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Fort Negley

Fort Negley was the largest and most important fortification built by Union troops after their occupation of Nashville in 1862. Standing atop St. Cloud Hill, it marked the center of the Union defensive line which stretched in a wide circle around the southern part of the city. The Union Army was determined to hold Nashville at all costs because of its importance in the distribution of supplies by river and rail and so transformed it into one of the most heavily fortified cities in America.



Fort Negley

Named for General James Negley, provost marshal and commander of Union forces in Nashville, the stronghold was built by conscription laborers--predominantly slaves and free Blacks--of stones, log, earth, and railway iron. Engineer James St. Clair Morton designed the complex work of polygonal shape, the largest inland masonry fortification of the Civil War; he also supervised its construction. The stone fort itself was 600 feet long and 300 feet wide, including outer fortifications and earthworks over the brow of the hill, Fort Negley covered four acres and was considered to be practically impregnable. The fort never came under direct attack during the war, but its artillery played a

crucial role throughout the city's occupation and the Battle of Nashville.

After the war ended and Union forces withdrew from Nashville, the abandoned fort fell into disrepair. The site was neglected until the 1930s, when the Works Progress Administration reconstructed parts of the fort and added a road, stone entrance gates, and recreation facilities. However, those restoration efforts also deteriorated, and the fort was designated an undeveloped park. In 1975, it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



13th USCT and 9th KY at Fort Negley 2009

Interest in using the fort as an interpretive site grew among Civil War interest groups, educators, preservationists, and government leaders during the 1990s. Recognizing Fort Negley's significance and value, Mayor Bill Purcell's Parks and Greenways Master Plan made funding for its opening and interpretation a priority. In Nov 2002, the Metro Council appropriated money for that purpose. In observance of the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Nashville, Fort Negley was opened to the public.

Battle of Nashville Preservation Society
<http://www.bonps.org/negley121004.htm>

100% Renewed for 2010

CAMP COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Thank You for 100%! The Camp once again had **100%** membership "reups." FDC now has 48 members and junior members, which is slightly more than a 50% increase in membership over 1 Jan 2009. But now we face the second part of the 2010 challenge:

Every **one** recruit **one: 1 + 1!**

Within just a few weeks, as brothers recruit, FDC should double its membership from that of the January 2008 Camp revitalization. With every new brother, comes an opportunity to honor another Civil War Boy in Blue and promote the SUVCW. Also, as FDC and the 10th TN SVR honors our Civil War ancestors with events such as the flag ceremonies for Sgt McCulley and Pmts Jacob and Samuel Moulder and these are publicized, other Union descendants will be drawn to FDC. Bro. Joe Smyth has kindly consented to do PR for the Camp. To see FDC recognition within the SUVCW, see the BANNER, Article 1, at:

<http://suvchw.org/bannerhome.htm>

FDC has also become more involved in the Department of Tennessee/Alabama. I was elected Department Commander (DC), and George A. Huttick was appointed Dept. Patriotic Instructor (DPI), David DuBrucq, Guard, and Roger Tenney, Color Guard. The 2011 Annual Encampment of the SUVCW Dept. of TN/AL is to be held 29 January at the Fort Negley Visitor's Center.

The new FDC meeting site at Fort Negley Visitors Center provides the near ideal meeting place. As the Camp assembles, we are reminded of the thousands of Union soldiers, including our ancestors, who manned the fort, who fought the Battle of Nashville, or who encamped here on their way to other battles. This historic site gives many more of the FDC brothers an opportunity to participate in the Camp meetings held here.

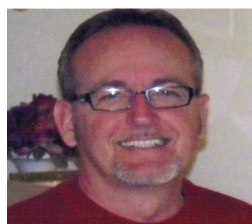
In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Sam C. Gant

**Congratulations! 100% of
the FDC Brothers Renewed!
Now in 2010 let's reach**

1 + 1

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Timothy Moulder
119 Bluebell Way
Franklin, TN 37064

G-G-G- Grandfather Jacob Moulder, Pvt.
G-G- Grandfather Samuel K. Moulder, Pvt.
Co. K, 10th Reg., Tennessee U.S. Infantry



Wayne Moulder
460 Lower Halls Mill Rd.
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Joe Smyth, III
708 Shadowlawn
Franklin, TN 37069
G-G-Grandfather, Robert
R. Moulton, Pvt., Co. D,
14th Reg. Maine Infantry



Samuel V. Huffman, Jr.
8212 Wickle Rd. E
Brentwood, TN 37027
Great Grandfather, William Myers, Pvt., Co. H,
1st WV Vol Inf.

