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Unknown Soldier May Draw Crowds

When the bones of a Civil War soldier were found at a construction site on Columbia Avenue back in May, the discovery brought out small groups of onlookers, archaeologists and news crews.

But the soldier's reburial in October will likely be a different story. Thousands of visitors, including groups of Civil War re-enactors from throughout the U.S., are expected to participate in the soldier's reburial on Oct. 10.

Franklin aldermen gave their clearance to re-inter the skeleton in Franklin's Rest Haven cemetery as part of a full military ceremony that will include a horse-drawn caisson through downtown Franklin. "Certainly we will have hundreds if not thousands of re-enactors here in Franklin," said Robin Hood, member of the city's Battlefield Task Force. "I think it's going to be a significant event for all of Franklin and all of Tennessee."



Workers accidentally unearthed the soldier's lone, unmarked grave while digging a trench at the Through the Green development on Columbia Avenue. Along with the skeleton, archaeologists also found brass buttons with a Union insignia, tacks from his boots and a bullet as part of the excavation. The discovery of the soldier's remains gives Civil War buffs a rare chance to honor the dead killed in a war fought more than a century ago. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said J.T. Thompson, task force member and Lotz House owner. "It's a very unique, wonderful opportunity to participate in history." It is not known exactly when the man died, but officials speculate that it occurred in late 1864, sometime around the Battle of Franklin.

Since being unearthed, the bones have been kept by the state Department of Environment and Conservation until city staff and Civil War historians could work out plans for the reburial. In the interim, Hood and other task force members say they've fielded numerous calls and e-mails from Civil War groups and others throughout the country interested in the discovery and coming to Franklin to participate in the reburial.

"I think the long-range return for our investment in this event is immeasurable," Hood said. "It will be a catalyst for future events and for future recognition of Franklin as a historic tourism destination." No cost estimates for the funeral accompanied information to city aldermen.

According to the task force's plans, the soldier's body will lie in state at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, beginning Oct. 8 and remain there through the morning of Oct. 10. The church was a Union barracks during the Battle of Franklin. After a ceremony in the church that morning, Union and Confederate re-enactors will accompany the horse-drawn caisson to Rest Haven cemetery. Streets along the route would be closed for the ceremony.

The task force is asking that three stages or scaffolding be erected along the funeral route for media and camera crews to be able to better photograph the event. At the cemetery, the tomb will be marked with discarded Civil War-era limestone columns formerly used in the old state Capitol building in Nashville, Hood said. He said there will be no cost to create the monument.

—Kevin Walters

The Tennessean: Williamson A.M – August 28, 2009, Section W, p. 1W.

Fort Donelson Camp # 62 Web Site: tmsuvcw.org

CAMP COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

This summer has been an interesting and busy one for Fort Donelson Camp and for me.

The discovery of the remains of a Civil War soldier, the Flag Day Ceremonies for the USCI veterans and for Pvt. Capley, and attending the 128th SUVCW National Encampment have all been stimulating experiences.

The SUVCW National Encampment was held at Louisville, KY, this year. All of the elected officers of the Dept. of Tennessee/Alabama attended. Charlie Engle, DC (Byrd Camp), Doug Fidler, JVC (Byrd Camp), Geoffrey Hintze, Secy/Treas (Taylor Camp), and I, as SVC, made up the Dept. of TN delegation. At the SVR breakfast, I was granted the opportunity to promote the funeral for the Unknown Soldier and the activities of the Fort Donelson Camp relative to the funeral. As a result, some SVR members and units from other states plan to take part in the ceremony. SVR Commanding General Robert Grim also plans to come.

The Flag Day ceremonies went off well. There was good attendance at the ceremony for the USCI veterans and the Camp was directed to other 10th TN Inf US veterans buried in Bedford County related to Pvt. Gabe Capley. Also the *Williamson Herald* published two good articles about the USCI ceremony and photos of the event will be published in a forthcoming book on Williamson County. The SUVCW *Banner*, Fall edition, should have an article and photo of the event.

