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American Battlefield Trust: GBA among top donors

American Battlefield Trust (ABT) periodically publishes its list of the top 300 lifetime donors. Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA) is again on the list in the \$100,000 and up category. Our records indicate we have provided \$205,000 to ABT since 2011 for land acquisitions around Chickamauga National Military Park, Resaca, and Kettle Creek (Revolutionary War battlefield).

Besides our contributions to ABT, since 2012 GBA has contributed \$40,000 to Save the Dalton Battlefields for the purchase of 11 acres on Potato Hill in Crow Valley.

Along with ABT predecessor organizations, GBA was a primary contributor to the purchases of 4.7 acres (which GBA still owns) at the New Hope Church battlefield in 1997, 18.5 acres (subsequently deeded to Georgia State Parks) at Griswoldville in 1998, and 4.2 acres near Kolb's Farm (subsequently added to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in 2003).

Georgia Battlefields Association held trustees meeting 16 January

Georgia Battlefields Association frequently holds meetings (typically via video conference) on several subjects, but we are required by our by-laws to hold an annual meeting to elect board members, elect officers for the coming year, review our finances, and approve a budget. This meeting always covers the progress on pending acquisitions and projects (such as our annual tour), and it almost always introduces new topics for consideration. This year, the annual meeting was held 16 January.

Re-elected to the board for three-year terms were Bill Gurry, Lloyd Thompson, Jim Wentworth, and Charlie Crawford. David Hull and Carlton Mullis chose not to run for another term, though we're glad they will remain as GBA members and have volunteered to continue to work on projects. Elected as officers were President Joe Trahan, Vice President Jim Wentworth, Corporate Secretary Mary-Elizabeth Ellard, and Treasurer Tim Whalen. With our new treasurer, **GBA's address has changed to 315 S. 5th St., Griffin GA 30224-4343.**

Chickamauga Civil War Show in Dalton, 3-4 February

Each February for several years, a show of Civil War relics and memorabilia has occurred in Dalton, Georgia. This year's show will be 3-4 February and again held at the Dalton Convention Center, 2211 Tony Ingle Parkway (formerly Doug Gap Battle Road), Dalton 30720. Take I-75 exit 333 and turn west, start up the Parkway, and the convention center will be on your left. Hours are 9-5 on Saturday and 9-3 on Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults and free for children under 12. See www.mkshows.com for more information.

As usual, there will be presentations on Saturday. Here are the times, speakers, and subjects:

10 a.m. John Walsh – The 66th Illinois Volunteer Infantry “Western Sharpshooters”

11 a.m. Jim Ogden – Bragg's Chickamauga Plan

Noon Dave Powell – The Atlanta Campaign from Dalton to Cassville

1 p.m. Bob Jenkins – The “Truth” at Cassville: Johnston, Hood, and the Failed Confederate Strategy in the Atlanta Campaign

2 p.m. Keith Bohannon – These Few, Gray-haired, Battle-Scarred Veterans: Confederate Reunions in Georgia, 1885-1895

3 p.m. Scott Sallee – Joe Porter's War, the Palmyra Massacre, and the war in Northeast Missouri.

Georgia Battlefields Association will again lead Phoenix Flies tours

GBA will again lead a Civil War Atlanta downtown walking tour as part of Atlanta Preservation Center's Phoenix Flies program. The free tour will be held on 9 March and again on 23 March. Registration will be available on 16 February at preserveatl.eventbrite.com. For the complete Phoenix Flies program, see <https://preservationatlanta.com/phoenix-flies/>. Make sure you see the 2024 program and not the 2023 program when you open the web site. GBA has led tours for Atlanta Preservation Center since 2004 and has led the Civil War Atlanta downtown walking tour every year since 2007.

GBA annual tour, 18-21 April 2024: Chattanooga & Ringgold

Focus for the 2024 tour is the October and November 1863 fighting for Chattanooga.

Guide: Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park (CCNMP) historian Jim Ogden.

Price: Unlike our usual two-and-a-half-day tours, this will be a three-and-a-half-day tour: All day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, plus Sunday morning. The **price of \$580** includes bus transportation, handouts, three lunches and three dinners (Thursday through Saturday). If you can't join us for whole tour, send an e-mail (be sure to include your phone number) to info@georgiabattlefields.org, and we will correspond with you about a reduced price.

Hotel: TownePlace Suites, 6801 Ringgold Rd, East Ridge TN 37412, 423 933 2700. **Note change from phone number provided in 2023 newsletters.** Hotel is just on the Tennessee side of the boundary with Georgia. Take I-75 exit 1 and go east on Ringgold Road (US 41) a little over a half mile. Hotel is on the north (left) side of the road. Hotel price includes breakfast. GBA rate for a king room is \$115 (\$135 if you include the unavoidable tax) per night. Queen double is \$125 (\$147) per night. To book online, use [this link](#). Note that online booking will be unavailable after 17 March 2024 (one month before the tour begins).

Schedule

Wednesday (17 April): GBA representatives will be in the hotel lobby Wednesday evening to hand out maps and answer questions. Dinner on your own.

Thursday (18 April): The situation in mid-October 1863. Lookout Mountain, Bridgeport, Sequatchie Valley, Walden's Ridge, Brown's Ferry, Wauhatchie. Reception dinner at hotel.

Friday (19 April): Lookout Mountain, Cravens House. Dinner at [Sugar's Ribs](#).

Saturday (20 April): Orchard Knob, Missionary Ridge (several stops). Dinner venue is the Coolidge National [Medal of Honor Heritage Center](#).

Sunday (21 April): Ringgold.

For more details on the significance of the sites, see [October newsletter](#).

Registration: See our web site [tours page](#) and click the link to register. Use PayPal or a credit card to complete registration online, or you can mail a check payable to Georgia Battlefields Association to **315 S. 5th St., Griffin GA 30224-4343**.

If you have any trouble registering or paying online, contact us at info@georgiabattlefields.org.

Come join us for a comprehensive tour led by Jim Ogden, an unmatched guide.

Society for Women and the Civil War conference in Atlanta 26-28 July

The [Society for Women and the Civil War](#) will hold its annual conference in Atlanta in 2024. Kennesaw State University's [Center for the Study of the Civil War Era](#) is a cosponsor partner organization for the conference. Hotel will be the [Courtyard by Marriott Atlanta Kennesaw](#). Georgia Battlefields Association provided input for the planning of events and tours.

The conference agenda will focus on the lives and roles of women during the Atlanta Campaign and will start with presentations on Friday (26 July) afternoon, a buffet dinner that night, and a key-note presentation after dinner. Saturday (27 July) will feature a guided tour of special collections at the [Atlanta History Center](#), a boxed lunch, a tour of Roswell sites associated with the mill workers who were shipped north after U.S. cavalry occupied the town in early July 1864, a visit to the [Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History](#), and a visit to [Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park](#) for a presentation and tour. Saturday's dinner will again be a buffet, followed by a trivia contest. Sunday (28 July) morning will include three presentations, and the conference will close between noon and 1 p.m.

Conference registration will open in early February. Cost will be \$375 per person.

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