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## Less than six weeks to sign-up for GBA 2019 tour with Ed Bearss

**Dates:** 7-10 March 2019. Ed Bearss is principal guide.

**Sites:** Cavalry actions at Brown's Mill (Newnan), Lovejoy's Station/Nash Farm, Sunshine Church, and Athens on Friday and Saturday. Decisive battle of Jonesborough (wartime spelling) on Sunday. Lunches and dinners included on Friday and Saturday. More details were in October newsletter. [http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/pdf\\_files/GBAnews1810.pdf](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/pdf_files/GBAnews1810.pdf)

**Hotel:** Hampton Inn at 7342 Hannover Pkwy N, Stockbridge GA 30281. Phone 770 389 0065. GBA rate is \$105 per night, plus all the annoying local taxes that raise the effective rate to \$120. Breakfast is included. You shouldn't need a confirmation number, but if asked, use 54717617.

**Cost & Registration:** \$430. Register online at [www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx), or mail check payable to Georgia Battlefields Association to PO Box 669953, Marietta GA 30066.

**Note:** We will have a book swap at the Thursday evening reception at the hotel. For more information about the book swap, or if you would like to help by providing snacks for the reception, please contact [info@georgiabattlefields.org](mailto:info@georgiabattlefields.org).

## Georgia Battlefields Association trustees meeting

As required by the by-laws, the annual meeting of the Georgia Battlefields Association Board of Trustees was held on 6 January in Atlanta. The board:

- Elected Gene Murphy, Joe Trahan, and Charlie Crawford to terms expiring January 2022. Frank Chew, Mary-Elizabeth Ellard, Bill Gurry, and Lloyd Thompson continue as trustees.
- Voted thanks to Cindy Wentworth for her service as a trustee from 2006 to 2019.
- Elected officers for 2019 – Crawford as president, Ellard as vice president, Gurry as treasurer, and Murphy as corporate secretary.
- Approved minutes of the 2018 meeting.
- Approved treasurer's report and proposed budget for 2019.
- Reviewed our media policy.
- Reviewed planning for our upcoming annual tour led by Ed Bearss.

## Atlanta Cyclorama will open to the public on 22 February

After two years of conservation and restoration, the Atlanta Cyclorama will reopen to the public on 22 February in its new home at the Atlanta History Center. The date was chosen to commemorate the painting's first display in Atlanta on 22 February 1892.

<http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/explore/destinations/atlanta-cyclorama>

<http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/explore/exhibitions/coming-soon-cyclorama-the-big-picture>

Georgia Battlefields Association representatives have been privileged to participate in meetings relating to the exhibits around the painting, and we've also been able to view the conservation process on several occasions, most notably during our tour with Ed Bearss in March 2018.

## Kennesaw State Director's Day event 23 February

On 23 February, Kennesaw State University's Center for the Study of the Civil War Era will host its second annual Director's Day event from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 400, 3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw GA 30144. This free event will feature Coordinator of the Public History Program, Dr. Jennifer Dickey, speaking on the impact of Margaret Mitchell's novel, Gone With the Wind. RSVP to Sarah Rudick at (470) 578-4771 or [srudick@kennesaw.edu](mailto:srudick@kennesaw.edu).

## GBA will lead Phoenix Flies downtown Atlanta tour on 2 & 16 March

For its annual Phoenix Flies series, Atlanta Preservation Center has again asked Georgia Battlefields Association to lead the Civil War Atlanta downtown walking tour, which is event number 47 and is found on page 37 of the Phoenix Flies events program book at this link:

[http://www.atlantapreservationcenter.com/2019\\_Phoenix\\_Flies\\_Updates\\_FAQs](http://www.atlantapreservationcenter.com/2019_Phoenix_Flies_Updates_FAQs). Tours are scheduled for 1 p.m. on 2 and 16 March and are free, but participation is limited to 25 people, so register at [phoenixfliesreservations@preserveatlanta.com](mailto:phoenixfliesreservations@preserveatlanta.com) or call 404 688 3353 ext 15.

