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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The Civil War Sesquicentennial anniversaries and its celebrations are coming to a close. However, Civil War Soldier Forms are still requested and will be included in future issues of the Bulletin as space permits. Civil War genealogical and historical information will continue to be included in future issues of the WCGA Bulletin after this year, but not to the extent it has the last few years during the Civil War Sesquicentennial. This will allow more genealogical and historical aspects of Warren County to be showcased. Genealogical and historical contributions of any kind by WCGA members are still encouraged for a more diverse selection of families, interests and materials. We are appreciative for the contributions of Civil War Soldier Forms which have been submitted to honor soldiers who fought in both the Union and Confederate armies during the war.

The Civil War Soldier Forms can be picked up at the WCGA room or emailed, [southernmuseum@frontier.com](mailto:southernmuseum@frontier.com), or sent via the U.S. postal service by contacting Chris Keathley, WCGA Bulletin Editor, 210 E. Main St., McMinnville, TN 37110. Members who have not yet completed forms for their Civil War ancestor or relative are still urged to do so. And please keep in mind, you do not have to be related to a Civil War Soldier to honor him by completing a form for him.

Earlier this year a destructive fire completely destroyed the Van Buren County, Tennessee Administration Building in neighboring Spencer, Tennessee which contained the county offices along with the Van Buren County Historical Society. Most of Van Buren County’s historical and genealogical records beginning as early as the 1840s, as well as Civil War artifacts and birth and death certificates were destroyed. While much of the county’s records had been microfilmed over the years and some digitized, the fire is still a great genealogical and historical loss as it is probable all records had not been microfilmed. Any items which had