

Come Ride with Us to the . . .

“Gettysburg of the West” Texans and the Battle of Franklin

Hood’s Texas Brigade Association Battlefield Tour • 2017

\$595: Airfare & Hotel NOT included

June 6-9,
2017



Tour Leaders/Speakers:

Sam Hood, Principal Organizer

Eric Jacobson, CEO, Battle of Franklin Trust

Thomas Y. Cartwright, leading authority on Battle of Franklin

Robert Hicks, author of “The Widow of the South”

FEATURING

Columbia, TN, Hood’s HQ • Elm Springs, SCV National HQ • Spring Hill Battlefield
Rippavilla Plantation • Harrison House Site • Winstead Hill • Carter House & Lotz House
Fort Granger • Carnton Plantation Fort Negley • Overton Hill & Redoubt #5

The Battle of Franklin has been called “crucial to an understanding of the Western Theater of the American Civil War and, ultimately, the outcome of the war” (*The Battle of Franklin Trust*). ♣ We will visit Spring Hill and Franklin in the care and guidance of Sam Hood who has intimate knowledge of the story that is told at these sites. ♣ We will be joined by Eric Jacobson, CEO of the Battle of Franklin Trust, who oversees operations of The Carter House and Carnton Plantation. J.T. Thompson, director of the Lotz House will welcome us. ♣ We will travel by coach. Lunches will be “on the road.” ♣ Dinners Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights will be special with evening speakers, including Eric Jacobson and Robert Hicks, author of “The Widow of the South.” Lunches & Dinners are included in price. (A more detailed description is available.)

For more information contact Martha Hartzog at 512/431-2682 or m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu

SUMMARY ITINERARY

— June 6: Tuesday —

Afternoon arrival with a Welcome Dinner, and Overview
Lecture on political/strategic mission of the Army of Tennessee’s invasion of November 1864.

— June 7: All day Wednesday —

- We will begin south of Columbia, TN at house (outside only) that was Hood’s HQ, and where he met with his corps commanders and Nathan Bedford Forrest on Nov. 28 to plan the flank to Spring Hill. Our guide is Eric Jacobson.
- Brief visits to sites in Columbia, including “Elm Springs” and the SCV National HQ. Lunch at “Elm Springs.”
- We’ll follow exact flank route of AP Stewart’s and Frank Cheatham’s corps.
- Walking tour of Spring Hill Battlefield.
- Visit to Rippavilla Plantation where Hood and his commanders had the famous contentious breakfast the morning of Nov 30.

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— June 8: All day Thursday —

- Follow the Federal route of the retreat from Spring Hill, pursued by Hood. Again, led by Eric Jacobson.
- Visit Harrison House grounds (just south of Winstead Hill) where Hood held his pre-battle meeting.
- Winstead Hill–Hood’s observation point for Battle of Franklin.
- Carter House, Lotz House, & site of Cleburne’s death.
- Fort Granger (overlooking Franklin) where Federal artillery bombarded attacking Confederates.
- Eastern Flank battlefield, Carnton Plantation, where we will have lunch.

— June 9: All Day Friday —

- McGavock Cemetery, Nashville & Fort Negley.
- Traveller’s Rest Plantation: Hood’s HQ at Nashville.
- Overton Hill and Redoubt No. 5.
- Retrace Hood’s retreat route from Overton Hill back to Franklin, stopping at major rearguard battle sites.

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Still at \$595 (hotel & air not included)
Includes 4 dinners & 3 lunches

Deposit to Hold Your Place: \$100

Deposit Deadline: April 1

Final Payment of Balance Deadline: April 30

Payment by check made out to HTBAR.

Indicate “for 2017 HTBAR Tour.”

Send payment and registration forms to

Charleen Mullenweg, Treasurer
406 Oat Meadow Drive (“Oat” NOT “Oak”)
Pflugerville, TX 78660
(indicate it is for the 2016 HTBAR Tour).

INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!!!

For forms required for registration,

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For information on the itinerary, contact

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Registrants will be expected to fill out

(1) a Registration Form, plus (2) a Release Form, with signature. Both can be sent by US Postal Service or scanned and sent as pdfs. We **must** have both the Registration Form and the Release Form for each participant before he or she can board the bus.

Daily Rate Available:

if you are only available for only one or two days, a special daily rate of \$200 is offered (for Wednesday, Thursday or Friday). Participants will need to meet the whole tour group at the hotel at 7:30 am. This offer is based on availability.



*They come with the ringing bugle,
And the deep drum's mellow roar;
Till the soul is faint with longing
For the hand we clasp no more.*

Land Cost: \$595 (includes speakers, lunches, dinners, extensive handouts which include battlefield maps, and bus transportation). You are responsible for your own travel costs to Nashville/Franklin and the hotel. Send reservation fee made out to HTBAR to Charleen Mullenweg, Treasurer, HTBAR, at 406 Oat Meadow Drive, Pflugerville, TX 78660.

Hotel Information: Franklin Marriott, Cool Springs

The official hotel for the group is the Franklin Marriott, Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN, 37067. The group rate of \$129.00, plus tax, is extended to Hood's Texas Brigade Association tour participants. Breakfast for two is included.

To receive this discounted rate, reservations by attendees must be received on or before Tuesday, May 16, 2017 (the “cutoff date”). Reservations are made by calling 1 (800) 228-9290 or (615) 261-6100 and indicating it is for the Hood's Brigade Tour. All guest room reservations must be canceled 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a charge of one night's room and tax.

Arrival: Plan to arrive in time for the reception Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm.

Note: The Nashville Airport is about 25 minutes away from the hotel. Transportation services, like Uber and Cool Springs Limo, are available.

We highly encourage you to stay at our tour hotel. We plan not only to leave early in the morning at 7:30 am each day, but also to feature evening speakers at the hotel (or other location) as part of dinner. Because our tour does not officially end until Friday evening, we also urge you to plan to stay at the hotel from Tuesday through Friday night.