



# MONTHLY PERSPECTIVE

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## Battle of Franklin symposium in June

Franklin's Charge is hosting its third annual Symposium on the Battle of Franklin. The Symposium takes place June 18-20, and will focus on the "Last Days of the Army of Tennessee." The Symposium follows General John Bell Hood's footsteps into Franklin and onward to Nashville.

Supported by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, the Symposium features expert guides and faculty members who will provide tours and lectures addressing such themes as the military campaigns, the costs of occupation and the promise of emancipation. This year, the Symposium is expanding to include the Battle of Nashville.

The newly implemented Civil War Trails program will be used as a tool for educating attendees about the Battle of Franklin. This is the first opportunity battlefield enthusiasts have had to use the program through the Symposium outlet. Williamson County has fourteen markers in the area, and Franklin's Charge is proud to be

associated with the program, which also exists in Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland.

Area educators are encouraged to attend. This Symposium includes a special workshop on Thursday, June 18, intended for educators only. During this workshop, teachers will receive knowledge and teaching tools about the Civil War and the Battle of Franklin that they can deliver in the classroom. The workshop will be taught by staff from the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. Scholarships are available and can be requested by contacting Stacey Watson at 595-0636 or by e-mail to [info@franklinscharge.com](mailto:info@franklinscharge.com).

Building on the momentum of last year's event, the 2009 Symposium promises to provide an engaging exploration of the Civil War story in Middle Tennessee, will enhance attendees' understanding of the significance of the fighting in Middle Tennessee and heighten awareness of the wonderful historic resources which are currently being preserved in Franklin. The

Symposium also serves to encourage tourism into the Franklin and Williamson County area.

Once again, Franklin's Charge is working with a great partner, the Franklin Marriott & Cool Springs Conference Center, host hotel for the conference. Reservations may be made by calling 888-236-2427. Mention the Franklin Battlefield Symposium and receive a room rate of \$119 per night. Deadline for hotel reservations is May 29.

Registration for the Symposium can be made online by going to the newly enhanced Franklin's Charge web site [www.franklinscharge.com](http://www.franklinscharge.com) or by calling 615-595-0636.

Franklin's Charge, Inc., the African American Heritage Society, Historic Carnton Plantation, The Carter House, Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, Save the Franklin Battlefield, the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, Williamson County Convention & Visitors Bureau and Williamson County-Franklin Chamber of Commerce are working together to present this Symposium.