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2020 tour is 12-15 March in Columbus

GBA's annual tour will be 12-15 March 2020 and will be based in Columbus.

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.

Hotel: Hampton Inn at 2870 S. Lumpkin Rd, Columbus, which fronts on Fort Benning Road and is near the entrance to the post. The GBA group rate is \$129, but the ubiquitous taxes push the actual rate to \$155. Call 706 660 5550 and ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate.

The rooms are close to being sold out at the GBA rate, so don't delay if you plan to attend.

To reserve a room online, copy the following link and paste it into your browser.

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hp/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=CSGFBHX&spec_plan=CHHGBA&arrival=20200312&departure=20200315&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

During the Thursday evening reception at the hotel, we'll have a raffle to see who fires the big gun during our visit to the National Civil War Naval Museum. We'll also have a book exchange. If you're flying into the Atlanta airport and need a ride, e-mail us. We'll likely be able to help.

Georgia Battlefields Association trustees meeting

On 11 January, the annual meeting of the Georgia Battlefields Association Board of Trustees was held in Atlanta. Summary:

- Elected Frank Chew and Mary-Elizabeth Ellard to terms expiring January 2023. Bill Gurry, Lloyd Thompson, Gene Murphy, Joe Trahan, Charlie Crawford, Carlton Mullis, David Hull, Stephanie Vale, Jeff Wright, Jim Wentworth, and Dennis Dunleavy continue as trustees. All were present at the meeting, with Dunleavy joining via telephone.
- Elected officers for 2020 – Crawford as president, Mullis as vice president, Gurry as treasurer, and Murphy as corporate secretary.
- Approved minutes of the 2019 meeting.
- Approved treasurer's report and proposed budget for 2020.
- Reviewed status of potential land easements and acquisitions.
- Reviewed planning for our upcoming annual tour.
- With Ed Bearss' touring schedule now greatly reduced, we are communicating with Jim Ogden about him leading GBA's annual tour in 2021 and beyond.

GBA will lead Phoenix Flies downtown Atlanta tour on 7 & 21 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. GBA's tours are scheduled for 1 p.m. on 7 and 21 March and are free. The full Phoenix Flies program should appear on the Atlanta Preservation Center web site <http://www.atlantapreservationcenter.com> sometime in mid-February. Once reservations are accepted, call 404 688 3353 ext 15.

American Battlefield Trust Park Day is 4 April

American Battlefield Trust's annual park day will be 4 April. This is an opportunity to help maintain national, state, and local historic sites. <https://www.battlefields.org/events/park-day>
If you don't use the internet, call Connor Townsend at (202) 367-1861 ext 7216.

Kennesaw State University events

Kennesaw State University's Center for the Study of the Civil War Era will host its 3rd Annual Director's Day on 15 February and its 17th Annual Symposium on 7 March. Both events will run from 9 a.m. to noon in Room 400 of KSU Center, 3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw GA 30144. See more details at <https://chss.kennesaw.edu/cwc/index.php>.

Update on Mud Creek line property

A February 2019 newsletter article concerned a rezoning application for a Cobb County property that contains a trench from the 17-19 June 1864 Mud Creek Line. The property was the subject of a previous unsuccessful rezoning application (December 2016 newsletter). The property is on the north side of Dallas Highway. GBA recently checked on grading at the site.



Property location



Today's Dallas Highway now bisects the ridge that was part of the Mud Creek line. In this view looking west, the modern bridge over the creek is in the middle distance, and the road rises to the Federal position farther west. A 1952 historical marker is on the right, and an identically worded recent brighter green marker is on the left. Property is to the right.



1952 marker at south edge of the site.



View of the site from Dallas Highway, looking north.



Extensive grading has removed many of the trees. Looking west, Garrison Commons Road is in the foreground and Dallas Highway (marked by power line pole) is to the left. Although GBA has been denied access to the site, we believe the orange construction fencing and the tree line beyond still protect the remnant of the Mud Creek Line.

150 years ago this month – February 1870

Now that it is a condition for readmission to the Union, the Georgia legislature on 2 February ratifies the 15th Amendment, which states that the right to vote shall not be denied on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

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