ignore it.

So, when I saw that Lipscomb University was doing free Battle of Nashville tours this month, I signed myself up for one but didn't rope anyone else into going. After all, it was doomed to be tedious, boring, and sad.

Nashville, I am a fool! It was fantastic. I apologize to everyone I didn't try to talk into going with me.

David Currey, a historian and documentary filmmaker, guided us around much of the battlefield for the Battle of Nashville and regaled us for three hours about the significance of the battle. And I have to say, going to these places— Fort Negley, Granbury's lunette, the redoubts, Shy's Hill, Traveller's Rest—and driving through the parts of town that

contained front lines and paths of retreat, it makes a huge difference when you're trying to understand the Battle.

Sure, I could tell you that Fort Negley had guns that could shoot over three miles, but it's not quite as meaningful as standing in a Confederate fortification, just out of range of those guns. And, sure, a lot of history buffs lament that there is no preserved battlefield, but I found it a lot easier to imagine the logistics of how things were laid out when Currey explained that the Confederate western line was White Bridge Road, a road I travel frequently, than I would have if he'd just said "Way over there in that grassy area where there are some monuments."

I want to give a lot of credit to the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, who has done a superhuman job of filling a real need in the community. They've not only preserved stuff that would have otherwise been lost, but they've put together maps and self-guided driving tours and, hell, if you want an expert-guided tour and can afford it, they'll put a dude in your car and he'll tell you everything you want to know.

But there's something to be said for being able to get on a bus and soaking in wisdom while someone else drives. The quality of the Lipscomb tour, to me, suggests that we, as a city and as a tourist destination, are missing out by not having a way to regularly put people on a bus and drive them out to significant places and show them what's what. (Grayline offers a "Nashville" Nashville tour, but not a Battle of Nashville tour.

It's not just an important part of our history, but, I thought Currey made a convincing show of how we're still living in a landscape deeply transformed by the battle, if only we knew how to recognize it. We need some way to learn.

In that spirit, Lipscomb is doing a really kick-ass job of providing programming this fall for the public. I'm especially looking forward to November 15, when they're going to have James McPherson, Joseph Glatthaar, and John Baker in for a symposium, "The African-American Experience in the Civil War Era." And, during the tour, they hyped the upcoming Sesquicentennial events on Saturday, December 13, now with a "city-wide progressive cannonade." I'm not sure what that is, but it sounds awesome. And loud.

So, long story short. No, we don't have enough cool Civil War stuff normally, but this autumn, we do, so get out there and soak it all in.

What's in your yard?




The late Hal Swann, a lifelong historian and Oak Hill resident who resided on Overton Lea, is pictured here in 1977. 13 live artillery shells were found in the Confederate earthworks at the position of Dent's Alabama Battery on Lealand Lane. This is the most artillery shells ever found at one time in Nashville. Photo courtesy of Jim Kay.

“American Journey: The Life and Times of Ed Bearss”

This new 60 minute documentary DVD explores the amazing life and times of Ed Bearss, a man often called a “living national treasure.” One of the nation’s most renowned historians, Ed Bearss is an authentic American character who rose from humble beginnings in Montana to become Chief Historian of the National Park Service and the most recognized face of the Civil War battlefield preservation movement in the latter half of the 20th century. The film was


produced and directed by Nashville's David Currey. Former BONPS president and board member Jim Kay was executive producer. Tracing his colorful life from Montana to his Marine Corps days in WWII through his distinguished career with the National Park Service, this DVD is essential for anyone interested in Civil War history. It's a unique study of the man the Smithsonian has said "is best known as the indefatigable Civil War tour guide and champion of battlefield preservation, a one-of-a-kind figure with a booming voice, extraordinary knowledge, and seemingly boundless energy. Available on the website for \$25.00.

AVAILABLE MAY 15TH



AMERICAN JOURNEY
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
ED BEARSS

Ed Bearss is one of the nation's most renowned historians and authentic American characters. He rose from humble beginnings on the majestic plains of central Montana to become the most recognized face of the Civil War battlefield preservation movement in the latter half of the 20th century. Grievously wounded in the Pacific during World War Two, he has used the experience as a tool to teach future generations the value of service and sacrifice. During a long and distinguished career in the National Park Service, Ed became Chief Historian where he led efforts to save battlefields across the country. Today he is still going strong at the age of 90. He leads tours that keep him on the road more than 200 days a year doing what he loves most - talking about history. Through interviews with some of his closest friends and family and journeys with Ed to sites across the country he impacted the most, we explore one man's incredible life and the power of place that he so fervently champions.



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Our Organization

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

Jim Snider, Jefferson Davis and John Peach

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