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From the President

Greetings:

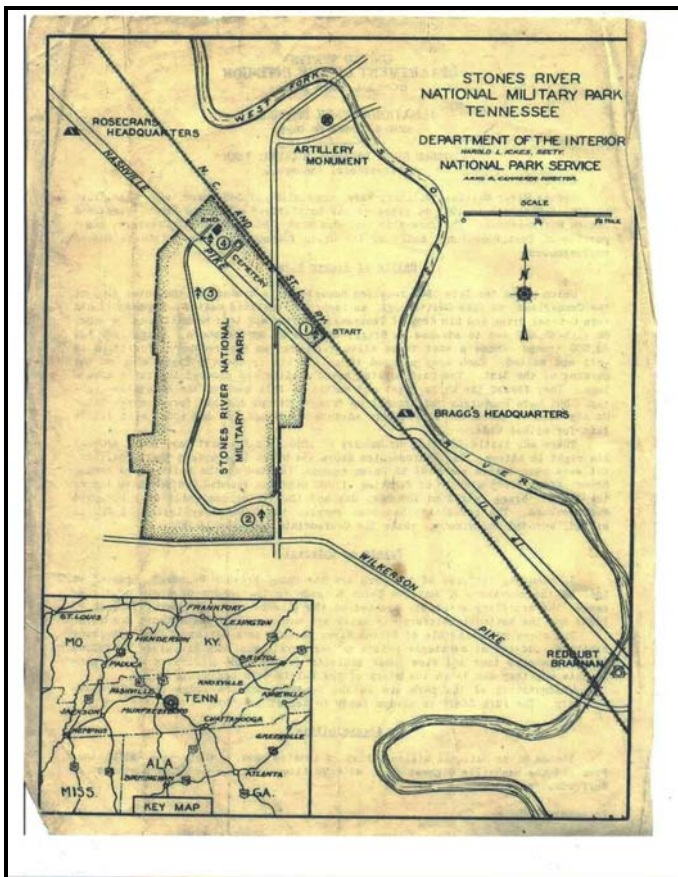
The winter and spring months were active with programs at Stones River National Battlefield. The recent Memorial Day program started an exciting summer schedule that is filled with informative programs, living history demonstrations and special events. Make plans to visit Stones River National Battlefield this summer to learn more about the battle and the impact it had on the Civil War.

Eddie Macon

Friends of SRNB Annual Membership Meeting

The Friends of Stones River National Battlefield will hold its annual membership meeting on Saturday, June 21st at the Old Fort Park, Pavilion #2 in Murfreesboro. The meeting will start at 4:00 PM and refreshments will be served. David R. Logsdon, author of the book "Eyewitnesses at the Battle of Stones River" will be the special guest. Contact Eddie Macon at (615) 849-8424 for information.

From the Past



Map from a December 1937 Department of Interior document for the then called Stones River National Military Park.

Visitor Center Update



The current visitor center was completed in 1963. The expansion and renovation project will add approximately 4,000 sq. ft. to the existing main level; thus, creating approximately 7,200 sq. ft. of space on the main level.



Temporary facility for use during the renovation and expansion of the visitor center.

Development Continues Near Battlefield

The City of Murfreesboro and Middle Tennessee Medical Center officials closed on the sale of city-owned property that was part of the original battlefield during the Battle of Stones River. The 68 acres, located between Manson Pike and Thompson Lane and just a few hundred feet from the current boundary of the Stones River National Battlefield, will be the location for a new medical center.

Development continues to escalate along Thompson Lane with a variety of commercial operations now located on original battlefield acreage. The businesses are less than one-half mile from the current Stones River National Battlefield boundary.



Construction on Manson Pike



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Construction on Thompson Lane

Battlefield Activities and Special Events

July 4-6: Fortress Rosecrans Encampment

Join artillery and infantry units in camp on the parade ground as they present a variety of programs describing life in Fortress Rosecrans. Programs will include artillery and infantry demonstrations.

July 19-20: Artillery Battery Programs

Join the Fifth Indiana Light Artillery as they tell the stories of their unit and demonstrate the use of their weapons. Programs offered at 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM each day.

August 2-3: The Line That Wouldn't Break

Each day will start with a 60-minute walk that focuses on the decisive fighting along the Nashville Pike. Confederate infantryman will describe their experiences during the battle and demonstrate the tactics they used. Programs will be held at 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM.

August 9-10: 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Demonstration focusing on the 21st Ohio soldiers in camp and on the battlefield. The programs include historic weapons demonstrations and will be held at 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM.

August 16-17: Seventh Tennessee Cavalry, C.S.A.

Cavalry tactic demonstrations and programs that focus on the cavalry operations in Middle Tennessee. Programs at 11:00 AM and 2:30 PM on Saturday and 12:30 and 2:30 on Sunday.

Hallowed Ground Lantern Tour of Stones River National Cemetery

July 5th and July 19th at 7:30 PM

August 2nd at 7:30 PM

August 16th at 7:00 PM

August 30th at 6:45 PM

An hour-long walk back in time through the Stones River National Cemetery. Visitors will learn to look beyond the stones and into the stories of men and women who felt the impact of the war. Reservation required and must be made by phone by calling (615) 893-9501 starting at 9 AM on the Monday preceding the program you wish to attend.

Note: Dates and times are subject to change. Call the Stones River National Battlefield office at (615) 893-9501 to verify dates and times.