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## NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER, 2005

Vince Lombardi was one of the famous "Seven Blocks of Granite" as a lineman for the Fordham University football team in the 1930's. He later was the Coach of the Green Bay Packers and was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame. He was known for some of his quotes. One is, "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual". That statement applies to our association as well as a football team.

### **Donations**

In 2005, several people have joined me in making cash donations to help our association operate. Special thanks goes to Lee Cooper, Larry and Janie Crowe, and Harry and Becky Dellinger for their gifts. Thank you to the numerous members who purchased commemorative patches to increase our income. Thank you to those who purchased organization items from the Cafe Press store.

Additionally, many made other gift donations, that were other than cash, in order to help our organization. These donations cost them money and time and they all were very helpful. Thank you.

### **Non - Cash Donations**

Skip Barron - Legal review of Bylaws and formation of Bylaws

Kay Borden - Printing of posters, letterheads, business cards, group pictures

Don Bulloch - Website design and maintenance ; Website registration

Harry Dillinger - Scouting Missionary Ridge and streets ; providing portable drill for flag holes

Charles Griggs - Donation of reference books on battles of Missionary Ridge and Nashville

Harris Griggs - Ice and drinking water on tours ; contact with other non-profit organizations

Mary Griggs - Nashville and Franklin information for next year's Congress

Gary Goodson - Donation of two sets of his *Georgia Confederate* 7,000 books ; Domain registration of website

Paul Pettit - Business review of Bylaws ; formation of Bylaws

David Richardson - Two flags with staffs and base ; postage ; research time on Internet ; mailings

Ben Tidwell - Research and evaluation of good places to eat

Rick Tucker - Flags, door prizes, guest gifts, banners

Fran Wagner - Door prize donation

My sincere thanks to all of you. For those I may have missed, I am sorry and will try to take better notes next year. All of your gifts have helped make a better organization and have reduced our direct expenses.

### **Franklin Battlefield Preservation**

Vice President Harris Griggs sent me two front page articles from *The Tennessean* (Nashville) and *The Williamson Community News* (Franklin) reporting on the purchase and removal of the Pizza Hut located in the center of the main attack in Franklin. The city bought the .25 acres of land and the building for \$300,000. A crowd of 200 watched the executive director of The Carter House swing a sledgehammer at the brick Pizza Hut and the Franklin Mayor operate the levers of a trackhoe to tear into the roof. The restaurant was moving to a new location so the city acted quickly in the purchase proposal, which was accepted.

The articles also listed the addresses of 39 buildings in Franklin that were used as hospitals after the battle on November 30, 1864. Some 10,000 were killed and wounded. These buildings will be marked with a special yellow flag with a green H, much like the ones used to designate a field hospital during the Civil War. The idea is to show the number of hospitals and to make them easier to find by tourists. I plan to take this list and organize it by street so the buildings will be easier to find while driving.

Additional plans were announced to buy Shy's Hill, the left anchor of the CSA line at Nashville on the second day of fighting. The hill is in a residential area and additional efforts are needed to preserve and explain what happened there. This site will be a stop on our Congress tours in 2006.

Another part of the article announced that the City of Franklin had agreed to buy 110 acres of the golf course for \$5 million. The golf course is on part of the eastern flank of the CSA attack. We will see it next year along with the