Chad Comer
885 Homer Bray Road
Red Boiling Springs, TN 37150
G-G-Grandfather, Robert F Comer, Cpl.,
Co. F, 1st TN Mtd Cav, US,

Plans for 2010

The events for the first half of 2010 have been set. The 23 March general meeting will be at Fort Negley with Krista Castillo speaking on "Women's Role in Occupied Nashville." A special invitation is extended to mothers, wives and daughters. On 10 April, a special flag ceremony will honor Sgt James McCulley, g-g-grandfather of Bro. Bill Heard. The 25 May meeting will be Artifacts Day when members may bring CW artifacts, memorabilia, photos, etc., to share information about them with others. Flag Day ceremonies near Shelbyville 12 June will honor Pmts Jacob and Samuel Moulder, g-g-g- and g-g-grandfathers of Bros. Tim and Wayne Moulder. Plans are being considered for a march from Fort Granger to the Carter House to coincide with SCV Sam Davis Camp march from Winstead Hill, 28 Nov. There is also the opportunity to participate in Franklin's Civil War Days parade, 16 Oct.



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

The 10th Tennessee SVR has just completed its first year of commissioned service. Membership in the 10th TN now stands at 12, an increase of 33%. We look forward to even more growth in 2010. We have experienced a few growing pains, but have had some remarkable achievements as well. My sincere thanks to those brothers who have made so many contributions of time and considerable effort to make our inaugural year successful. The credit belongs to you!

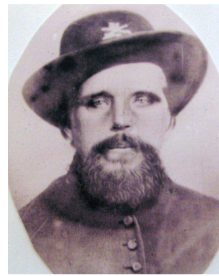
Planning for 2010 is ongoing. Currently scheduled events include a flag and marker ceremony for Sgt J.H. McCulley, Co. K, 13th KY US Vols at 10:30, 10 April 2010 in Cookeville, TN. Sgt McCulley is the ancestor of SVR's Cpl Bill Heard. On 12 June, a Flag Day ceremony will honor Pvt Jacob Moulder and his son Pvt Samuel K. Moulder, who as father and son served in the 10th TN US Vols. They are the ancestors of brothers Timothy and Wayne Moulder.

In cooperation with the 9th KY US Vols, events also are being considered for Stones River National Battlefield and for Fort Donelson. A Veterans' Day event is also on the agenda for 2010. The 10th TN will participate in Battle of Franklin Anniversary events scheduled for October and November.

For those interested in uniform items, sutler information is available from 1st Sgt DuBrucq, as well as its being listed on the FDC website along with an exhibit of the basic 10th TN uniform. Members are encouraged to don Union blue and participate in all our uniformed events. Questions on period firearms can be directed to the unit Armorer, Cpl Bill Heard.

All Regular, Associate and Junior SUVCW members in good standing are eligible for and encouraged to apply for membership in the SVR. For SVR membership information and applications, contact:

David M. Du Brucq
1st Sergeant, Commanding
10th Regiment, Tennessee
U.S. Volunteer Infantry



Flag Ceremony

10: 30, 10 April

honoring

**Sgt. James H. McCulley
Co. K, 13th TN Cavalry US
Cookeville City Cemetery
W Spring St & Scott Ave**

James Henry McCulley, 1829 – 11 Nov 1881, married Mary Ann Adkins, 16 Oct 1855. They had twelve children. He was the first sheriff of Putnam County after the War, appointed by Gov. Parson Brownlow, who wanted a Republican as sheriff in Putnam County. Jim first served in Co. D, 22nd TN Cavalry CS. It is not known how he came to be in the Confederate Army, but it is assumed since he was Republican and a strong Unionist that he was conscripted. He was sent home on recruiting duty and, at Glasgow, KY on 19 August 1863, joined Co. K, 13th TN Cavalry US with the rank of Sergeant, enlisting for three years. This unit was engaged mainly in East Tennessee at places such as Bulls Gap and Blue Springs. The 13th was responsible for the killing of Gen. John Hunt Morgan in Greeneville, TN. They were heavily engaged until the end of the War. One of their last actions was the capture of CSA President Jefferson Davis, just west of Washington, Georgia

Pvt Jacob Bacon and Pvt William Bacon

Ernie Bacon of Franklin, long active in preservation and serving on the Board of Franklin's Charge, recently joined SUVCW Fort Donelson Camp # 62 after learning that his ancestors fought in the Battle of Franklin on 30 November 1864.

