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GBA 2019 tour will cover Atlanta Campaign's end

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 are in October newsletter. http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/pdf_files/GBAnews1810.pdf

Hotel: Hampton Inn at 7342 Hannover Pkwy N, Stockbridge GA 30281. 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.

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

Georgia Battlefields Association's cumulative contribution

GBA's treasurer, Bill Gurry, reviewed our expenditures since GBA was established in 1995. He found that GBA has contributed at least \$230,000 towards the purchase of historic sites or placement of conservation easements. GBA has also contributed \$27,000 towards the installation of historical markers or the maintenance of existing monuments.

Lead-up to Chickamauga tour 3 November

Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park historian Jim Ogden will lead a one-day tour that explores the days leading up to the 18-20 September 1863 Battle of Chickamauga. Sites visited will include McLemore's Cove, LaFayette, Lee & Gordon's Mill, Leet's Tanyard, and Peavine Church. Departure is at 8 a.m. on 3 November from the Kennesaw State University admissions building at 3391 Town Point Drive, Kennesaw GA. Price includes lunch and is \$69 for general admission. <http://bit.ly/braggtriesagain> **TOUR IS NOW SOLD OUT**
For more about Kennesaw State's Civil War Center, see <http://cwc.hss.kennesaw.edu>.

Kennesaw Mountain road and parking lot closures

Some Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park facilities will be closed for repairs and upgrades. The park museum (inside the visitor center) was closed beginning 5 October for an overhaul of the lighting system. The other closures are to repair roads and parking lots.

- Mountain Road: 29 October - 3 November
- Visitor Center parking lot: 30 October - 2 November
- Old Highway 41 overflow parking lot: 5-8 November
- Burnt Hickory Road parking lot: 7-9 November
- Illinois Monument road and parking lot: 13-15 November
- Cheatham Hill Road parking lot: 14-16 November

For updates, see www.nps.gov/kemo or www.facebook.com/KMNBP or call 770 427 4686 x 0.

Hopes for preservation of Dalton Depot

Georgia Battlefields Association seeks to preserve land rather than buildings, but we support the preservation of the Dalton Depot, which played a role in the April 1862 Andrews Raid or Great Locomotive Chase. The Depot held the telegraph office from which the Confederate garrison in Chattanooga was warned about the stolen locomotive *General* shortly before the Union raiders cut the telegraph line. The Depot has been unoccupied since November 2015 due to structural problems that made it ineligible to house a restaurant. On 15 October, Dalton City Council approved sale of the restaurant to Barrett Properties, the sole bidder, for \$300,000. Barrett intends to repair the property so it can house a restaurant and bar. The resolution approved by City Council calls for Barrett to complete exterior renovations within 15 months and within 18 months to complete all work necessary for a certificate of occupancy.

Remember that the locomotive *Texas* that was used to chase the *General* will open to public display on 17 November at Atlanta History Center.

Confederate sections of national cemeteries get security

Associated Press reports that the U.S. government has hired private security guards for the Confederate burial sections of cemeteries administered by the Veterans Administration. Since the 11 August 2017 Charlottesville clash between protesters, some Confederate cemeteries have been vandalized, so contracted security guards were hired beginning 24 August 2017 for some cemeteries administered by the federal government. The number of cemeteries protected expanded after vandalism of the Confederate monument at Springfield National Cemetery, Missouri, and now stands at eight.

Atlanta street names changed

On 3 October, Atlanta Mayor Keisha Bottoms signed a bill to change the names of Confederate Avenue and Confederate Court after Atlanta City Council voted 11-0 for the proposal. Confederate Avenue stretches southeast from Grant Park to Moreland Avenue in southeast Atlanta and is named because buildings that housed the Confederate Soldiers Home were at what became 410 E. Confederate Ave from 1900 to 1965. The street's new name will be United Avenue. Confederate Court is a side street that will be renamed Trestletree Court to reflect the Trestletree Village apartments already on the street.

No other street name changes appear imminent, probably because the City Council and Mayor are focused on more pressing issues.

150 years ago this month

On 3 November, despite Reconstruction, Georgia voters support Democratic candidates Horatio Seymour for president and Frank Blair, commander of the U.S. 17th Corps during the Atlanta Campaign, for vice president. Republican candidates Ulysses S. Grant and Schuyler Colfax (Speaker of the House) win the electoral vote 214 to 80 with 52.7% of the popular vote.

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