

# FORT NEGLEY WIG WAG

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## Eagle Scout Project

In July and August, Fort Negley saw a new bench added on the north side of our fossil pit. Doug Oakley of Boy Scout Troop 243 along with friends and fellow scouts came to the Visitors Center to pour the concrete slab and install the bench as part of his Eagle Scout project. We are grateful for their help in making the park a comfortable nice place for our visitors. Thank you!

There is a long history of Eagle Scout candidates completing projects at Fort Negley. Please call or email us if you are interested in community service at Fort Negley. We'd be glad to talk to you about an existing idea or help make suggestions.



right: (left to right) Jeff Cardwell, Laura Beth Wright, Doug Oakley, Preston Grau, Alex Cardwell, Eddie Grau, Shawn Mercer and Doug Grau pose after a long hot day.  
left: Doug Oakley is the first among many who will enjoy the new bench.

## A CALL TO PRESERVE HISTORY

In August, we received a piece of history. Mr. Douglas Hunter sent us this picture of his great uncle, Baxter Hunter, on a visit to Fort Negley in the 1940s. He is standing in front of the wooden stockade and turret near the fort's center that was reconstructed by the Works Progress Administration in 1936. It is truly fascinating to see part of Fort Negley's past that no longer exists today. Now it can be enjoyed by more people at the Visitors Center. History is preserved through the sharing of knowledge and artifacts.



If you find a piece of family history that includes Fort Negley, South Nashville, or a local battle site we'd love to see it!

Please email us a copy at [fortnegley@nashville.gov](mailto:fortnegley@nashville.gov) or bring it by the Visitors Center and we will make a copy.

## Remember:

Starting in September, Fort Negley Visitors Center will be operating on Winter Hours. We will be open Tuesday through Friday Noon - 4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The park will be open as usual from dawn to dusk.

## CREATED EQUAL: AMERICA'S CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE

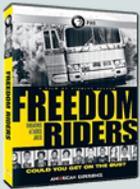
### Film Screening & Community Discussion Series

Metro Historical Commission in partnership with the Fort Negley Visitors Center is delighted to be one of the recipients of a two-year grant program called *Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle* an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities that uses the power of documentary films to encourage community discussion of America's civil rights history.

One film from the series of four will be shown each month from June through September. In October, we will be showing a fifth film from the American Experience series. Fort Negley Visitors Center offers several opportunities to view each film. A community discussion held at the end of the week will allow participants to discuss the films, the Civil Rights Movement and other relevant topics.

A light brunch will be provided for those attending the Community Discussions. The screening and discussion series are free and open to the public. Reservations are required for the discussion sessions only. For more information or to make reservations, please click on the schedules below or contact Fort Negley at 615-862-8470 or [fortnegley@nashville.gov](mailto:fortnegley@nashville.gov).

For more information on *Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle* and to view the films online, visit <http://createdequal.neh.gov/>.

CLICK HERE to register for the Community Discussion		
	<i>Freedom Riders</i> 120 Minutes	
Film Screenings		
Saturday, Sept. 20	10:00 am 2:00 pm	All All
Tuesday, Sept. 23	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am Noon	Part I Part II Part I Part II
Wednesday, Sept. 24	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am Noon	Part I Part II Part I Part II
Thursday, Sept. 25	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am Noon 6:00 pm	Part I Part II Part I Part II All
Community Discussion		
Friday, Sept. 26	10:00 am	

CLICK HERE to register for the Community Discussion		
	<i>Freedom Summer</i> 120 Minutes	
Film Screenings		
Saturday, Oct. 25	10:00 am 2:00 pm	All All
Tuesday, Oct. 28	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am Noon	Part I Part II Part I Part II
Wednesday, Oct. 29	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am Noon	Part I Part II Part I Part II
Thursday, Oct. 30	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am Noon 6:00 pm	Part I Part II Part I Part II All
Community Discussion		
Friday, Oct. 31	10:00 am	

Join us on Friday, September 26, at 10:00 am, for a community discussion on *Freedom Riders* led by Dr. Tommie Morton-Young and Mr. Tommy Lynch, Director of Metro Parks and Recreation. This discussion will explore other themes relevant to the time period, such as integration in sports.



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After years of planning and anticipation, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Nashville is just around the corner. In commemoration of this momentous battle, dozens of institutions, organizations, and historic sites are offering a variety of events, programs, lectures, film screenings, and more this fall and winter. Be sure to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity to share and to experience Nashville's rich Civil War history!

## CITY-WIDE COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE LIVING HISTORY EVENT



To commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Nashville, many historic sites around the City are participating in an all-day event on December 13. There will be location specific living history demonstrations at locations such as Fort Negley, Belmont Mansion, Historic Travellers Rest, The Land Trust for Tennessee's Glen Leven Farm, Belle Meade Plantation, Shy's Hill, and others. Special Civil War exhibits will also be featured at the Tennessee State Museum and Tennessee State Library and Archives.