The discovery of the remains of Franklin's Unknown Soldier presents the Camp with a once in a lifetime opportunity. We took the initiative to promote reburial of the soldier in a historic cemetery, and the City of Franklin and the Mayor's Battlefield Task Force got solidly behind it. SUVCW Fort Donelson Camp # 62 and SCV Sam Davis Camp are serving as hosts for the occasion. The 10th TN Inf (US) SVR is the lead unit with local reenactors filling the ranks. We encourage other brothers in the Camp to join the SVR, put on a uniform to be a part of this historic event, and wear the Union blue for other patriotic occasions.

Wishing you an enjoyable holiday season,

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Sam C. Gant

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Co. E, 13th CT Inf

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Ancestor: G-G-
Grandfather Elbert
Bacon, Pvt., Co. E,
6th Tenn Vol Inf



Fort Donelson Camp # 62

Fort Donelson Camp # 62 continues to grow as we welcome Brothers David Wilson, Ernie Bacon, and Randall Chambers to the Camp. FDC62 now has 38 members and two junior members. Thus far this year, the Camp has experienced just over a 30% increase in membership. At least three potential members have promised to submit their applications very soon and many more have expressed a strong interest in joining but have not yet made a move toward application. The total enrollment of the six SUVCW Dept. of Tennessee/Alabama camps, as of August, was 107 members

Even as this year winds down, the Camp needs to start making plans for sustaining our momentum for growth and activities. We voted at the beginning of this year to make 2010 membership fees due on November 30. We have three challenges: match the 2009 100% reenrollment figure – grow numerically – plan activities to bring honor to our Civil War ancestors and recognition to the Camp.

As November 30 approaches, let us each encourage his brother member to reenroll – Let's reach that 100% reenrollment early! Then let us add to the 100% by each brother recruiting one more! Make it **100% & 1 + 1 !**

100% & 1 + 1

Civil War Veterans

Private Elbert Bacon, Co. E
6th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry
Enlisted: 10 April 1862;
Discharged: 30 June 1865
Buried: Upper Spring Creek Cem.
McMinn County, Tennessee



6th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry
Organized at Williamsburg and Boston, KY, for 3-year enlistment. The 6th TN saw action at Missionary Ridge and duty at Knoxville. They took part in the Assault on Kennesaw and Siege of Atlanta. They initially pursued Hood into Alabama and then were in the Nashville Campaign, Nov-Dec 1864 – the battles of Spring Hill, Franklin, Nashville and the Pursuit of Hood to the Tennessee River.

Private William L. Wilson

Co. G, 13th Connecticut Infantry Volunteers
b: 28 Nov 1843; d: 6 Sept 1914; Died at Enfield, Hartford County, Connecticut

13th Connecticut Infantry Volunteers

Organized at New Haven, CT, 7 Jan. 1862. Occupation of New Orleans, LA; Operations against Port Hudson; Red River Campaign; Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign – Battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. Duties at Savannah and Athens, GA.

Cpl. Robert W. Brashear

Co. G, 6th Tennessee Cavalry
Born: 1840; Died: 1925
Enlisted: 18 Sept 1862; Discharged: 26 July 1865; Buried: Enon Baptist Church Cemetery, McKenzie, TN 38201

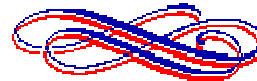
6th Tennessee (1st West Tennessee) Cavalry

Engagements: Corinth, MS, against Forrest; Action near Jackson, MS; Holly Springs, MS; West Tenn against Forrest; Florence, AL; Battle of Nashville; Pursuit of Hood; Holly Tree Gap and Franklin; Gravelly Springs, AL. Mustered out 26 July 1865.

