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Georgia Battlefields Association celebrates 15 years

Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA) was founded in March 1995 as a private, non-profit organization to save Civil War sites throughout Georgia. It quickly achieved 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. It has had a role in saving sites at Griswoldville, Resaca, Kolb Farm, and the River Line, among others. GBA owns almost five acres of the New Hope Church battlefield, and GBA representatives have given over 100 presentations and conducted over 30 tours. We've worked with government agencies at the federal, state, and local levels and with other preservation organizations in Georgia, neighboring states, and at the national level. We thank everyone who has helped us thus far, but we still have a lot to do.

GBA trustees hold annual meeting

While the six Georgia Battlefields Association trustees communicate often and meet in smaller groups frequently, our by-laws require that we meet in full at least once a year. The meeting for 2010 occurred on 31 January. Trustees Gene Murphy and Charlie Crawford had terms expiring this year, and they were reelected to the board for three year terms.

The GBA officer slate was re-elected for a one year term: President Charlie Crawford, Vice President Cindy Wentworth, Corporate Secretary Gene Murphy, and Treasurer Frank Chew.

Trustee John Cissell, a board member since 2005, offered his resignation since he is moving out of state. John is a former superintendent of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, and his counsel will be missed. We thank John for his service.

GBA will again lead a tour for Phoenix Flies

Atlanta Preservation Center's annual Phoenix Flies program will again feature a tour of downtown Atlanta Civil War sites led by GBA on 20 March. You can see more information about this and the other tours at www.phoenixflies.org, or call 404 688 3353.

The March 2008 GBA walking tour of downtown Atlanta was recorded by Three23 Films, and a 52 minute-long DVD titled "Civil War Atlanta: A walk through history" is now available. The intro of the DVD is on the web at www.three23.org/work-at-three23/civil-war-walking-tour/. You can order a DVD by sending a \$15 check to GBA at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

New driving tour package for Dalton area

Dalton Convention and Visitors Bureau has published a driving tour package titled "War Comes to Dalton." The package includes a 24 page booklet, a map, and an audio disc that guides you to six primary stops and provides information on several other sites. The tour package is for sale for \$15 at sites around Dalton, including the downtown visitors' center and the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center. See www.daltoncvb.com/breaking.html or call 706 270 9960 or 800 331 3258.

Cobb County unlikely to issue park bonds

Citing the poor economy and its effect on the county's budget, Cobb County Commission Chairman Sam Olens said it was unlikely that the county would issue a \$40 million parks bond approved by voters in 2008.

Replicating the process used with the 2006 parks bond, a citizens advisory committee winnowed a list of sites proposed for acquisition with the 2008 bond funds; but the county government decision on what properties to pursue was first delayed (January 2010 newsletter) and now appears to be deferred indefinitely.

While we've heard that Civil War sites were not high on the potential acquisition list, this confirms that none will be acquired as county park land.

Last chance to register for 2010 tour led by Ed Bearss

Dates: 11-14 March 2010

Hotel: Fairfield Inn, 20 Canyon Pkwy, Cartersville (I-75 exit 288). 770 387 0400.

Ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate of \$89 per night (about \$100 with tax).

Price: \$395. Register by sending a check to GBA at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

You must be a GBA member to register. See our web site for how to become a member.

Topic: The Fall 1864 (mid September to mid November) campaign in northwest Georgia. This overlooked period featured a lot of marching, several skirmishes, and a battle at Allatoona Pass. We'll also visit Cedar Bluff, Alabama, site of Streight's surrender to Forrest in May 1863.

The building in the photo at right, formerly a stop for the stage coach line passing through Palmetto, Georgia, is where President Davis, Governor Brown, and General Hood met in late September 1864 to discuss what to do next. This will be our first stop on Friday, 12 March. The interior walls of the building still contain scribbling made by troops of both sides.



This rock trench in Ship's Gap (also known as Mattox's Gap) is where the 24th South Carolina Infantry took position to delay the advancing 1st Division of the Federal XV Corps, on 16 October 1864. The Confederate regiment had two of its companies captured here. We'll visit this spot midday on Saturday, 13 March.



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