Pvt Jacob Bacon and Pvt William Henry Harrison Bacon, 1st TN Cav, USV, Ernie's great-great uncles, fought in the Battle of Franklin. During action on Lewisburg Pike 30 Nov, Jacob received a stomach wound and died in a Nashville hospital on 2 Dec. William Bacon reportedly also was wounded during the Battle; however, he lived to fulfill his 3-year enlistment and was discharged in 1865.

Ernie's great-great-grandfather, Pvt Elbert Bacon, 6th TN Inf, did not see action in the Battle of Franklin

The three brothers were farmers in Bradley and McMinn Counties in East Tennessee. Military records indicate that their paths crossed during engagements at Missionary Ridge and as far south as Cassville, Georgia

CIVIL WAR ACTION

1 April 1863 — Federal expedition from Murfreesboro to Lebanon and Carthage
5 April 1862 — Military Gov Johnson suspends authority of Nashville Mayor and council for refusing loyalty oath
6 – 7 April 1862 — Battle of Shiloh
10 April 1863 — First Battle of Franklin
12 April 1864—Forrest captures Fort Pillow
21 April 1863—Federals occupy McMinnville
27 April 1865—Steamboat *Sultana* explodes and burns near Memphis
6 May 1861—TN passes secession ordinance
16 May 1861—TN admitted to the Confederacy
4 June 1863 — Forrest's CS cavalry attempts to surround Federals at Franklin
6 June 1862 — Battle of Memphis – War's last "fleet action" on the rivers
7 June 1862 — Federals capture Jackson
10 June 1865 — President Johnson declares Tennessee restored to the Union
16 June 1863 — US cavalry drives John Hunt Morgan's cavalry toward Shop Springs
23 June – 7 July 1863 —Tullahoma or Middle Tennessee Campaign

Upcoming Events (Subject to Change):

Tues 23 Mar, 7 pm – FDC Gen Meeting Fort Negley Visitors' Center – Speaker: Krista Castillo, "The Roles of Women in Union Occupied Nashville, TN"
Sat 10 Apr, 10:30 – Flag Ceremony—honoring J.H. McCulley, Sgt, Co. K 13th TN US, Cookeville City Cem
Tues 25 May, 7 pm – FDC Gen Meeting, "Show & Tell," Fort Negley, 1100 Fort Negley Blvd., Nashville
Sat 12 Jun, 10:30 – Flag Day Ceremony—honoring Jacob & Samuel Moulder, Pvts, Co.E, 10th TN US Inf near Shelbyville, TN

Civil War Roundtables:

Franklin CWRT – 3 p.m., 3rd Sunday, Williamson County Library, Columbia Ave., Franklin

Nashville CWRT – 7 p.m., 3rd Monday, Fort Negley Visitors' Center, 1100 Fort Negley Blvd., Nashville

Clarksville CWRT – 7p.m., 3rd Wednesday, Borders, Governor's Sq., Exit 4, Clarksville

For Upcoming Battlefield Events, contact :

Fort Donelson National Battlefield (931-232-5706)

www.nps.gov/fodo

Stones River National Battlefield (615-893-9501)

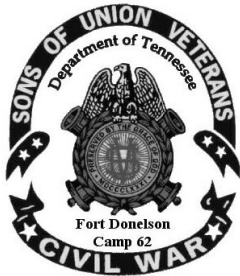
www.nps.gov/stri

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



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The Legacy of Stones River **Saturday, March 20, 2010**

**A Symposium at the Rutherford
County Courthouse and Stones
River National Battlefield,
Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

For Directions and Additional Information:

Contact the Stones River National
Battlefield at (615) 893-9501 or by e-mail
at stri_information@nps.gov or look for
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www.nps.gov/stri or www.tncivilwar.org

Symposium registration fee: \$10
Registration deadline: March 12
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Stones River Symposium
3501 Old Nashville Highway
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