



August 2026 Bulletin

Message from the President

Organizations require purpose and identity to be successful. Here at the Trust, we have recently revised our mission statement to be sure that we are focused on delivering outcomes to our members and to the public. I want to highlight three aspects of this statement, because we have chosen the words carefully.

Our mission: The Battle of Nashville Trust protects the memories, land, structures, and artifacts of the Campaign and Battle of Nashville to honor the history of all who fought and lived through the American Civil War in Tennessee by maintaining and interpreting the battlefield through world-class preservation, education, and advocacy.

First, the Trust's ambition is of course to protect the land over which the Battle of Nashville and the ensuing military actions occurred, but we also desire to one day to include artifacts and even

historians possess journals and printed materials such as maps, while others have collected weapons, buttons, and the various ephemera of war. These all convey memory, and they are all worth saving. Perhaps we can acquire a historical home in which to display such items, or maybe we can build a museum or historical center. We chose the word “protect” as a simple way of saying both “preserve” and “interpret.”

Second, we must honor the history of “all who fought and lived” through the events of 1861-1865 in Tennessee. We want the Trust to represent the full range of stories that can be told so that we see the momentous clash of Armies that occurred across the rolling hills and fields of Nashville in their full context. That means Soldiers and civilians, men and women, black and white, all who lived through those momentous times constitute the full fabric that the Trust must convey.

Finally, our mission cites “preservation, education, and advocacy.” These terms are important because they are the action items of the mission. These three functions are how the Trust performs daily, and they define the specific objectives we want to achieve. In fact, we have produced for ourselves a Campaign Order that establishes our benchmarks, organized around the three actions of preserve, educate, and advocate. Next month I will write more about our campaign moving forward.

Enjoy the hot days of August in middle Tennessee. Go visit one of our sites and give us feedback – let us know what you think about the Trust and our mission.

Join! Volunteer! Donate! And of course, Attack!

Brad Gericke, Phd Maj Gen (R) U.S. Army



Nashville Civil War Roundtable

August 18th, 2026– Our 181st meeting!!

We continue our sixteenth year!

The next meeting of the Nashville (TN) Civil War Roundtable will be on **Tuesday, August 18th, 2026** - at the Belle Meade Historic Site and Winery. Located at 5025 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205. There is parking by the mansion.

Cocktails will begin before the meeting at **5:30 PM!**

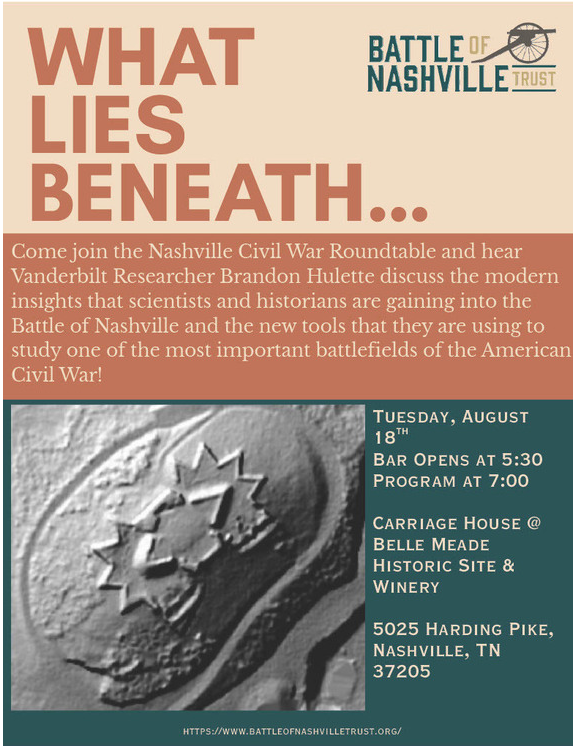
The meeting begins at **7:00 PM** and meetings are always open to the public. Members, please bring a friend or two as they are welcome!

August's Program

"What Lies Beneath: The Battle of Nashville"

Presented by Brandon Hulette

Vice President of the Battle of Nashville Trust, Professor Brandon Hulette, will join the Nashville Civil War Roundtable to speak on "What Lies Beneath: The Battle of Nashville." This presentation will cover a study tracking physical remnants of the Battle of Nashville and Hood's last campaign, specifically tailored for Middle Tennessee preservationists looking to protect similar urban lines. Learn about new science and technologies that allow historians to truly understand what lies beneath America's battlefields.



WHAT LIES BENEATH...

BATTLE OF NASHVILLE TRUST

Come join the Nashville Civil War Roundtable and hear Vanderbilt Researcher Brandon Hulette discuss the modern insights that scientists and historians are gaining into the Battle of Nashville and the new tools that they are using to study one of the most important battlefields of the American Civil War!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH
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PROGRAM AT 7:00

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Article of the Month

"Caring For the Sick and Wounded at Nashville"

By Howard Mann

This article focuses on the women who bravely served as surgeons and nurses during the Civil War. Learn the stories behind the courageous surgeons and nurses whose testimonies reveal the strength and resiliency of those who sought to care for the sick and wounded.



[Click Here for the Article](#)

Civil War News & Events

JOIN THE CWRT CONGRESS FOR OUR 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.



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/>.

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 and we will check for you. You can also renew on our website at [battleofnashvilletrust.org](https://www.battleofnashvilletrust.org).

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