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"Searching for Your Military Ancestors"

Fifty Forward Knowles Center
Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. -- Seminar
ends at 4 p.m.



The annual **Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society/Tennessee Historical Society November Seminar** will be held on November 15, 2008, at the Fifty Forward Knowles Center in Nashville. The topic this year is "**Researching Your Military Ancestors,**" presented by **Craig Roberts Scott, CG**. Mr. Scott is a professional genealogical and historical researcher with more than 23 years experience, who specializes in the records of the National Archives, especially those relating to the military. He is a national speaker and coordinates the Advanced Military Track held annually at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, and is also President and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc.

Recently the Association of Professional Genealogists presented one of its highest awards, the **Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award of Merit**, to Mr. Scott for his service to APG as Treasurer and as a board member from 2002-2007. He also served by leading the APG roundtable discussions for several years.

Registration begins at 8:15 and the Seminar ends at 4:00 p.m. You should have received your registration form in the mail recently. A copy will also be in the Fall **MTGS Journal** and can be copied and sent in. There is also a registration form at our website: <http://www.mtgs.org> which you can print and mail in. Join us for a day of learning and fun!

Directions to the Fifty Forward Knowles Center: From I-65 north or south, take exit #81-East to Wedgewood Ave. (or from Franklin Road); travel east on Wedgewood into the Tennessee State Fairgrounds, turn left inside the gate in the black fence. The name of the building is above the entrance and easily seen from Wedgewood: the Patricia Hart Building.

The Tennessee Historical Society and the Tennessee State Museum's 3rd annual **Tennessee History and Culture Book Fair** will be held on Sunday, November 9 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Tennessee State Museum, located in downtown Nashville at 5th and Deaderick Streets. Free parking is available on the weekends in the state parking lots to the north and west of the State Capitol.

This event is a great opportunity for attendees to meet local authors with new books in Tennessee history and culture. They will be available to sign books that you may purchase in the museum gift shop and answer any questions you may have about their work. Featured authors include **Professor Mark Cheatham** of Cumberland University, author of *Old Hickory's Nephew: The Political and Private Pressures of Andrew Jackson Donelson*, and **Walter Durham, Tennessee's State Historian**. Mr. Durham's two volume set, *Nashville: The Occupied City and Reluctant Partners: Nashville and the Union* is being reprinted by the University of Tennessee Press. Copies of these books will be available for purchase at this event before they are available in bookstores!

Can't get enough education? Consider attending the **2009 Institute for Genealogy and Historical Institute**, held annually at **Samford University in Birmingham**, where, as noted, our seminar speaker is on staff. Ten different courses will be offered from June 14-19; they vary from basic research appropriate for beginning researchers to advanced methodology for experienced genealogists. In June of 2008 a sizable contingent of Middle Tennesseans descended on Samford for the Institute and not only learned a great deal but had a wonderful time.

Registration will begin in January, and some housing is available in dormitories. Information is available on line at <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/index.html>.