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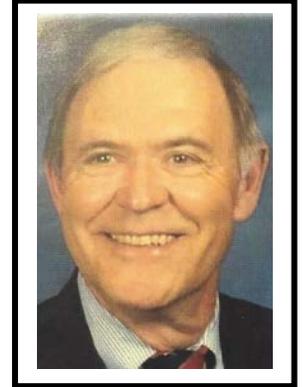
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## Bob Rivers dies

Bob Rivers, who served as Georgia Battlefields Association vice president 1998-2002, died on 29 April. He is survived by his wife Elaine, who served as GBA secretary 2002-2006, three children, thirteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Bob was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

[www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?n=robert-rivers&pid=198540493&fhid=14968](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?n=robert-rivers&pid=198540493&fhid=14968)

With the death of Art Carey earlier in April and the deaths of Charlie Geiger and Olly Keller in 2008, all the GBA officers from 20 years ago are gone, and we stand in their shadow.



## American Battlefield Trust compiling inventory of monuments

American Battlefield Trust announced that it is compiling an inventory of battle-related monuments that are NOT on National Park Service sites. In response, Georgia Battlefields Association forwarded photos and locations of monuments in Georgia that met the criteria. Here are some examples.



Cleburne monument in Ringgold Gap pavilion on 27 November 1863 battlefield.



Monument where Manigault's Brigade reformed during 22 July 1864 Battle of Atlanta. The marker behind the monument would not be included.



Monument at site of late November 1864 actions at Ball's Ferry.

## GBA general membership virtual meeting on 14 June

GBA is holding another general membership meeting via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. EDT on 14 June. Among other items, we'll take questions about the annual tour, about which there's more below. If you'd like to attend, respond via e-mail to [info@georgiabattlefields.org](mailto:info@georgiabattlefields.org) and we'll send a link.

## GBA 2021 tour scheduled for 7-10 October in Macon

Based on pandemic news and health authority and governmental guidance, Georgia Battlefields Association trustees have decided to schedule our 2021 tour for 7-10 October. We'll continue to monitor the situation and will offer full refunds if we have to cancel the tour.

The tour will be based in Macon and will cover the opening weeks of the March to the Sea, some additional events of the July 1864 Stoneman raid that we addressed during the 2019 tour, the defenses of Macon, and events relating to the capture of Jefferson Davis.

The base hotel will be the Springhill Suites at 4630 Sheraton Drive. [www.marriott.com/MCNSH](http://www.marriott.com/MCNSH). The hotel is at I-75 exit 171 and is visible from the interstate. Phone the hotel at 478 803 9100 to get the GBA rate of \$99 per night, which with the unavoidable taxes is about \$119.

We'll begin as usual with a Thursday evening reception at the hotel. We'll start setting up at 5 p.m., hand out maps around 6 p.m., and conclude by 7 p.m. so you can head for dinner on your own. Typically, people renew acquaintances and head for dinner in small groups. A selection of restaurants is available at I-75 exit 169, two miles south on Sheraton Drive or the interstate.

While the schedule may be adjusted, the plan for Friday, 8 October, is to cover the advance of the Left Wing of Sherman's forces through Eatonton, the Howell Cobb Plantation, and Milledgeville. Lunch will be in the Milledgeville area, and we'll have a walking tour of Milledgeville sites, including the governor's mansion and the old capitol (photo below). On the way back to Macon, we'll stop at Ocmulgee National Historical Park [www.nps.gov/ocmu](http://www.nps.gov/ocmu), which contains the site of the Dunlap Farm that figured in cavalry actions both in July and November 1864. Dinner will be in downtown Macon.

The plan for Saturday, 9 October, is to cover the advance of the Right Wing of Sherman's forces through Old Clinton (which also was transited by Stoneman's cavalry in July 1864), the town of Griswoldville, and the 22 November 1864 Griswoldville battlefield (photo below), the site of the most substantial infantry fight during the March to the Sea and also site of an early preservation success for GBA. We'll continue to follow the Right Wing through Gordon to its engagement at Ball's Ferry, where Confederates resisted the U.S. crossings of the Oconee River. Dinner will again be in downtown Macon.

On Sunday morning, we'll explore some of the cemeteries that are grouped along Riverside Drive, overlooking the Ocmulgee River, followed by a walking tour of a historic section of Macon. We'll return to the hotel by noon.

Cost is \$430 per person. Your reservation is confirmed when payment is made, either by sending a check to Georgia Battlefields Association at PO Box 669953, Marietta GA 30066, or by paying online through [www.georgiabattlefields.org](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org).



Wartime capitol in Milledgeville. Interior visits have been suspended due to virus restrictions. We believe the building will be open by October.



Griswoldville Battlefield Park, which was acquired using funds raised by GBA, then deeded to Georgia State Parks..

## **GBA article featured on The Civil War Picket blog**

GBA responded to a request to write an article about the anniversary of the start of the 1864 Atlanta Campaign. The format was to cover men from both sides. Read it at <https://civil-war-picket.blogspot.com/2021/05/the-atlanta-campaign-threw-thousands-of.html>

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