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## ***TCWPA Frontline News***

### **Three Star Tour “The Line of the Hiwassee River”**

On July 23, 2016, Three Star Tour participants boarded pontoon boats for an eleven mile trip on the Hiwassee River near Charleston, TN. National Park Service historian Jim Ogden shared stories and maps describing the Native American, pre-Civil War, and Civil War military significance of the river. Docking in Charleston, participants got a close-up look at the pre-Civil War bridge piers now supporting a modern railroad bridge. Continuing into town, the tour explored Civil War sites in Charleston including the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and privately owned Henegar House.



Photo credit: Bruce Hari

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Historian Jim Ogden explained the significance of the East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad bridge which was a critical supply line between Knoxville and Chattanooga during the war. It was burned in November, 1861 by Union loyalists and both sides damaged the rebuilt bridge during the war.

The Charleston Cumberland Presbyterian Church served as a Confederate hospital in 1863. Many of the injured troops were part of a cavalry unit sent to evacuate the town.



The Henegar House served as headquarters for both Union and Confederate generals. Here general Sherman received orders in November, 1863, to take command of the column moving to relieve Knoxville. Tour participants were able to step inside and view the home's historic and well preserved front hallway and parlor.

## **Charleston-Calhoun-Hiwassee Historical Society Receives Grant**

During the tour, TCWPA Vice President Anthony Hodges presented a \$250.00 grant to the Charleston-Calhoun-Hiwassee Historical Society (CCHHS) for its continued work in preserving and interpreting Civil War sites in Bradley and McMinn counties. Darlene Goins received the check on behalf of CCHHS at a luncheon provided by Society volunteers for the Three-Star Tour participants.



TCWPA recognized Goins' efforts to help coordinate the tour and the wonderful hospitality of the CCHHS volunteers as well as the historical society's outstanding accomplishments in preserving and interpreting both Native American and Civil War history in the area.



*TCWPA would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the pontoon boat captains who made transportation to and from Charleston possible. Jerry and Mari; Randy and Cindy; Steve and Jane; and Bill and Jane all donated their time, fuel, and boats to make the tour so special.*

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## Civil War License Plate – Show Your Plate Across the State



TCWPA recently began a monthly email series highlighting the Civil War “Save Our Battlefields” license plate at battlefield locations across the state. If your vehicle is sporting this specialty plate, take a photo (like the one shown here) the next time you visit a battlefield and send to us at [info@tcwpa.org](mailto:info@tcwpa.org). Just identify the battlefield and we'll do the rest. For those wishing to obtain a license plate **Handicap Decal**, they're available for the Civil War Specialty License plate. Please contact your County Clerk's office for details about how to obtain.

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