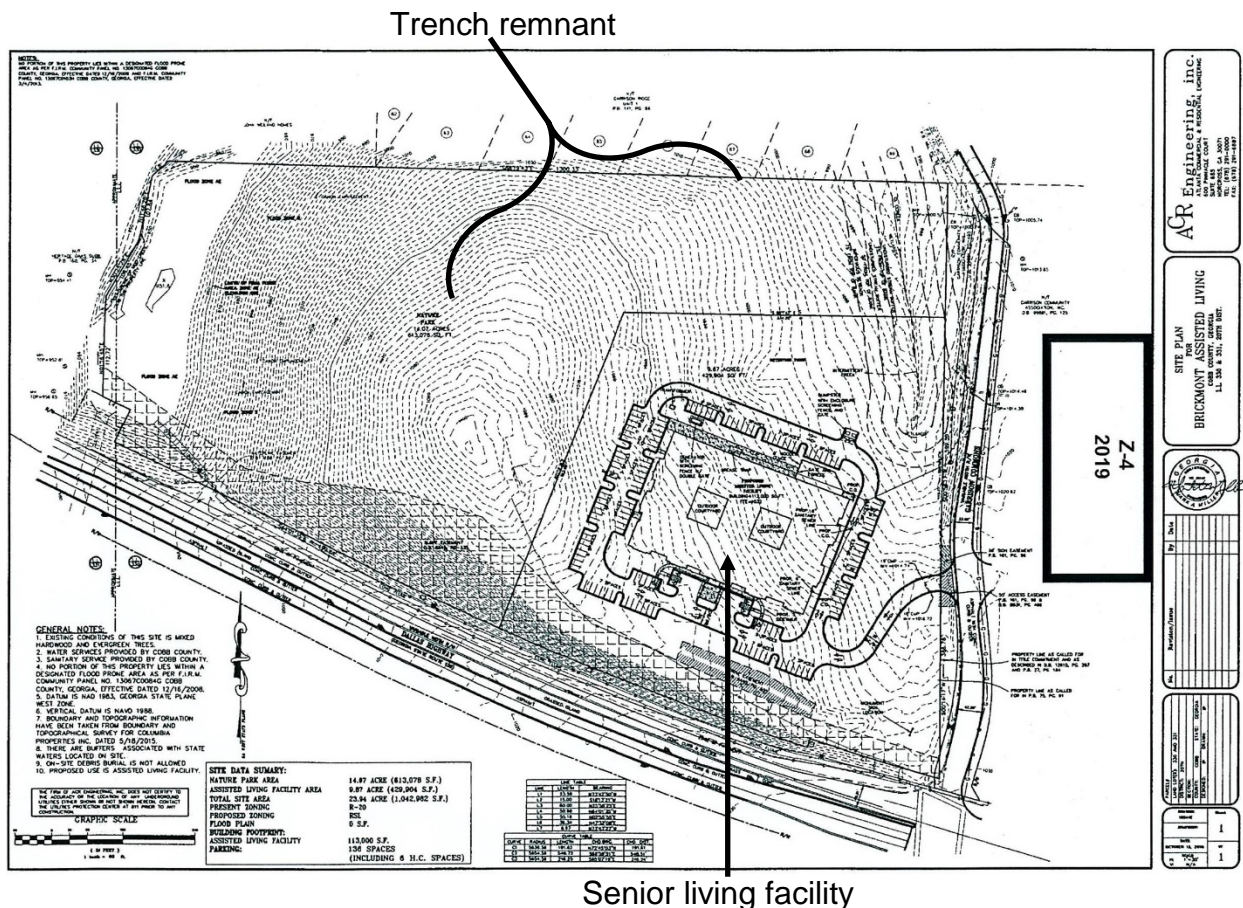
## American Battlefield Trust Park Day is 6 April

American Battlefield Trust (formerly Civil War Trust, Revolutionary War Trust, and Civil War Preservation Trust) annual park day will be 6 April. This is an opportunity to help maintain national, state, and local historic sites. Some of the national parks need help more than usual because of the government shut-down. <https://www.battlefields.org/events/park-day>. If you don't use the internet, call Courtney Wilke at (202) 367-1861 x7222.

## Mud Creek line property subject of another rezoning attempt

In 2016, an attempt to rezone a property containing a remnant of the Mud Creek Line was ultimately unsuccessful. See the May 2016 newsletter for details on the initial proposal. The same property is now the object of another rezoning application, Z-4 2019. This time, the amount of land to be developed is considerably less, with 14 of the nearly 24 acres designated as a nature park, which will contain the remnants of the Confederate trench line occupied for two days in mid-June 1864. The property is on the north side of Dallas Highway and the west side of Garrison Commons, not far west of Barrett Parkway.

Georgia Battlefields Association's concern is that other rezoning attempts could follow, so we contacted the attorney representing the developer to ask for a stipulation that the nature park will not be subject to further rezoning applications. The attorney responded that the developer would agree that the property will remain in perpetuity as greenspace. Still, we plan to attend the Cobb County rezoning meetings in February.



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