



Newsletter January 2025



Photo By Karen Havill Bingham

The Friends of Stones River National Battlefield mission is “To preserve and promote Stones River National Battlefield, enhance recreation, promote education and preserve our heritage.”

Looking Back, Looking Forward

Congress passed a bill authorizing the creation of Stones River National Battlefield and President Calvin Coolidge signed it on March 3, 1927. The park has begun planning for its centennial celebration. Not long after the park’s establishment (in geologic time), the members of the Friends of Stones River National Battlefield signed our charter, and the Tennessee Secretary of State incorporated us on June 5, 1989. Jeanne Bragg was the initial incorporator, and the visionary board members were Penny Jekot, Mike Liles, Bertha Chrietzberg, Robert Ragland, Patrick Doyle, and Susan Loyd.

We will celebrate our 36th birthday on June 5, 2025! Our current board members are Tom Zei, president; Chase Sinquefield, vice president; Amanda Shields, secretary; Elaine Winters, treasurer; Gib Backlund, Karen Havill Bingham, Gary Burke, Gia Trevino, directors. Our bylaws permit up to 20 board members. Let us know if you are interested in serving by emailing us at stonesriverbattlefield@gmail.com.

Strategic Planning for the Friends

We will develop a strategic plan in 2025 to guide the Friends of the Battlefield to focus and strengthen our efforts. We will hold a two-part workshop on Saturdays March 1 and March 15 from 9 am to 2 pm. We need your ideas! If you would like to join this effort, email us at stonesriverbattlefield@gmail.com. We have room for up to five people.

Park Day 2025

Join us and our partners at Old Fort Park on Saturday April 12, 2025, at 8:30 am. Lytle Creek flows through the center of Fortress Rosecrans, and Lytle Creek Greenway passes alongside it. We will clear brush, pick up trash, and remove invasive plants to improve the landscape of the area. Constructed after the Battle of Stones River in early 1863, Fortress Rosecrans was the largest earthen fort built in the Civil War. It served as a supply base for the Union army as they marched southeast to Chattanooga, and later to Atlanta. We ask people to register for this volunteer workday at this [link](#).



Volunteers pick up trash during a Park Day volunteer event.

Coming Events

Saturday March 1	Strategic Vision workshop
Saturday March 15	Strategic Vision workshop
Saturday April 12	Park Day volunteer activity
May 12 to 30	Nominations due for Friends Board of Directors
June TBD	Friends Open House at the park visitor center

Friends of Stones River NB by the Numbers

Friends of Stones River established	1989
Members	123
Life Members	28
Current Number of Board Members	8
Annual budget	~\$6000
Endowment	~\$24,000

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