**Mark your calendars and watch the Fort Negley website and Facebook page for more details coming soon!**

## AGENTS OF THEIR OWN DESTINY: RACE AND REMEMBRANCE IN A CIVIL WAR CITY Events to commemorate and celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War's Battle of Nashville



Lipscomb University is hosting a variety of events throughout September, October, and November in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Nashville. The kick-off symposium, featuring James Lee McDonough, Dr. Carole Bucy and Tonya Staggs, will be held at Historic Travellers Rest on Thursday, September 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Every Saturday in October from 9:00 AM to Noon, David Currey will lead tours of important Battle of Nashville sites, such as Fort Negley, Peach Orchard Hill, Travellers Rest, and Granbury's Lunette. You don't want to miss this opportunity to hear from the historian who served as Fort Negley's interpretive planner and designer of the Civil War exhibit at Bicentennial Mall.

On Saturday, November 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Lipscomb University will host a symposium entitled "The African American Experience in the Civil War" featuring James McPherson, Joseph Glatthaar, and John Baker.

Lipscomb University will host the Civil War on the Silver Screen in September and October at Ward Hall at 7:00 p.m. Featured films include, *Glory* on Tuesday, September 30; *Lincoln* on Tuesday, October 14 and *Copperhead* on Tuesday, October 28.

The cost of attendance is free, but reservations are required and space is limited. For information on the other events in this series or to make reservations visit [lipscomb.edu](http://lipscomb.edu) or call 615-966-6111.

## SEPTEMBER LECTURE SERIES: BELMONT MANSION DURING THE CIVIL WAR

On Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. throughout September, Belmont Mansion will host a series of free lectures to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Nashville and to educate the community about its role during the war. The programs are as follows: September 2: Union General Occupies Belmont Mansion—Dan Lee, September 9: Hymns and Patriotic Songs of the Civil War—Dr. Steven Hoskins, September 16: Religion and the Army of Tennessee in the Civil War—Rev. Traci Nichols-Belt, September 23: 14 Days of Waiting—Mark Brown, September 30: Tennessee Women in the Civil War—Dr. Antoinette van Zelm and Dr. Brenda Jackson-Abernathy. For more details please visit [belmontmansion.com](http://belmontmansion.com).

## Nashville Civil War Roundtable



**FORT NEGLEY**

Join us on the third Monday of each month at Fort Negley Visitors Center at 7:00 pm for an exceptional lineup of speakers and presenters.

### September 15

Jamie Gillum, historian/author,

*Twenty Five Hours To Tragedy: The Spring Hill Affair, November 29th, 1864*

### October 20

Scott Sallee, author/historian, Nashville CWRT,

*The Civil War in Northeast Missouri and the Palmyra Massacre*

Although all programs are free and open to the public, the group encourages membership. Annual dues along with proceeds from the silent auction support programming and local preservation causes. For more information, please visit us on [Facebook](#) or find us at [nashvillecivilwarroundtable.wordpress.com/](http://nashvillecivilwarroundtable.wordpress.com/).

**Fort Donelson Camp No. 62, Sons of Union Veterans**, meet at Fort Negley Visitors Center on the fourth Tuesday every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23. The business meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.tnsuvcw.org/>.



## Upcoming Events In and Around Nashville

**Behind the Scenes Walking Tour of Rutledge Hill, September 13th, 9 am**, Tour this downtown SoBro neighborhood with Historic Nashville, Inc. Tour is limited to members only so join today! Check out [historiconashvilleinc.org](http://historiconashvilleinc.org).

**Daniel Smith Days at Historic Rock Castle, September 20th & 21st, 2014 10 am-4 pm**, A two-day reenactment and community festival celebrating the lives of Tennessee's Founding Families! Visit [historicrockcastle.com](http://historicrockcastle.com).

**Behind the Scenes Walking Tour of Cherokee Trail of Tears, September 27th, 10 am**, This members only 3 mile hike tours an original portion of the Trail of Tears previously thought to be lost. Tour is limited to members so go to [historiconashvilleinc.org](http://historiconashvilleinc.org) to join.

**Belle Meade Living History Event, September 27th, 10 am-4:30 pm**, Belle Meade Plantation portrays the September 1814 Final Recruitment of Nashville Volunteers for the Battle of New Orleans. Visit [bellemeadeplantation.com](http://bellemeadeplantation.com) for details.

**Tennessee Historical Society presents "The 1823 Nashville Toll Bridge: First Bridge over the Cumberland" October 2nd, Noon**, Pat Cummins explores the role Nashville's first bridge played in shaping the city's economic history. The Bridge Building at 2 Victory Ave, suite 300 in downtown Nashville. Free with reservations available [here](#).

**Behind the Scenes Walking Tour of Mt. Olivet Cemetery October 1st**, Check out [historiconashvilleinc.org](http://historiconashvilleinc.org) for more details as they come available.

**City Cemetery' Living History Tour, October 18th, 2pm - 5pm**, Arrive early for the City Cemetery's annual tour. Visit first person interpreters as they present the stories of those interned there. Visit [thenashvillecitycemetery.org](http://thenashvillecitycemetery.org) for more information.

**11th Annual Tennessee History Festival, October 17th & 18th, 10 am- 5 pm**, Enjoy Tennessee's diverse history and hear cannon fire at the Bicentennial Mall Capitol Mall State Park. Free. Visit [tnstateparks.com](http://tnstateparks.com) for more info.

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Interested in Joining Fort Negley's Email Events List?

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