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## June 2026 News

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# Message from the President

I want to introduce myself as the President of the Battle of Nashville Trust. I am grateful and humbled by this opportunity.

I attended high school in Illinois under the parental gaze of my father who was a high school history teacher and scholar of the Civil War. We took family vacations to Middle Tennessee, visiting the battlefields of Shiloh, Stones River, Chattanooga and Chickamauga. A small metal model of a Napoleon howitzer from Stones River National Battlefield, acquired on one of those trips in the 1970s still sits on my bookshelf. I took his passion for military history with me when I graduated from West Point and embarked on 34-year career in the U.S. Army. As a junior officer I was assigned to armor branch, and later as a strategist and war planner.



I enjoyed the high honor of serving alongside our Nation's Soldiers at duty stations and in operations around the world. To a person they were (and remain) the finest young men and women of America, and whatever the situation and however long the hours, every minute in uniform was a privilege to be with them. Today's Army lives up to its battle-earned reputation as the world's best land force, 190 campaign streamers proudly flying from the Army flag, earned on battlefields around the world since 1775. Which brings me back to the Trust and our community responsibility to preserve our shared heritage right here in Middle Tennessee.

Our Army's motto, "This We'll Defend," echoes the heart of the mission of the Trust to "protect the memories, land, structures and artifacts of the Campaign and Battle of Nashville." To do so requires a revitalized, modern Trust that can deliver preservation outcomes worthy of the sacrifice and sorrows of all those who lived in Civil War-era Nashville. To such ends we are working hard on wide-ranging changes that we are eager to showcase in the coming months.

We won't grow the BONT to what it must become in one step. We need revolutionary change, and that is what we will pursue. We need a community of preservationists, historians, citizens, nature lovers, and all who are interested in our American past and what it means to inform our shared future. Come join us on this journey of memory and honor.

Bradley T. Gericke

Major General (Ret.), U.S. Army, PhD

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## **Nashville Civil War Roundtable**

*June 16th, 2026– Our 179th meeting!!*

*We continue our sixteenth year!*

The next meeting of the Nashville (TN) Civil War Roundtable will be on **Tuesday, June 16th, 2026** - at the Belle Meade Historic Site and Winery. Located at 5025 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205. There is parking by the mansion.

The meeting begins at **7:00 PM** and is always open to the public. Members, please bring a friend or two as they are welcome.

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## **June's Program**

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*“Love, Tragedy and Redemption”*

*Presented by Howard Mann*

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Howard G. Mann is currently President of the Nashville Civil War Round Table. Previously, he has been a member and former President of the Kansas City Civil War Roundtable from 2000 to 2014 and was a member of the Harrisburg, PA Civil War Roundtable in 1992 through 1995.

The battle of Pilot Knob, Missouri, September 27, 1864 was an unusual engagement. The opposing forces were over 2,000 Confederate cavalry on a raid to take St. Louis and a hastily assembled, 1,000 soldiers and civilians defending a fort surrounded by two mountains that General Sterling Price decided he did not want to remain in the rear of his targeted objective. The ensuing battle consisted of waves of charging rebels, the capture and execution of a Union major and six cavalymen, the explosion of the powder magazine in the fort, and a fighting retreat of thirty-six hours resulting in Price abandoning his objective.

The presentation will shed as much light as is known on the battle, the men and the results that would cause Pilot Knob to be called the “Thermoplae of the West”.

Although there is more to be learned, hopefully the presentation will shed light on this interesting topic.

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## **Civil War News and Events**

***JOIN THE CWRT  
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2026  
SUSTAINABILITY  
CONFERENCE!***

Join the CWRT Congress for the 2026 Sustainability Conference held in Petersburg, Virginia on August 28-30th. This event will give visitors unique first hand experiences through tours of historical sites, presentations, and key note speakers.



[Link to More Information about the Conference](#)

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## Article of the Month

*By Casey Gillespie*

*Director of Historic Interpretation, Belle Meade*

### "Belle Meade and the Battle of Nashville"

Casey Gillespie's article, "Belle Meade and the Battle of Nashville", illustrates that major role that Belle Meade played in the Battle of Nashville in December 1864. The article dives deep into the family, troop movements, and the harrowing truth of the battle itself. To learn more the article is included in this newsletter, click the link below.

[Click Here for the Article](#)

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## Help us preserve the Battle of Nashville Battlefields

As Nashville is growing, more and more of the battlefields are being taken and built upon. Help us preserve our nation's history

through your efforts. This would not be possible without your help.  
Please renew your dues and donate to help our preservation efforts  
at <https://www.battleofnashvilletrust.org/>.

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## Renew Your Membership

Just a reminder to make sure that you renew your Battle of Nashville Trust membership when it expires. Dues are \$50 per family, \$25 for veterans, and free for students, and with the membership comes 2 tickets for a tour of Travellers Rest and a minié ball. This membership also covers your attendance at the Nashville Civil War Roundtable. If you are not sure when it expires send an email to [bobby@bigboardsports.com](mailto:bobby@bigboardsports.com) and we will check for you. You can also renew on our website at [battleofnashvilletrust.org](http://battleofnashvilletrust.org).

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