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Last chance to register for 2017 annual tour

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.

Phoenix Flies will feature Civil War Atlanta and the River Line

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 1 p.m. on 4 and 18 March. Register for the tour at www.phoenixflies.org or call Atlanta Preservation Center at 404 688 3353 ext 15.

Also, the River Line Historic Area www.riverline.org will be leading tours of Shoupade Park and a nearby section of the Silver Comet Trail. Tours begin at 11 a.m. on 11 and 18 March.

Cobb County Commission finally approves issuing 2008 parks bond

On 10 January, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners finally approved issuing \$24.7 million of the original \$40 million park bond approved by the voters in 2008. The list of proposed properties has changed over the years, and we'll wait to see if any Civil War sites are purchased.

Cyclorama moved to Atlanta History Center 9-10 February

Separated into two parts and rolled onto metal tubes, the Battle of Atlanta painting was moved from Grant Park to a new building at the Atlanta History Center on 9 and 10 February. Projected full opening of the new facility is Fall 2018.



Scroll 1 being lowered onto flatbed truck, evening of 9 February.



Scroll 2 being lifted from Grant Park building, morning of 10 February.



AHC's Gordon Jones (left) and Jackson McQuigg inspect scroll 2 before placement in new building.



Scroll 2 being lowered into new building, afternoon of 10 February.

Resilient Atlanta Symposium 30 March at Georgia Tech

GBA will present at a symposium on Atlanta's recovery from the Civil War on 30 March at Georgia Tech's Wardlaw Center. See <https://inta.gatech.edu/news/item/587293>.

Civil War Trust Park Day is 1 April

This is an opportunity for volunteers to help maintain Civil War sites throughout the country. For any updates to the list below, go to www.civilwar.org/parkday or call 202 367 1861.

Georgia sites (starting in the northwest corner) participating in Park Day 2017:

Chickamauga National Military Park, Fort Oglethorpe www.nps.gov/chch
Will Wilson 706 866 9241 x137 will_wilson@nps.gov

Historic Prater's Mill, Varnell www.pratersmill.org
Elaine Watkins 706 694 6455 elaine@pratersmill.org

Dalton Confederate Cemetery
Marvin Sowder 706 278 3925 msowder@dalton.net

Resaca Confederate Cemetery www.resacabattlefield.org
Vic Bohannon 770 548 2185 boshvac@aol.com

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Marietta www.nps.gov/kemo
Amanda Corman 770 427 4686 amanda_corman@nps.gov

Nash Farm Battlefield Park (E. of Lovejoy's Station) www.henrycountybattlefield.com
Bill Dodd 404 281 8651 w.g.dodd@att.net

Andersonville National Historic Site www.nps.gov/ande
Jennifer Hopkins 229 931 7203 jennifer_hopkins@nps.gov

Jefferson Davis Historic Site, Irwinville www.facebook.com/jeffdavispark
John Hughes 229 831 2335 jeffdavis1@windstream.net

Kettle Creek Battlefield, 7 miles SW of Washington www.kettlecreekbattlefield.org
Walker Chewning 678 409 4644 wcjc1@aol.com

150 years ago this month – March 1867

Increasingly dissatisfied with President Andrew Johnson's policies, Congressional Republicans begin passing legislation—over the president's veto—that begins Congressional Reconstruction.

Passed 2 March 1867, the First Reconstruction Act puts ten states (the seceded states except Tennessee) under military rule in five districts, each headed by a general with broad powers.

On 11 March, Major General George Thomas relinquishes command of the Department of the Tennessee that heretofore had military responsibility for Georgia. By the end of the month, Brigadier General John Pope arrives in Atlanta to assume command of the Third Military District, which includes Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.

Passed 23 March, the Second Reconstruction specifies the procedure for regaining representation in Congress. The military district commanders are to call elections to select delegates (the commanders specifying the delegate qualifications) to draft new constitutions for each state. Once a state ratifies the 14th Amendment and passes a new constitution that grants voting rights to Negroes, Congress will decide whether to seat the state's representatives and senators.

Passed 19 July, the Third Reconstruction Act indicates that existing state governments are illegal but can continue to function until replaced under the conditions of the second act. A significant section of the act reads "...no district commander shall be bound in his action by the opinion of any civil officer of the United States."

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