Veterans' Day Ceremony *honoring*

5th Tennessee Cavalry U.S.
10:30 a.m., 7 November 2009

**White Cemetery, 6917 Arno Rd.,
College Grove, Tennessee**



10th Tennessee Infantry
Sons of Veterans Reserve



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Fort Donelson Camp # 62 **10th Tennessee Infantry (US) SVR** **Roster**

David DuBrucq, 1st Sgt., Commanding
Brettson Bauer, Pvt.
Larry Cockerham, Pvt.
David Eagan, Pvt.
Sam Gant, Pvt.
James W. "Bill" Heard, Pvt.
James Hurst, Pvt.
George Andrew Huttick, Pvt.
George Michael Huttick, Pvt.
Roger Tenney, Pvt.

The SUVCW brothers of Camp 62 who wear the uniforms of Union blue will have a unique and indeed rare opportunity to help make history. The funeral of the Unknown Civil War Soldier from the Franklin Battlefield is a historic event of national interest in which the Fort Donelson Camp # 62 and the 10th Tennessee Infantry (US) SVR are playing a significant role.

The color guard will be leading the procession with Roger Tenney, 10th TN Inf (US) SVR, carrying the 35-star American flag. Bill Heard, will represent the 10th TN Inf (US) SVR in the honor guard. 1st Sgt. David Du Brucq, 10th TN Inf (US) SVR, will command the first unit in the procession, and then at Rest Haven Cemetery he will command the flag ceremony with Sam Gant and Larry Cockerham receiving the folded flags. Sam Gant and Larry Cockerham will conduct the "Dust-to-Dust" ceremony as the soldiers cast soil into the Unknown Soldier's grave from each state which took part in the Battle of Franklin.

If other members of FDC62 wish to take part in this historic event, there is still time to get your uniforms and march with the SVR.



Check out the
FDC62 Web Site
tnsuvcw.org

CIVIL WAR ACTION

5 Oct 1862 — Fighting at Fort Riley, Nashville
7 Oct 1862 — Federals rout CS near LaVergne
8 Oct 1863 — Battle of Farmington, TN
25 Oct 1862 — Grant takes command Dept of TN
4 Nov 1864 — Forrest destroys US gunboats at Johnsonville
23 Nov 1863 — Battle of Lookout Mountain
25 Nov 1863 — Battle of Missionary Ridge
29 Nov 1864 — Battle of Spring Hill
30 Nov 1864 — Battle of Franklin
5 Dec 1864 — Forrest attacks and occupies Murfreesboro for 3 days
7 Dec 1864 — "Battle of the Cedars," Murfreesboro
12 Dec 1862 — Federal attack in Franklin
15 Dec 1864 — Battle of Nashville begins
16 Dec 1864 — CS lines break and begin Retreat
17-25 1864 — Hood's Retreat to Tenn. River
30 Dec 1860 — SC troops seize Federal arsenal at Charleston, SC
31 Dec 1862– 2 Jan 1863 — Battle of Stones River

Upcoming Events: Fort Donelson Camp # 62

Tues 22 Sept.- FDC62 General Meeting. Millview church of Christ, 4370 Murfreesboro, Rd, Franklin, 7 p.m.

Sat 10 Oct – Unknown Soldier Funeral, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Franklin, TN, 10 a.m.,

Sat 7 Nov – Veterans Day Ceremony—Honoring 5th TN Vol Cav US, White Cemetery, 6917 Arno Rd., College Grove, TN, 10:30 a.m.,

28-30 Nov – Franklin's Civil War Days

Mon 30 Nov – FDC62 Gen Meeting. Millview church of Christ, 4370 Murfreesboro, Rd, Franklin, 7:p.m.,

For Upcoming Battlefield Events, contact :

Fort Donelson National Battlefield (931-232-5706)

www.nps.gov/fodo

Stones River National Battlefield (615-893-950

www.nps.gov/stri

Shiloh National Military Park (731-689-5696)

www.nps.gov/shil

Parkers Crossroads Battlefield (731-986-5572)

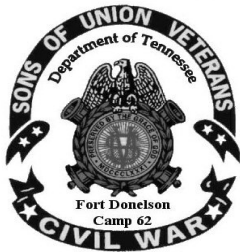
www.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/tn011.htm

Carter House Franklin, TN: (615-791-1861)

www.carter-house.org

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