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Reciprocal membership arrangement with Atlanta CWRT will continue

Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA) has agreed to extend our reciprocal membership arrangement with the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta www.civilwarroundtableofatlanta.org. When you join the Round Table as a new member, you will also become a member of GBA. Similarly, when you join GBA as a new member, you will automatically become a member of the Round Table. Both organizations hope this induces new membership.

H.L. Hunley conservation continues

Conservation of the Confederate submarine *H.L. Hunley* is progressing at a North Charleston facility. After soaking for over a decade in a tank of water and chemicals designed to both loosen crust and prevent corrosion, *Hunley* was then cleaned by conservators using hand held tools. 1,200 pounds of deposits, sediment, and rust were removed from the exterior hull. Cleaning the interior might take even longer because of the confined space in which conservators must work. Keep track of the progress at www.hunley.org.

150 years ago this month – October 1865

On 11 October, President Johnson paroled former Confederate Vice President Alexander Stephens and former cabinet members in U.S. custody. Stephens returns to Georgia.

On 25 October, a convention meets in Milledgeville to repeal Georgia's ordinance of secession and amend or replace the 1861 constitution.

2016 tour with Ed Bearss will continue to follow the Atlanta Campaign

Our next annual tour with Ed Bearss will be 10-13 March 2016. We'll have the usual Thursday night (10 March) reception at the hotel, which will be the Hampton Inn at 871 Cobb Place Blvd in Kennesaw, Georgia, not far west of I-75 and not far north of Barrett Parkway. GBA rate is \$110 per night, which with taxes becomes \$130. Phone is 770 426 0017, and web site is <http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/georgia/hampton-inn-atlanta-town-center-kennesaw-ATLTCHX/index.html>. If making room reservations online, be sure to use code GBA.

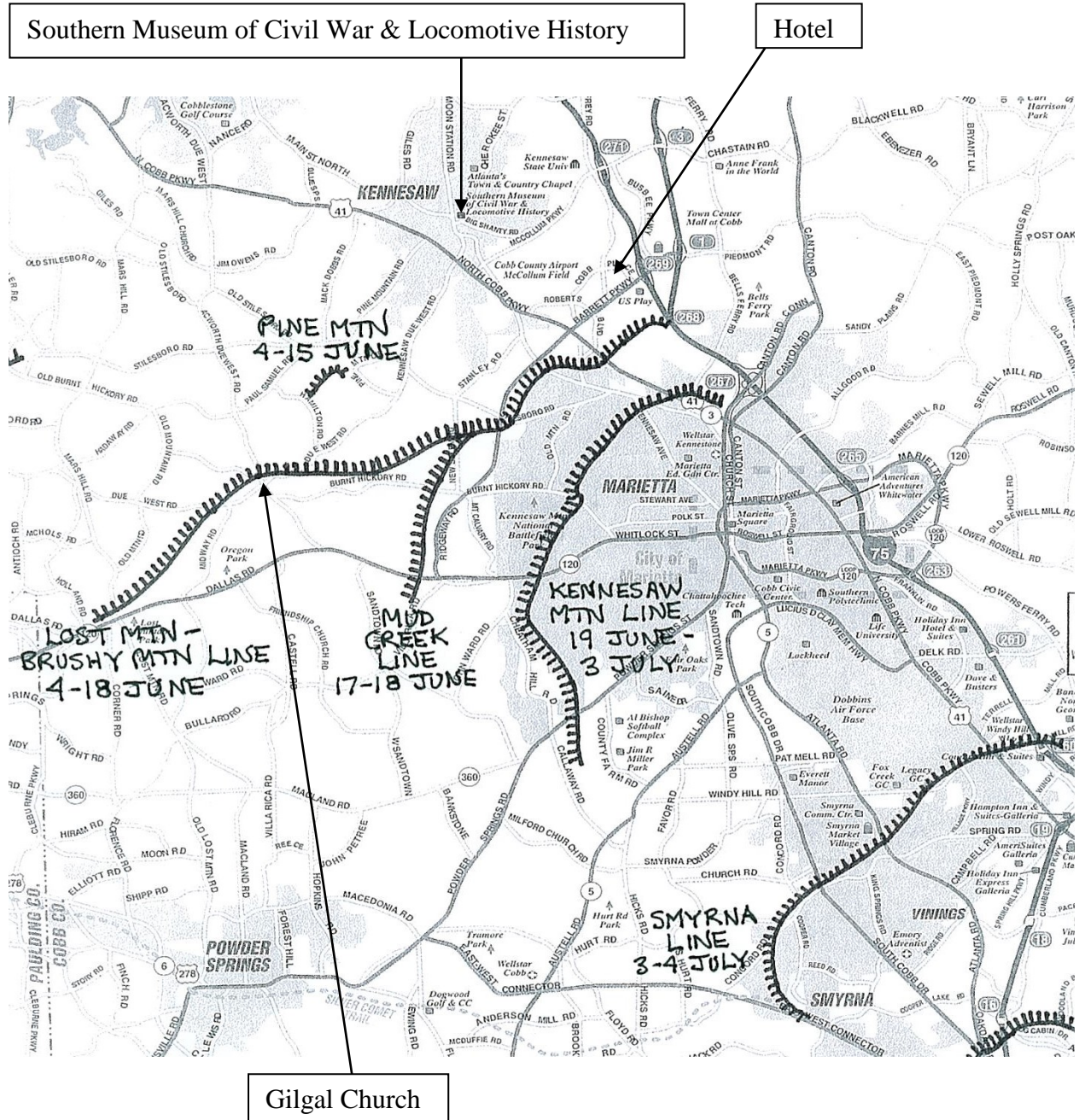
Those of you who were with us this past March will remember that we finished Sunday morning by visiting Pine Mountain, site of Lieutenant General Polk's death on 14 June 1864, and the Ector trench, which was the pivot for the Confederate pullback from the Lost Mountain Line to the Mud Creek Line late on 16 June. We'll begin touring Friday (11 March) morning by visiting Confederate and Federal trenches at Gilgal Church, site of fighting on 15 & 16 June. We'll next visit part of the Lost Mountain Line, then drive past parts of the Mud Creek Line. Lunch will be at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park visitors center, followed (weather permitting) by a visit to the summit. We'll finish the day visiting well-preserved earthworks on Brushy Mountain. Dinner that evening will be at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History, which houses the *General*, the locomotive stolen by the Andrews raiders in April 1862. www.southernmuseum.org

Saturday (12 March) will focus on the three weeks the Confederates spent on the Kennesaw Mountain Line, 19 June-3 July 1864. This will include the near continual skirmishing and probing for advantage by the Federals, as well as the 27 June fighting at Pigeon Hill and Cheatham's Hill, known as the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Lunch will be on the battlefield. Dinner that evening will be at a restaurant in Marietta.

Sunday (13 March) will trace the Federal flanking movement that forced Confederate withdrawal to the Smyrna Line and led to the action on 4 July 1864.

We're maintaining the tour price at \$395. How many other products or services have kept the same price since 2003? Register for the tour by sending your check to Georgia Battlefields Association at P.O. Box 589, Tate GA 30177-0589.

2016 tour with Ed Bearss map



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