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GBA presentations

On 15 November, GBA presented a slide show and lecture on the Battle of Peachtree Creek for the Historic Oakland Foundation (www.oaklandcemetery.com). GBA has also committed to a lecture series on the Atlanta Campaign for Seniors Enriched Living (SEL) in Roswell. The lectures will occur at 11:15 a.m. on eight consecutive Tuesdays beginning 13 January 2009. See the SEL web site www.sel-web.org for location and instructions on how to enroll.

GBA web site updated

While we update sections of our GBA web site www.georgiabattlefields.org monthly, we are in the process of a more substantial revision, including an expanded list of links to Civil War-related sites and organizations in Georgia. As always, you can find:

- A summary of our objectives.
- An archive of our monthly newsletters, dating back to 2002.
- A list of presentations we give to raise awareness about Georgia's Civil War sites.
- Our nominations for Civil War Preservation Trust's annual endangered site list.
- Information on past and future GBA tours.
- Contact info for Civil War Round Tables in Georgia.
- Membership application.

GBA assists in Resaca visitor's center planning

On 10 November, a GBA participated in a site visit to help plan the historical displays for the Resaca visitor's center (see November newsletter). The principal display designer was provided a tour of the battlefield by a team from Friends of Resaca Battlefield, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and GBA. The designer said she understood the battle much better for having visited the site, which is exactly what GBA and preservation organizations assert.

GBA participates in River Line Master Plan

On 5 November, trustee John Cissell represented GBA at the Cobb County River Line Master Plan meeting. The area under consideration includes a substantial portion of Johnston's River Line, built from 18 June to 4 July 1864 and occupied by Confederate forces from 5 through 9 July 1864. John is very familiar with the area from his time as superintendent of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Cobb County approves another park bond

In the November election, Cobb County voters approved another \$40 million park bond. A 2006 bond provided funds to save some historical sites as parkland (September 2007 newsletter), and we anticipate more such sites will be considered for purchase under the new bond.

Georgia has Sesquicentennial presence on the web

Georgia's internet front door now has a window to the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Recently, a Sesquicentennial section was added to the state's principal tourism web site. Clicking on www.georgia.org/culture/sesquicentennial.htm will take you to a list of some of the Civil War-related resources in Georgia (see July newsletter).

Separately, the Georgia Department of Economic Development has established a distinct web site www.exploregeorgia.org to serve as the principal source of tourism information, while www.georgia.org will focus more on economic development. The Sesquicentennial info will eventually transfer to the new web site.

State buys land for wildlife and history

On 27 October, the State of Georgia and Walker County announced collaborative purchase of 1,839 acres in McLemore's Cove, an indentation in the mountains of Northwest Georgia. The purchase links two other state-owned tracts into a continuous wildlife preserve. Fortunately for preservation, it also includes the area where a Federal corps deployed during the Chickamauga Campaign in September 1863.

Grant and Lee exhibition coming to Atlanta History Center

An exhibition titled "Grant and Lee in War and Peace" opened 17 October at the New York Historical Society and will run through 29 March 2009 (www.nyhistory.org; click on the Grant and Lee exhibit). After spending the summer of 2009 at the Museum of Southern History in Houston, the exhibition will come to the Atlanta History Center on 7 November 2009 and run through 28 February 2010 (www.atlantahistorycenter.com). The exhibition originated at the Virginia Historical Society, where it ran from October 2007 to March 2008 (under the title Lee and Grant) and spent the summer of 2008 at the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis.

Annual battlefield preservation grant cycle begins

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) battlefield preservation grants. (See September newsletter for article on the 2008 grants.) Types of eligible projects include:

- Archaeology
- Cultural Landscape Inventories
- Resource Documentation
- GIS Mapping
- National Register Nominations
- Preservation Plans

Note that land acquisition is specifically excluded.

Since 1990, past project funding has ranged from \$5,000 to \$75,000. Deadline for applications is 23 January 2009. Forms and guidelines are available at www.cr.nps.gov/abpp. If you can't get what you need from the web site, call Kristen McMasters at 202 354 2037.

2009 GBA tour with Ed Bearss

For our 2009 tour led by Ed Bearss, we'll cover the Federal cavalry actions of the Atlanta Campaign (Brown's Mill, Sunshine Church, Athens, Lovejoy's Station, etc.) as well as the climactic Battle of Jonesboro. As usual, we'll start with a Thursday evening reception at the hotel, followed by all day bus tours on Friday and Saturday, and a half day tour on Sunday.

Joining us as a guide will be David Evans, author of Sherman's Horsemen, the definitive account of Federal cavalry operations during the Atlanta Campaign.

Dates: 12-15 March 2009

Hotel: Comfort Suites, 1444 Southlake Plaza Dr, Morrow GA 30260.

Call 678 674 1300 and ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate of \$89 (~\$100 with tax).

Price: \$395.

Note: You must be a GBA member to register for the tour, and your participation is not confirmed until your check (payable to GBA) arrives at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

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