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Clean-up of Georgia Battlefields Association's New Hope Church site

Our clean-up of GBA's 4.7 acre property near New Hope Church was postponed a week due to weather, but we finally got the job done on 14 January. We removed a truck bed liner, two tires, several cans of paint, PVC pipe, shoes, half of a chair, golf balls, innumerable snack wrappers, and many cans and bottles. The photo shows our crew, from left: Art Graves, Hugh Walters, Andy Paul, Bill Gurry (crew chief), Ron Wallace.



Our thanks also to Fred Aiken, who arranged to have Paulding County haul the debris to the landfill.

Georgia Battlefields Association trustees hold annual meeting

The GBA trustees held their annual meeting on 28 January. Two trustees—Frank Chew and Mary-Elizabeth Ellard—had terms that were expiring in 2017, and both were re-elected for three-year terms. Board composition and officers remain the same as in 2016:

- Frank Chew
- Charlie Crawford, President
- Mary-Elizabeth Ellard, Vice President
- Gene Murphy, Corporate Secretary
- Lloyd Thompson, Treasurer
- Joe Trahan
- Cindy Wentworth

The board approved the yearly financial report and proposed budget, reviewed potential property acquisitions, discussed ways to increase membership and revenue, and continued planning for the upcoming annual tour.

GBA founder Gene Hatfield dies

Dr. Gene Hatfield, longtime educator and preservationist, died on 12 January. In addition to teaching for over 30 years at Clayton State University, Gene served several years on the Georgia Civil War Commission and was one of the four founders of Georgia Battlefields Association. www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?n=eugene-adair-hatfield&pid=183621287. Also, see the featured obituary www.ajc.com/news/local-obituaries/gene-hatfield-professor-had-big-influence-clayton-state/dPxa6PNbpVry82KiRKe6bO/

GBA again slated to lead downtown Atlanta tour for Phoenix Flies

For its annual Phoenix Flies series, Atlanta Preservation Center has again asked Georgia Battlefields Association to lead a downtown walking tour of Civil War Atlanta. Tours are scheduled for the afternoons of 4 and 18 March, but watch for details when the web site www.phoenixflies.org is activated in February.

Also as part of the Phoenix Flies program, the River Line Historic Area will be leading tours of Shoupade Park—a section of the River Line—and a nearby section of the Silver Comet Trail. The tours begin at 11 a.m. on 11 and 18 March at 4770 Oakdale Road, Smyrna.

2017 annual tour will continue to follow the Atlanta Campaign

Dates: 9-12 March 2017. We'll cover the River Line, Crossings of the Chattahoochee, Battle of Peachtree Creek, and the Atlanta city defense line. www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx
Hotel: Embassy Suites, 2815 Akers Mill Rd, Atlanta GA 30339 (near Cobb Galleria). \$159 per night for a queen double suite. 770 984 9300. www.atlantagalleria.embassysuites.com
Tour price: \$395 (includes lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday). Pay online or send check to Georgia Battlefields Association at PO Box 589, Tate GA 30177-0589.

GBA representative attends Northside Drive bridge meeting

Since 2014, Georgia Battlefields Association has been an interested party in the planning to replace the Northside Drive Bridge over Peachtree Creek. On 18 January, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) held a meeting at Bobby Jones Golf Course clubhouse near the site.

Northside Drive is a post-war road, but Geary's Second Division of the 20th Corps built three bridges just before the 20 July 1864 Battle of Peachtree Creek. A 1955 marker relates.

http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/topics/historical_markers/county/fulton/gearys-three-bridges

A GBA representative expressed concern for artifacts discovered during the construction, and a GDOT representative indicated a GDOT archaeologist is aware of the need to recover and properly inventory any artifacts.

An appreciation of Stephanie Pellock

Stephanie Pellock served as Georgia Battlefields Association's webmaster for six years. She was instrumental in maintaining our former web site and also in transitioning to our new one. Stephanie consistently refused to bill GBA for her time and graciously remains on call to help with more difficult issues, even though she resumed full time work last year, once all her children were old enough to be in school.

We hope that you all have a co-worker and friend as competent, responsive, helpful, and cheerful as Stephanie Pellock.



Civil War presentations on 4 February in Dalton

The annual Chickamauga Civil War show will be held 4-5 February at the Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center, just west of I-75 exit 333 in Dalton. In conjunction with the show, Dalton State College's Bandy Heritage Center is presenting a 4 February colloquium about the national military parks at Chickamauga, Shiloh, and Vicksburg. bhilliar@daltonstate.edu

09:15 Jim Ogden on Chickamauga	11:00 Michael Panhorst on Vicksburg
10:00 Tim Smith on Shiloh	11:45 Panel discussion

Civil War Trust Park Day is 1 April

Civil War Trust's annual park day is 1 April. This is an opportunity for volunteers to help maintain Civil War sites throughout the country. To see participating sites in your area, go to www.civilwar.org/parkday. If you don't have internet access, call the Trust at 202 367 1861.

GBA registered with two online shopping sites

Amazon Smile: Register at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2163092>. Be sure to use www.smile.amazon.com rather than www.amazon.com when you shop.

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